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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 535

Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 14, 2011*

S. 535 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to lease to the Savannah Bar Pilots Association a small site at the Fort Pulaski National Monument in Georgia. Under the bill, the NPS would charge the association a rental fee based on the market value of the land and use the proceeds, without further appropriation, for site maintenance and other expenses.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant net effect on the federal budget. The nonprofit association already operates a 30,000-square-foot site, including a dock and associated facilities, under a special-use permit. Fees collected under the permit are used, without appropriation, for purposes similar to those authorized by the bill. CBO estimates that rental proceeds under the bill would be less than \$25,000 a year, slightly more than the NPS currently collects in permit fees.

Because enacting S. 535 would affect direct spending (through the collection and spending of additional fees), pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that the net effect of any annual changes on the federal budget would be insignificant.

S. 535 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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