



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 415

A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 25, 2008

H.R. 415 would designate four segments of the Taunton River in Massachusetts as scenic or recreational rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to execute cooperative agreements with Massachusetts and local nonprofit organizations to manage the newly designated segments, which encompass about 40 miles of the river between Bridgewater and Fall River. Based on information provided by the National Park Service and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$150,000 a year to manage the designated areas. Enacting H.R. 415 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill 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.

On May 16, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 868, a bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. S. 868 was ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 7, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are very similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.