



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 21, 2017

H.R. 4266 **Acadia National Park Boundary Clarification Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December 13, 2017*

H.R. 4266 would confirm the boundary of Acadia National Park in Maine. The National Park Service (NPS), which manages the park, administratively adjusted the boundary in 2015 when the agency accepted the donation of 1,441 acres of land for inclusion within the park. The bill also would permanently authorize that park's advisory commission and require the NPS to allow traditional harvesting of marine species within and near park boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine. Finally, the bill would require the NPS to convey a 0.29-acre parcel of land located within the park to the Town of Bar Harbor.

Based on the budgets for Acadia National Park and other units of the National Park System, CBO estimates that allowing traditional harvesting activities would lead to an increase in management, monitoring, and enforcement costs at the park, but such costs would total less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period. In addition, using information from the NPS, CBO estimates that the agency would incur roughly \$50,000 in administrative costs associated with the land conveyance to the Town of Bar Harbor. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4266 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4266 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4266 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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