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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2756
Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Act of 2002

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on October 8, 2002*

S. 2756 would establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in Vermont and New York. Under the bill, the Lake Champlain Basin Program—a joint federal, state, and local initiative to restore and protect Lake Champlain and its watershed—would be the management entity for the new National Heritage Partnership. It would develop a plan for protecting the historical and cultural resources, and for raising funds for the region’s heritage partnership. The bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the plan before providing any federal funds to the management entity for implementing its activities. For all of these purposes, S. 2756 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2756 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of protecting and enhancing the heritage partnership. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2756 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.

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