



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1227**

**Niagra Falls National Heritage Area Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on  
September 12, 2002*

S. 1227 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a Niagra Falls National Heritage Area in the state of New York. The study would identify cultural and other resources in the area and would determine if there is a suitable entity to manage it. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$300,000 to conduct the study, and it would require the Secretary to report on its findings and recommendations within three years of receiving funds.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1227 would cost the federal government \$300,000 over the next three years to complete the required study and report. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1227 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 June 13, 2002, CBO submitted a cost estimate for S. 1227 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 5, 2002. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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