



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2608  
American Discovery Trail Act of 2016**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 13, 2016*

S. 2608 would require federal land management agencies to place donated signage along the American Discovery Trail, a 6,800-mile trail between Delaware and California. Based on information provided by the Department of the Interior (DOI), the Forest Service, and the likely donor of the signage, CBO estimates that the costs to implement the bill would not be significant. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

Based on an analysis of information provided by the likely donor of the signage, CBO estimates that, under the bill, the Forest Service and agencies within DOI would be required to place between 2,500 and 5,000 small signs across the United States. Because we expect that the signage would be placed by employees performing routine trail maintenance and by volunteers supervised by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

S. 2608 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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