



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 958**

**Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 28, 2005*

S. 958 would amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail as a National Historic Trail. The trail of almost 300 miles would cover parts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia to commemorate the events leading up to the writing of the “Star-Spangled Banner” during the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812. The National Park Service (NPS) would administer the trail and coordinate the efforts of public and private entities on trail administration, planning, development, and maintenance.

Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that establishing, developing, and administering the proposed historic trail would cost about \$2 million over the 2006-2010 period. Of this amount, we estimate that the NPS would spend a total of \$325,000 over the next two years to prepare a comprehensive management plan for the trail. In addition, we estimate that the NPS would spend about \$400,000 annually beginning in 2007 for archeological surveys, trail maintenance, development of access sites, and interpretive signs.

S. 958 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.

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