



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 318**

**An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 8, 2006*

H.R. 318 would direct the Department of the Interior to study the feasibility and suitability of designating the approximately 1,400-acre site of Castle Nugent Farms on St. Croix as a unit of the National Park System. The department would be required to report its findings and recommendations within three years of receiving funds for the study.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 318 would cost the federal government about \$300,000 over the next three years to complete the required study and report. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 318 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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