



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 452

A bill to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 23, 2003*

S. 452 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to identify sites that are significant to the Cold War. The study would include recommendations for commemorating and interpreting the identified sites and estimates of the costs for carrying out those recommendations. The legislation would require the Secretary to report to the Congress on its findings within three years of receiving funds for the study. The Secretary would publish an interpretive handbook on the Cold War within the year following the report. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$300,000 for these activities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that it would cost the National Park Service \$300,000 over the next four years to complete the required study and to publish the handbook. Enacting S. 452 would not affect direct spending or revenues. The bill 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.