



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

January 22, 2010

H.R. 1694

**An act to authorize the acquisition and protection
of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites
of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812
under the American Battlefield Protection Program**

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

SUMMARY

H.R. 1694 would authorize appropriations totaling \$200 million through fiscal year 2019 for the American Battlefield Protection Program. Of that amount, \$31 million is already authorized under existing law, and \$9 million has been appropriated for 2010 to date. The amounts authorized for each year (\$10 million for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields and \$10 million for Civil War battlefields) would be used to provide financial assistance to state or local governments to purchase land that has been identified by the National Park Service (NPS) as eligible for protection through the program but is not contained within the boundaries of a unit of the National Park System.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$67 million over the 2010-2015 period to provide grants under the legislation and about \$90 million more after 2015. (Those amounts are in addition to the approximately \$40 million that has already been appropriated or authorized under current law.) Enacting H.R. 1694 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 1694 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1694 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2010- 2015
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Spending Under Current Law							
Authorization Level ^a	10	10	10	10	0	0	40
Estimated Outlays	6	7	10	10	7	0	40
Proposed Changes							
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	20	20	80
Estimated Outlays	3	9	10	10	15	20	67
Spending Under H.R. 1694							
Authorization Level	20	20	20	20	20	20	120
Estimated Outlays	9	16	20	20	22	20	107

a. For 2010, the remaining authorization level under current law is \$1 million (\$10 million less \$9 million already appropriated).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1694 will be enacted during fiscal year 2010 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for NPS grant programs.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1694 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The act would modify an existing grant for the preservation of battlefield sites and would benefit state and local governments. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of federal assistance.

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