



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1033
American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 21, 2013*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1033 would expand the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) to include battlefields from the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year over the 2014-2018 period for this program. Assuming appropriation of the newly authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1033 would cost \$42 million over the 2014-2019 period. Enacting H.R. 1033 would not affect revenues or direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1033 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1033 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- 2019
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Authorization Level	2	10	10	10	10	0	42
Estimated Outlays	2	8	10	10	10	2	42

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1033 will be enacted early in 2014 and that the amounts authorized by the act will be appropriated in each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the ABPP.

Funding for the ABPP has been appropriated in fiscal year 2014 through January 15, 2014, at an annualized level of about \$8 million. H.R. 1033 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million annually for the ABPP. The amounts authorized for each year would be used to provide financial assistance to state or local governments to purchase land that has been identified by the National Park Service as eligible for protection through the program but is not contained within the boundaries of a unit of the National Park System. CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost about \$42 million over the 2014-2019 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1033 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. The act would benefit state and local governments by allowing grants for the preservation of Civil War battlefield sites to also be used for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefield sites. Any associated costs would be incurred voluntarily by those governments as a condition of federal assistance.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On March 27, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1033, the American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 20, 2013. The two versions of the legislation are similar. However, amounts have now been appropriated for the ABPP for fiscal year 2014 and thus the estimated cost of the legislation for 2014 is now less than it was in March. In addition, CBO cost estimates now include projected costs for an additional year through 2019.

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