



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 581

Pennsylvania Battlefields Protection Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 30, 1999*

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 581 would cost the federal government between \$1 million and \$2 million over the next five years. S. 581 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 581 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Title I would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct resource studies of the Paoli Battlefield and the Brandywine Battlefield. The studies would identify alternatives for agency involvement at the two sites, including estimates of any associated costs.

Title II would authorize the NPS to execute an agreement with the Valley Forge National Historical Society under which the society would construct a museum within the boundaries of the Valley Forge National Historical Park. This title would authorize the NPS to provide visitor information and interpretive facilities and programs at the museum. Although the museum would be owned by the federal government, the society would operate and maintain it with collections from fees and sales of merchandise.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$250,000 to complete resource studies of the two battlefields. We estimate that the agency would spend an additional \$0.5 million to \$1 million to execute the agreement with the Valley Forge National Historical Society and provide interpretive materials for the museum. These estimates are based on information provided by the NPS.

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