



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

June 15, 2000

H.R. 2778
Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 7, 2000

H.R. 2778 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study segments of the Taunton River in Massachusetts for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The legislation would require the Secretary to complete the study within three years of enactment. Based on information from the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that carrying out the study would cost \$400,000 over the next three years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Because enacting H.R. 2778 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2778 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 2, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1569, the Taunton River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 1999, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on October 20, 1999. Differences between the cost estimates for these pieces of legislation reflect new information from the NPS regarding the cost of the study authorized under each version of the legislation.

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