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Cost Estimate

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S. 1376, Benton MacKaye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2025

As reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on October 27, 2025

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2030	2026-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	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 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and $500,000.

S. 1376 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to study the feasibility of designating the 287-mile Benton MacKaye Trail system in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina as a national scenic trail.

Using information on the cost of similar studies, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1376 would cost less than $500,000 over the 2026-2030period; any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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