



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2511
Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area Act of 2000

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

S. 2511 would establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in Alaska. The heritage area would be managed by a nonprofit corporation consisting of seven local representatives appointed by the governor of Alaska. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement with this management entity to provide technical and financial assistance. The new corporation would develop a management plan for the heritage area designed to help local communities establish and maintain interpretive exhibits and signs, improve trails, and restore historic buildings. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$350,000 for the first year after enactment, and \$1 million annually thereafter, up to a total of \$10 million.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2511 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2511 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The state of Alaska and local governments within the state might choose to participate in the planning for and management of the national heritage area, and would incur some costs as a result. Such costs would be voluntary. Participating governments would be eligible to receive grants to cover a portion of the costs associated with those activities. S. 2511 would impose no costs on other state, local, or tribal governments.

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