



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 247

Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 14, 2013*

SUMMARY

S. 247 would establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland once the National Park Service (NPS) obtains sufficient property at each of the proposed sites to constitute manageable park units.

Assuming that the conditions for establishment can be met and that the necessary amounts are appropriated, CBO estimates that implementing S. 247 would cost about \$12 million over the 2014-2018 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 247 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 S. 247 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2014-2018
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	9	1	1	1	1	12
Estimated Outlays	7	2	1	1	1	12

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 247 will be enacted in fiscal year 2013, that the necessary funds will be provided for each year, and that spending will follow historical spending patterns for similar units of the National Park System.

S. 247 would establish the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland and the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York. On March 25, 2013, the President established the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in the state of Maryland. In addition to wildlife refuge lands and private properties, the monument includes much of the area of the proposed park. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that the operating costs of the proposed Maryland park would not be significantly different from the operating costs of the current national monument. Additionally, the NPS has the authority under current law to acquire private lands for the monument. Therefore, CBO estimates that the proposed Maryland park also would not affect acquisition costs for the NPS.

S. 247 would authorize the appropriation of \$7.5 million for cooperative agreements between the Secretary of the Interior and landowners within the proposed Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York to restore and interpret historical resources in the park. CBO estimates that annual operating costs for the park would be about \$650,000. Additionally, completion of a general management plan for each unit, as required by the legislation, would cost about \$700,000 for each park over the next three years.

S. 247 also would reduce the authorization level (by \$30 million) for the federal share of a navigation improvement project to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in Delaware and Maryland that was authorized in 1996 for \$54 million. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, the project was suspended in 2001, and thus, there is no current spending for that project.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

S. 247 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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