

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1247 Weir Farm National Historic Site Amendment Act

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

S. 1247 would expand the area that the National Park Service (NPS) may consider to construct visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site. Under current law, NPS may acquire up to 15 acres of land for such purpose; however, the land must be contiguous or close in proximity to the historic site. The bill would allow NPS to consider all potential sites in Fairfield County, Connecticut, including land that has been previously developed from its original state.

Because the legislation would not authorize additional funds for the acquisition of land or for the construction of facilities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1247 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Furthermore, based on information from NPS, CBO expects that any land acquired under the bill would be done through exchange.

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.

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