



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 19, 2016

H.R. 3004 **To amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on February 3, 2016*

H.R. 3004 would extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission (commission) through October 12, 2021. The Gullah/Geechee Corridor was established as a heritage area in 2006 and is not part of the National Park System (NPS). While the Secretary of the Interior provides technical and financial assistance for the development and implementation of the area's management plan, that plan is implemented by the commission.

Under current law, only the commission can implement the heritage area's management plan and spend funds appropriated for that purpose. Although the heritage corridor is authorized through October 12, 2021, the commission is authorized only through October 12, 2016.

Based on information from the NPS, CBO expects that if the authority for the commission is not extended, any funds appropriated for the corridor would be used for other purposes. Therefore, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not result in significant additional costs to the federal government over the 2017-2021 period.

Because enacting H.R. 3004 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3004 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3004 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Marin Burnett. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.