



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2892**

**Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on June 21, 2010*

S. 2892 would establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area in Alabama. (The Black Belt is a region of the southeastern United States that is known for its fertile soil.) The bill would designate the Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama as the management entity for the proposed heritage area and would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million for financial assistance to the center and other eligible entities over the next 15 years.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2892 would cost \$5 million over the 2011-2015 period and an additional \$5 million after 2015. Enacting the legislation would have no effect on direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2892 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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