



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 10, 2003

H.R. 280 **National Aviation Heritage Area Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003

H.R. 280 would establish the National Aviation Heritage Area (NHA) in Ohio. The bill would designate the Aviation Heritage Foundation as the management entity for the proposed NHA. Under the bill, the foundation would develop a management plan to provide for the protection, development, and management of cultural and other resources of the NHA. The Department of the Interior (DOI) would provide technical and financial assistance to the foundation for developing and implementing that plan. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually. Finally, the bill would require DOI to complete a special resource study on alternatives for incorporating the Wright Company factory within the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Ohio.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 280 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area. Additionally, we estimate that conducting the special resource study on the Wright Company factory would cost less than \$200,000 over the next three years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 280 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 280 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.

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