



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 329**

**Peopling of America Theme Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on May 16, 2001*

S. 329 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America (defined as the settlement and migration to and within the United States and its territories). The legislation would require the Secretary to identify and designate potential new National Historic Landmarks.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$300,000 over the next three years to conduct the required study and enter into cooperative agreements with local governments and other entities. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 329 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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