



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 22, 2008

S. 1991

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

S. 1991 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic trail to include sites in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1991 would have an insignificant effect on discretionary spending. Enacting this legislation would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1991 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the suitability and feasibility of adding the Eastern Legacy sites to the existing Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The Eastern Legacy sites include locations associated with the Lewis and Clark expedition within 11 states and the District of Columbia. The Secretary would report to the Congress on the results of this study within two years. Based on information from the National Park Service, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1991 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2008-2010 period, subject to availability of appropriated funds.

On November 20, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3998, the America's Historical and Natural Resources Legacy Study Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 7, 2007. That legislation is identical to S. 1991. As such, the estimated costs are the same.

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