



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 20, 2004

H.R. 3207

Manhattan Project Sites Park Study Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 15, 2004

H.R. 3207 would direct the Department of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and other sites that were associated with the Manhattan Project. The various sites, located in New Mexico, Tennessee, and Washington, would be evaluated to determine the feasibility and suitability of designating them as a unit of the National Park System. The bill would require the department to report on its findings and recommendations within two years of receiving funds.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$250,000 over the next three years to complete the required study and report. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3207 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 May 5, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1687, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on April 28, 2004. S. 1687 and H.R. 3207 are very similar, and the estimated cost of the two bills is identical.

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