



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 160

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 160 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013. Those amounts would be used to provide financial assistance to state or local governments to purchase land that has been identified by the National Park Service (NPS) as eligible for protection through the American Battlefield Protection Program but is not contained within the boundaries of a unit of the National Park System.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$42 million over the 2009-2013 period (and \$8 million after 2013) to provide grants to state or local governments for land purchases. Enacting H.R. 160 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 160 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 COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 160 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 160 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for NPS grant programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	5	7	10	10	10	42

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 160 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would authorize grants for the preservation of battlefield sites and would benefit state and local governments. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily.

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