

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1287 Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center Partnership Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on December 16, 2009

H.R. 1287 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to plan, design, construct, and install exhibits in the Dorothy Buell memorial Visitor Center at a cost of up to \$1.5 million.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$1.5 million over the 2010-2014 period to carry out the legislation. This amount would be used to develop exhibits in the new visitor facility, which is not a federal building. The legislation also would authorize the NPS to accept donations of land separated from the existing park by a road or other right-of-way. Based on information provided by the agency, CBO expects that the cost of administering any property that may be added to the park would be minimal. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1287 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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