



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 247

Harriet Tubman National Historical Parks Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 10, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 247 would establish the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland once the National Park Service (NPS) obtains sufficient property at each of the proposed sites to constitute manageable park units.

Assuming that the conditions for establishment can be met and that the necessary amounts are appropriated, CBO estimates that implementing S. 247 would cost \$24 million over the 2012-2017 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 247 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 247 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2012- 2017
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Estimated Authorization Level	17	1	1	1	1	2	24
Estimated Outlays	10	8	1	1	1	2	24

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 247 will be enacted in fiscal year 2012, that the necessary funds will be provided for each year, and that spending will follow historical spending patterns for similar units of the National Park System.

S. 247 would establish the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland and the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that acquiring land for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Maryland would cost about \$8 million. S. 247 authorizes the appropriation of \$7.5 million for cooperative agreements between the Secretary of the Interior and landowners within the proposed Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in New York to restore and interpret historical resources in the park. Additionally, completion of a general management plan for each unit, as required by the legislation, would cost about \$700,000 for each park over the next three years. CBO estimates that annual operating costs for each park would be about \$650,000.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

S. 247 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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