

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 7, 2002

H.R. 1618

Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003

H.R. 1618 would establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area (NHA) in DeKalb, Rockdale, and Henry counties in Georgia. The bill would designate the Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance as the management entity for the proposed NHA. Under the bill, the Alliance would develop a management plan to identify, protect, and interpret cultural and other local resources. The Department of the Interior would provide technical and financial assistance to the Alliance to develop and implement the plan. For these purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million, not to exceed \$1 million annually.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1618 would cost \$10 million over the next 10 to 15 years. Such amounts would be used to cover a portion of the costs of establishing, operating, and interpreting the heritage area.

H.R. 1618 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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