



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 319**

**Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 7, 2007*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 319 would establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area (NHA) along the corridor from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Charlottesville, Virginia. The bill would designate the Journey Through Hallowed Ground partnership as the local coordinating entity for the proposed NHA. The partnership would be responsible for developing and implementing a management plan to develop, restore, and maintain the NHA.

The legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to the partnership over the next 15 years. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 319 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period, with additional amounts spent after 2012. Enacting H.R. 319 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 319 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1

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**BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 319 would cost \$5 million over the 2008-2012 period and \$10 million over the following five to 10 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of planning, establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 319 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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