



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

October 20, 1998

**H.R. 2186**

**An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming**

*As cleared by the Congress on October 10, 1998*

H.R. 2186 would direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to construct, operate, and maintain a National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming. The agency would construct and operate the center in cooperation with the city and the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center Foundation, and in accordance with certain agreements made between the city, the foundation, and BLM.

The legislation would affect both receipts and direct spending beginning in fiscal year 2002; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. H.R. 2186 would authorize the Secretary to collect an entrance fee from visitors to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center and to accept donations (which are recorded as governmental receipts). Based on information from BLM and the foundation, CBO estimates that receipts from donations and entrance fees could total up to \$200,000 per year once construction is complete and the center opens in fiscal year 2002. The legislation would authorize the department to spend any such amounts without the need for appropriation action. Because such receipts and direct spending would likely offset each other, however, we estimate no net budgetary impact for pay-as-you-go purposes.

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