



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2134

Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on July 26, 2006

H.R. 2134 would establish a commission to develop a plan for establishing and maintaining a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, D.C. Under the bill, the 23-member commission would report its recommendations on the museum to the Congress within 18 months of the legislation's enactment. For the purpose of carrying out the commission's responsibilities, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2.1 million for 2007 and \$1.1 million for 2008.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service and assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for 2007 and 2008, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$3 million over the next three years to establish the commission and to develop a plan for the proposed museum. Most of this amount would be spent for feasibility studies and other research. We estimate that enacting H.R. 2134 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 2134 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 30, 2006, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2134 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006. The two versions of this bill are very similar, but the version approved by the Committee on Resources would authorize appropriations for 2006 and 2007 rather than for 2007 and 2008. The CBO cost estimates reflect that difference.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.