



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1012 **Carter G. Woodson National Historic Site Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 23, 2003*

H.R. 1012 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to establish the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site on property in Washington, D.C. The bill would authorize the NPS to acquire the Woodson home and three other attached row houses by donation, purchase, or exchange. In order to facilitate interpretation of the new national historic site, the agency also would be authorized to execute cooperative agreements with local organizations that wish to restore the federally acquired properties, provide educational support, and lease onsite space from the NPS.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1012 would cost the federal government \$9.5 million over the next five years. Of this amount, we estimate that the NPS would spend about \$1.7 million in 2004 to acquire the Woodson home, the other three row houses, and the contents of the Woodson library. Beginning in 2005, about \$5 million would be spent to restore the houses and develop interpretive exhibits. (Some of this work could be done, at federal expense, by local nonprofit organizations.) Finally, we estimate that the NPS would spend about \$2.7 over the five-year period to manage and operate the site, including the costs of preparing a general management plan and other related studies.

This estimate is based on information provided by the NPS and by local tax authorities. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the NPS would acquire the contents of the Woodson library although the bill would not specifically authorize the acquisition of personal property. If the NPS did not purchase the library, the costs of implementing the bill would be about \$0.8 million lower.

The bill would authorize the NPS to lease space in one of the row houses to a local nonprofit organization. Rent collected by the agency could be spent (under existing laws) without further appropriation. This leasing authority would therefore result in additional offsetting receipts and direct spending. CBO estimates that the amounts involved would be less than \$50,000 per year.

H.R. 1012 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.