



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 797

Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 23, 2007*

S. 797 would amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail as a National Historic Trail. The trail of almost 300 miles would cover parts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The National Park Service (NPS) would administer the trail and coordinate the efforts of public and private entities on trail administration, planning, development, and maintenance.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that establishing, developing, and administering the proposed historic trail would cost about \$2 million over the 2008-2012 period. Of this amount, we estimate that the NPS would spend about \$300,000 over the next two years to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the trail. We estimate that the remaining \$1.7 million would be spent over the following three years for archeological surveys, development of access sites, and interpretive materials.

S. 797 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.