



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 3011
Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion
and Redesignation Act of 2008**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 16, 2008*

S. 3011 would expand the boundary of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site in Texas to include an additional 34 acres. The bill also would redesignate the historic site as an historical park.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1.2 million over the 2009-2013 period. Of that amount, we estimate that about \$400,000 would be used to construct trails, a parking lot, and other visitor facilities on the 34-acre parcel to be added to the park, which CBO expects would remain in nonfederal ownership. The remaining amounts (\$200,000 annually beginning in 2010) would be used to operate the site under a cooperative agreement with the Brownsville Community Foundation, which owns the property. Enacting S. 3011 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

S. 3011 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 July 22, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4828, the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park Boundary Expansion and Redesignation Act of 2008, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are very similar, and CBO's estimates of costs are the same.

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