

H.R. 307, Preserving America’s Battlefields Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 20, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	7	69	156
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 307 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually through 2028 for the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), which is managed by the National Park Service. The ABPP provides grants to state and local governments to share the cost of acquiring eligible battlefield sites for preservation and protection. Under current law, \$10 million is authorized to be appropriated each year through 2021. Thus, relative to current law, the bill would increase the authorized amount by \$10 million in 2020 and 2021. (In 2019, the Congress appropriated \$10 million for the ABPP.)

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 307 would cost \$69 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$91 million after 2024. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

**Table 1.
 Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 307**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2020-2024	2020-2029
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Authorization	10	10	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0	80	160
Estimated Outlays	7	9	16	18	19	20	20	20	20	7	69	156

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sofia Guo. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.