



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2087 **Fort Scott National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 13, 2016*

S. 2087 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the Civil War-era structure known as the "Lunette Blair" blockhouse and to incorporate the structure into the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Bourbon County, Kansas. The bill also would authorize the NPS to acquire, by purchase using appropriated funds, approximately 4 acres of private land, including facilities, adjacent to the historic site and would modify the boundary of the site to include those properties. (Under current law, the NPS may only acquire such properties by donation.)

Based on an analysis of information provided by the NPS, CBO expects that the agency would likely acquire the blockhouse by donation and that the 4 acres of property would cost about \$600,000. Once acquired, the NPS would incur costs to repair and maintain the properties and associated facilities. Based on information provided by the NPS about the costs for operating venues of comparable size, CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$250,000 annually on maintenance and operating costs for the site. In total, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost about \$2 million over the 2017-2021 period and an additional \$250,000 annually thereafter; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting S. 2087 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2087 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2087 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.

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