



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 27, 2007

H.R. 390 **Preservation of Records of Servitude, Emancipation, and Post-Civil War Reconstruction Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on November 14, 2007*

SUMMARY

H.R. 390 would require the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to establish a national database of historic records relating to slavery, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction held by federal agencies. In addition, the legislation would require the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to provide grants to states, colleges, universities, libraries, and genealogical associations to preserve similar local records. The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for the national database and \$5 million for local preservation grants. CBO estimates that NARA would need \$1 million a year to update and maintain the database after it is established.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts and based on information from NARA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 390 would cost \$13 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 390 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 390 will be enacted near the end of calendar year 2007 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$13 million over the 2008-2012 period. Estimated outlays are based on information from NARA and historical spending patterns of similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 390 is shown on the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, In Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Establish National Database					
Authorization Level	5	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	3	0	0	0
Local Preservation Grants					
Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1
Maintain National Databases					
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	0	0	1	1	1
Total Changes					
Estimated Authorization Level	6	1	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	3	4	2	2	2

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 390 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any costs public and private entities would incur to apply for or use grants authorized by the bill would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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