



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

May 17, 2010

**H.R. 3511  
Marianas Trench Marine National Monument  
Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on May 5, 2010*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 3511 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a visitor center at the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. The bill also would allow the Secretary to collect and spend donations to support the construction and operation of the visitor center.

Based on information from the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$19 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting the legislation could increase offsetting receipts (from private donations) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effects would be negligible for each year. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 3511 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3511 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	18	*	*	*	*	19
Estimated Outlays	8	8	2	*	*	19

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Note: \* = less than \$500,000.

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted late in fiscal year 2010 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities.

H.R. 3511 would authorize the construction of a visitor center at the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. Based on information from the FWS, CBO estimates that constructing the facility would cost about \$18 million and that operating costs for the visitor center would be less than \$500,000 annually. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, we estimate that implementing the legislation would cost \$19 million over the 2011-2015 period.

## **PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS**

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. H.R. 3511 could increase offsetting receipts (from private donations) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, CBO estimates that any increase in offsetting receipts from donations would be less than \$500,000 a year and would be offset by similar increases in direct spending. The net budgetary changes that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table.

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**CBO Estimate of Pay-As-You-Go Effects for H.R. 3511, the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 5, 2010**

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By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010- 2015	2010- 2020
<b>NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT</b>													
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 3511 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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