



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2421
Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Study Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 7, 2000*

S. 2421 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts. The bill would require the Secretary to report on the national, historical, and cultural resources within the study area which merit recognition and conservation.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$300,000 over the next three years to implement S. 2421. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2421 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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