



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1862  
Oil Region National Heritage Area Act**

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

H.R. 1862 would establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area (NHA) in northwestern Pennsylvania. The bill would designate the Oil Heritage Region, Inc., as the management entity for the proposed NHA. Under the bill, the nonprofit corporation would develop a management plan to identify strategies for preserving, funding, managing, and developing the proposed NHA. The Department of the Interior would provide technical and financial assistance to the corporation and would conduct historical research. 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. 1862 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. Enacting H.R. 1862 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 1862 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.