



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4376

Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Massachusetts, Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006

H.R. 4376 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to provide financial assistance to the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) to renovate and maintain historic buildings located within the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.

The costs of implementing H.R. 4376 are uncertain because the NPS has not completed formal engineering assessments of the STCC buildings that would need to be renovated and because the bill does not specify the share of this project's costs that would be borne by the federal government. The federal share of those costs would be determined by the Administration in consultation with the STCC. However, based on information provided by the NPS and the STCC, CBO estimates that total costs to restore more than 20 historic buildings and related structures eligible for financial assistance under the bill would be between \$50 million and \$100 million. We expect that the federal government would pay between 75 percent and 100 percent of such costs over the next five years, including \$10 million to stabilize the exterior of the buildings and about \$25 million to restore the largest structure, the Caserne building. All federal spending would be subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 4376 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 4376 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. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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