



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2899

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 8, 2002*

S. 2899 would establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area in the Atchafalaya Basin area of Louisiana. Under the bill, the Atchafalaya Trace Commission would be the local coordinating entity, and would develop a plan for increasing public awareness, encouraging economic development, and establishing interpretive sites in the heritage area. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Interior to approve the plan before providing any federal funds to the commission for implementing its activities. For all of these purposes, S. 2899 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2899 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 area. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2899 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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