



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3288
Northern Border Regional Commission Reauthorization Act of 2017
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on April 12, 2018*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3288 would authorize the annual appropriation of \$30 million over the 2019-2023 period for the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). Under current law, \$30 million is authorized to be appropriated each year for the NBRC through 2018.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3288 would cost \$92 million over the 2019-2023 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3288 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 3288 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 3288 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and rural development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2019-2023
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Authorization Level	0	30	30	30	30	30	150
Estimated Outlays	0	6	12	20	25	29	92

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 3288 will be enacted near the end of 2018 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns.

The NBRC is a federal-state partnership for economic and community development in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. Under current law, \$30 million is authorized to be appropriated annually through 2018 to the NBRC; in 2018 its appropriation was \$15 million. H.R. 3288 would extend the \$30 million annual authorization of appropriations through 2023. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3288 would cost \$92 million over the 2019-2023 period and \$58 million in years after 2023.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS: None.

MANDATES

H.R. 3288 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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