



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 249

Great Basin National Heritage Route Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 9, 2005*

S. 249 would establish the Great Basin National Heritage Route through Nevada and Utah and would designate the Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership as the managing entity for the area. The nonprofit corporation would be responsible for developing and implementing a management plan for the protection, development, and management of cultural and other area resources. Finally, the legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for technical and financial assistance to the partnership over the next 15 years.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 249 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area. Enacting this legislation would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

S. 249 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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