



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1818  
Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 31, 2013*

H.R. 1818 would require the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits to certain hunters seeking to import polar bear remains from Canada. Under the bill, only hunters who submit applications for permits to import remains that were acquired prior to May 15, 2008, the date the polar bear was listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, would be eligible to receive a permit.

Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CBO estimates that processing and issuing the roughly 40 permits that would be affected by the legislation would have a negligible impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1818 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1818 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.