



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

July 16, 2004

**S. 2052**

**El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 14, 2004*

S. 2052 would amend the National Trails System Act to designate the El Camino Real de los Tejas (the Royal Road to the Tejas) as a National Historic Trail. The segment of the El Camino Real to be designated extends from the Rio Grande near Laredo, Texas, to Natchitoches, Louisiana, a distance of 2,580 miles. The National Park Service (NPS) would administer the trail and coordinate the efforts of U.S. and Mexican public and private entities on trail education, interpretation, and preservation.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that establishing, developing, and administering the proposed historic trail would cost about \$400,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2005. Of this amount, we estimate that the NPS would spend a total of \$300,000 over the next two or three years to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the trail. We expect that the balance of each year's expenses would cover trail development, educational programs, and operation under partnership agreements with Mexico and with local organizations.

S. 2052 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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