



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3434

McLoughlin House National Historic Site Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 24, 2002

H.R. 3434 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site (NHS) in Oregon by purchase, donation or exchange. The site, which consists of two historic houses, is currently owned and operated by a nonprofit organization. Upon acquisition, the site would be administered by the NPS as part of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

Based on information provided by the NPS and by the McLoughlin Memorial Association, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3434 would cost about \$2.7 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. We estimate that about \$500,000 of this amount would be used to purchase the two buildings during the next year or two and that about \$1 million would be spent to repair and restore them over the following few years. We estimate that the cost of operating the site as part of the Fort Vancouver NHS would be about \$300,000 annually beginning in 2003 or 2004, also assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Finally, CBO estimates that an additional \$2 million would be spent after 2007 for further renovation and development. Enacting H.R. 3434 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.