



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

August 1, 2006

**H.R. 3534  
Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station  
Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 19, 2006*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3534 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The bill could affect direct spending, but we estimate that any such effects would be negligible. Enacting H.R. 3534 would not affect revenues. H.R. 3534 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.

H.R. 3534 would establish the Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area on 18 acres of federal land in San Luis Obispo County, California. The light station is an active lighthouse that was built in 1875 and is located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would continue to manage the land within the proposed natural area. The legislation would require BLM to create a comprehensive management plan within three years. Based on information from the agency, CBO estimates that the cost to develop a plan and manage the federal land would total less than \$100,000 annually over the 2007-2011 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

The bill also would withdraw the land from programs to develop natural resources. According to BLM, that land currently generates no significant receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Therefore, we estimate that the proposed withdrawal would have an insignificant effect on offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending).

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