



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 323

Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 16, 2004*

S. 323 would establish the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (NHA) in Louisiana. The bill would designate the Atchafalaya Trace Commission as the local coordinating entity for the proposed NHA. The commission would be responsible for developing and implementing a management plan for the protection, development, and management of cultural and other resources of the area. Finally, the legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to the commission over the next 15 years.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 323 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area. Enacting S. 323 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

S. 323 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.