



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2798

A bill to amend Public Law 106-206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on federal land for film crews of five persons or fewer

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 14, 2013*

H.R. 2798 would require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to charge an annual permit fee for small crews that conduct commercial filming activities on certain federal lands. Based on information provided by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant impact on discretionary spending. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2798 would affect offsetting receipts, which are treated as reductions in direct spending, and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, we estimate that the net effect of those changes would be minimal. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

The bill would require the Secretaries to charge a permit fee of \$200 a year for crews of five persons or fewer that conduct commercial filming activities on certain federal lands. Under current law, some of the affected agencies collect fees for those activities and additional amounts to recover any costs the agencies incur in administering such activities. Those agencies are authorized to spend those amounts without further appropriation. CBO expects that, under the bill, certain film crews would pay less than the amounts required under current law and others would pay more. However, because the affected agencies would have the authority to spend any proceeds from fees established under the bill, we estimate that enacting H.R. 2798 would have a negligible net impact on direct spending.

H.R. 2798 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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