



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 6108**  
**Preserving America’s Battlefields Act**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on September 27, 2018*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 6108 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually through 2028 for the American Battlefield Protection Program, which is managed by the National Park Service (NPS). CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6108 would cost \$70 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

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. 6108 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6108 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. 6108 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2019-
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023
<b>INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	10	10	10	20	20	70
Estimated Outlays	10	10	10	20	20	70

a. H.R. 6108 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually through 2028. Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$10 million annually through 2021. As a result, CBO estimates that H.R. 6108 would increase the authorized appropriation by \$10 million each year over the 2019-2021 period.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted near the start of 2019 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated in each year.

H.R. 6108 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually through 2028 for land acquisition grants under the American Battlefield Protection Program. Under that program, the NPS provides grants to states to acquire battlefield lands from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. In 2018, the NPS received an appropriation of \$10 million for those purposes.

Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$10 million annually through 2021 for the program; therefore, H.R. 6108 would increase that authorization by \$10 million through 2021; from 2022 through 2028, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million each year. Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6108 would cost \$70 million over the 2019-2023 period and \$100 million after 2023.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS**

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6108 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

## **MANDATES**

H.R. 6108 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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