



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2114
National Monument Fairness Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 20, 2002

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2114 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2114 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.

The Antiquities Act of 1906 authorizes the President to declare landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest on federal lands to be national monuments. H.R. 2114 would amend that act to require the President to solicit public participation and comment and to consult with governors and congressional delegations from affected states at least 60 days before designating a monument of any size. H.R. 2114 would prohibit the President from designating monuments exceeding 50,000 acres until 30 days after notifying the governors of states in which the proposed monuments would be located. Under the bill, designations of such monuments would require Congressional approval within two years to remain in effect. Finally, H.R. 2114 would require that management plans for national monuments developed subsequent to a declaration made under H.R. 2114 comply with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

According to the Department of the Interior, the Administration currently follows procedures for designating monuments that would satisfy new requirements under H.R. 2114. Hence, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would not significantly affect federal costs.

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