



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 311
Lower Mississippi River Area Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on July 30, 2014*

S. 311 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating specified sites along the Lower Mississippi River in the state of Louisiana as a unit of the National Park System. Based on information provided by the National Park Service and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that carrying out the proposed study would cost about \$400,000 over the next three years. Enacting S. 311 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 311 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 25, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 311 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 14, 2013. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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