

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 27, 2008

S. 1143

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on January 30, 2008

S. 1143 would designate 126 acres in Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and would require the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop a plan to manage the area. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1143 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1143 would designate the lighthouse at the inlet in Jupiter, Florida, and the 126 acres of land surrounding that lighthouse as an Outstanding Natural Area, reserving the area for conservation, public education, and habitat restoration. The land is already under federal management and the bill would require BLM, in conjunction with the Coast Guard, to update a management plan within three years. According to BLM, the bill would not require the agency to acquire any land or to hire any additional staff; thus, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1143 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

On February 26, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1922 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 13, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the cost estimates are the same.

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