



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 31, 2006

H.R. 1492

**An act to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites
where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II,
and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 24, 2006*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1492 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to provide grants to nonfederal entities to restore and preserve sites associated with the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. The grants would be used for up to 50 percent of the costs of protecting significant sites, including those to identify, acquire, and interpret them. For this purpose, the act would authorize the appropriation of \$38 million. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1492 would cost \$38 million over the 2007-2011 period.

Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 1492 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

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1492 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amount would be appropriated over the next five years and paid to nonprofit organizations and other entities as needed.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	6	10	10	8	4
Estimated Outlays	4	10	10	8	6

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1492 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 May 24, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1492 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 18, 2005. The two versions of the legislation are similar and the estimated costs over five years are the same. Our cost estimates reflect different assumptions about when the legislation would be enacted. (The previous CBO estimate assumed enactment near the start of fiscal year 2006; thus, it showed estimated costs beginning in 2006 instead of 2007.)

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