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COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 3085**

**A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006*

H.R. 3085 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to complete, over six months, a feasibility study for designating certain routes as components of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that carrying out the required work would cost less than \$100,000 over the next year. Enacting H.R. 3085 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3085 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.

On January 12, 2006, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3085, as introduced in the House of Representatives on June 28, 2005. The estimated cost of implementing the committee-approved version of the legislation is lower than the estimated cost for the introduced version of H.R. 3085 because the earlier version (as introduced in the House) would direct the NPS to designate as a component of the historic trail any studied segments that it might deem appropriate, without further Congressional authorization. Also, the introduced version of H.R. 3085 would provide three years for the required studies rather than six months.

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