



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2839
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 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 13, 2016*

S. 2839 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 S. 2839 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2839 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2839 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 August 4, 2016, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3004, to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, as reported by the Senate Committee on Energy

and Natural Resources on July 14, 2016. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's estimate of their budgetary effects are the same.

On February 19, 2016, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3004, a bill 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. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

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