



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1483

Celebrating America's Heritage Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 7, 2008*

H.R. 1483 would establish the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area (NHA) in Alabama and the Santa Cruz National Heritage Area in Arizona. The legislation would designate local nonprofit organizations as management entities for the proposed NHA's and would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually, for financial assistance to each of the nonprofits and other eligible local entities over the next 15 years.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1483 would cost \$10 million over the 2009-2013 period and an additional \$10 million after 2013. Enacting the legislation would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1483 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.

On October 10, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1483 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 26, 2007. Although both versions would create the Muscle Shoals and Santa Cruz NHAs, the estimated cost of the House version is much higher than that of the Senate version because the House version would also establish several other NHAs and increase the ceiling on authorizations of appropriations for nine existing NHAs.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.