



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1921
Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

SUMMARY

S. 1921 would reauthorize funding for battlefield preservation grants made under the Civil War Preservation Act of 2002. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the National Park Service (NPS) would spend \$42 million over the 2009-2013 period to carry out this grant program. The legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1921 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1921 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level ^a	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	5	7	10	10	10

a. For fiscal year 2008, about \$3 million was appropriated for battlefield preservation grants.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on recent spending patterns for this program.

The bill would authorize appropriations through 2013 for battlefield preservation grants at the existing authorization level of \$10 million per year. (That authorization will expire at the end of fiscal year 2008.) The NPS uses those grants primarily to support local preservation efforts at Civil War battlefields.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1921 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would benefit state and local governments that receive grants through this program.

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