



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 299

Lowell National Historical Park Boundary Adjustment Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

H.R. 299 would modify the boundary of the Lowell National Historical Park in Massachusetts to include five new parcels of land totaling less than 1 acre. Assuming availability of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the National Park Service would spend less than \$200,000 to acquire land within the expanded boundary. We estimate that additional administrative costs to manage the new properties would be minimal. Enacting H.R. 299 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). H.R. 299 would impose a private-sector mandate, as defined in the UMRA, if the Secretary of the Interior acquires any of the five parcels of land for inclusion in the Lowell National Historical Park by means of condemnation. The cost of that mandate would be equal to the value of the property. Since the aggregate value of the five parcels is about \$200,000, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandate would fall well below the annual threshold established in UMRA for private-sector mandates (\$136 million in 2008, adjusted annually for inflation).

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Deborah Reis (for federal costs) and MarDestinee C. Perez (for the private-sector impact). This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.