

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 9, 2002

H.R. 2109

An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of Virginia Key Beach Park in Biscayne Bay, Florida, for possible inclusion in the National Park System

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 31, 2002

H.R. 2109 would require the National Park Service (NPS) to evaluate the national significance of Virginia Key Beach Park and the suitability and feasibility of establishing it as a unit of the National Park System. The legislation would require the agency to report to the Congress on its findings upon conclusion of the study.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that completing the required study and report would cost the federal government \$50,000 over the next three to four years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. H.R. 2109 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The legislation 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 March 26, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2109 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 20, 2002. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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