



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 7, 2004

S. 1292 **Servitude and Emancipation Archival Research** **Clearinghouse Act of 2003**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on June 2, 2004

SUMMARY

S. 1292 would require the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), with the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), to establish a national database of historic records relating to slavery in the United States and to provide grants to states, colleges, universities, libraries, and museums to preserve local records concerning slavery. The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for the national database and \$5 million for local preservation grants. CBO estimates that NHPRC would need \$1 million a year to update and maintain the database after it is established. Based on information from NARA, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$12 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 1292 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1292 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would benefit state and local governments by providing \$5 million in grants to preserve local records related to slavery.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted by the beginning of fiscal year 2005. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$12 million over the 2005-2009 period. Estimated outlays are based on information from NARA and historical spending patterns of similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1292 is shown on the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, In Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Establish National Database					
Authorization Level	5	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	3	2	0	0
Local Preservation Grants					
Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1
Maintain National Database					
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	0	1	1
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	1	1
Total Changes					
Estimated Authorization Level	6	1	1	2	2
Estimated Outlays	1	4	3	2	2

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1292 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would benefit state and local governments by providing \$5 million in grants to preserve local records related to slavery.

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