



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2729
**A bill to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research
Parks by the Secretary of Energy, and for other purposes**
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on June 24, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2729 would authorize the appropriation of \$35 million a year over the 2010-2014 period to support seven National Environmental Research Parks across the United States. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2729 would cost the federal government \$143 million over the 2010-2014 period and \$32 million after 2014. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2729 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2729 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 250 (science, space, and technology).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010-2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	35	35	35	35	35	175
Estimated Outlays	14	26	33	35	35	143

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of 2009 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

H.R. 2729 would designate seven National Environmental Research Parks as permanently protected research reserves. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$35 million annually (\$5 million per park) over the 2010-2014 period to support research, education, and outreach activities at the parks.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2729 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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