



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 28, 2006

H.R. 4846

A bill to authorize a grant for contributions toward the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on July 20, 2006

SUMMARY

H.R. 4846 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for a grant to expand the facilities of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, a private, nonprofit corporation located in Staunton, Virginia. The grant would be provided by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and would equal 50 percent of the funds collected by the library from nonfederal sources for an expansion of the library.

Assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts and based on information from NARA and the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$16 million over the 2007-2011 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4846 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4846 is shown on the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, In Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	6	4	4	2	0
Estimated Outlays	6	4	4	2	0

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4846 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2007 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated over the 2007-2010 period.

H.R. 4846 would authorize a grant from NARA to expand the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library. The legislation would limit the grant to 50 percent of nonfederal funds raised by the library for the new facilities and would be available through 2010. The bill also would prohibit the use of the grant amounts to maintain or operate the library.

According to NARA and the library, the estimated cost of the library expansion is about \$50 million, including a federal grant of about \$16 million (the library estimates that it will collect \$32 million from nonfederal sources). Based on information from the library, CBO expects that construction would begin in 2007, and that it would take three to four years to raise all the funds to construct the new facilities. (The library is currently raising funds and reviewing site plans.) For this estimate, CBO assumes that the grant would be appropriated in installments over the 2007-2010 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4846 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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