



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3286
Protecting States, Opening National Parks Act
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resource
on December 4, 2013*

H.R. 3286 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to reimburse states for funds they donated to the federal government to operate certain national park units during the period of lapsed appropriations that occurred from October 1, 2013, to October 16, 2013. Governors of six states (Arizona, Colorado, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Utah) signed agreements with the Department of the Interior (DOI) to donate about \$3.6 million to operate 13 national park units. When the appropriations for the National Park Service were enacted on October 17, 2013, about \$1.6 million of the unspent donations were returned to the states. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3286 would result in spending of about \$2 million—an amount equivalent to the states’ donations that were spent to operate national park units during that period.

Enacting H.R. 3286 would increase direct spending by \$2 million in 2014; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Enacting H.R. 3286 would not impact revenues.

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net changes in outlays that are subject to those pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table.

CBO Estimate of Pay-As-You-Go Effects for H.R. 3286 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 4, 2013

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2014-2018	2014-2023
NET INCREASE IN THE DEFICIT												
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

H.R. 3286 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Six states would benefit from reimbursement of operating expenses for some national parks if this bill is enacted.

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