



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1014
Gateway Communities Cooperation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 5, 2004

SUMMARY

H.R. 1014 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million a year for programs to promote the involvement of local communities in federal land-use planning. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$5 million in 2005 and \$83 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1014 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this bill could benefit those local governments considered gateway communities.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1014 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that the authorized amounts will be provided near the start of each fiscal year. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1014 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	20	20	20	20	20
Estimated Outlays	5	14	20	22	22

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 1014 would require federal land management agencies to take certain steps to involve gateway communities—local or tribal governments that are significantly affected by planning and management decisions regarding federal lands—in federal land-use planning. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year for those agencies to provide training and technical assistance to local officials to enable them to participate more effectively in the planning process for federal land-use. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year for grants to particularly small gateway communities to support their involvement in that process.

Based on information from the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior regarding historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that providing training and technical assistance to gateway communities would cost \$3 million in 2005 and \$45 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. We also estimate that grants to small communities would cost \$2 million in 2005 and \$38 million (from the authorized amounts) over the next five years.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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