



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

August 13, 1998

**S. 1695**

**Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Preservation Act of 1998**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 29, 1998*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1695 would cost the federal government about \$200,000 over the next 18 months, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The act would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1695 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1695 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a resource study of the Sand Creek massacre site in Colorado. The study, which would be carried out in consultation with the state of Colorado and local tribal governments, would help NPS to locate the exact site of the massacre and to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a unit of the National Park System.

Based on information provided by NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary sums, we estimate that the agency would spend about \$200,000 over the next two fiscal years to complete the study required by the act.

On July 9, 1998, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1695, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 24, 1998. The two versions of S. 1695 are nearly identical, and the two estimates are identical.

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