



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 21, 2013

### **H.R. 1497** **War Memorial Protection Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 12, 2013*

H.R. 1497 would allow emblems of belief to be included as part of any military monument established or acquired by the U.S. government or military memorials established in cooperation with the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC).

Under current law, emblems of belief are not barred from any military memorials and have been allowed in a number of instances; thus, H.R. 1497 would codify current practice. According to the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, and the ABMC, implementing H.R. 1497 would not require any new memorials to be built or current memorials to be changed. On that basis, CBO estimates that there would be no federal costs associated with implementing H.R. 1497.

Enacting H.R. 1497 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1497 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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