



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2485

Saint Croix Island Heritage Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 7, 2000*

S. 2485 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial and other assistance for a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine. The Secretary would enter into a cooperative agreement with state and local authorities and nonprofit groups under which the federal government would help to finance construction of the center, provide interpretive exhibits, and assist in operating and maintaining the facility. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for development costs and whatever sums are necessary for operation and maintenance.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2485 would cost \$2 million over the next three fiscal years. Additional annual expenses to help operate and maintain the center once it is completed in 2004 would not be significant. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2485 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by the bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

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