



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1182 **Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley** **National Heritage Corridor Amendments Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 25, 2007*

S. 1182 would authorize the appropriation of an additional \$5 million to the National Park Service (NPS) to provide grants and technical assistance to state and local governments for the maintenance and enhancement of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor and extend the authorization period through 2015. Assuming the appropriation of the specified funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1182 would cost \$3 million over the 2010-2012 period and \$3 million after 2012. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1182 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments could benefit from continued grants and technical assistance under the bill.

In 1999, the Congress authorized the appropriation of up to \$1 million in each year through 2009 (up to \$10 million total) for the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor (see Public Law 106-149). According to the NPS, the Congress has appropriated about \$6 million for the Corridor through 2007. S. 1182 would increase the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Corridor to \$15 million, but would not change the \$1 million maximum per year. As such, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1182 would have no effect in 2008 and 2009 because current law already authorizes funding for those years. This estimate assumes the appropriation of \$1 million in each year (the maximum amount authorized under the bill) from 2010 through 2015.

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