



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 189
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Act of 2008

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 7, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 189 would establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in Paterson, New Jersey. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 189 would cost the National Park Service (NPS) \$22 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$1 million a year thereafter. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 189 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COSTS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 189 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall 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					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	4	8	8
Estimated Outlays	1	1	4	8	8

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 189 would establish the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park at the site of the Great Falls Historic District, a National Historic Landmark in New Jersey. (Although the legislation would authorize the NPS to acquire the park site, CBO expects that most of the area would continue to be owned by the state, local nonprofit organizations, and private landowners.) The park would be managed by the NPS under cooperative agreements with those entities and in consultation with a Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Commission, also to be established by the legislation. The NPS also would restore and preserve historic structures, provide technical assistance to landowners, and create interpretive programs and materials such as signs and wayside exhibits.

Based on information provided by NPS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the agency would spend \$22 million over the 2009-2013 period to implement this legislation. Of this amount, we estimate that \$1 million a year would be spent to manage and operate the new historical park. In the first three years, the annual cost would include expenses to prepare a general management plan for the park and to complete a required study on preserving and interpreting the Hinchcliffe Stadium. We estimate that the agency would spend an additional \$5 million to construct administrative and visitor facilities and to install park exhibits over the 2011-2013 period. We estimate that \$12 million would be provided to local landowners over that same period for the preservation of historic properties within the park.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 189 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO COST ESTIMATE:

On July 20, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 189 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the estimated costs of implementing them are the same.

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