



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2094

A bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 10, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 2094 would expand the authorities of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission and would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary to carry out its mission. The commission was established in 1999 to develop a plan for a memorial to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the commission would spend about \$10 million over the next five years to carry out its responsibilities. This amount would be used primarily to hire and compensate additional staff, who would manage the design of the memorial. Enacting H.R. 2094 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2094 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2094 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	2	2	2	2	2

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The new authorities provided by H.R. 2094 would allow the commission to directly hire administrative staff to manage the process of designing the memorial over the next several years. At present, the commission staff consists of four full-time contractors hired by GSA and is funded with periodic grants from the Department of Defense. (The most recent grant, for \$1.7 million, was appropriated for 2006.) Under H.R. 2094, the commission’s staff would be expanded and would become temporary federal employees rather than GSA contractors. Based on information provided by the commission and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that this entity would spend a total of about \$2 million annually over the next five years—for staff compensation, commissioners’ expenses, and other operating costs. H.R. 2094 does not address the design and construction of the memorial, and the bill’s enactment would not affect those activities. Under existing law, expenses for those purposes will be paid from amounts deposited to the memorial fund created by Public Law 107-117, which also authorized construction of the memorial on federal land.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2094 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On June 13, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 890, a bill to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 23, 2007. S. 890 and H.R. 2094 are identical, as are their estimated costs.

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