



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 553
North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 21, 2010*

S. 553 would revise the route of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which currently spans an estimated 4,200 miles in seven states from New York to North Dakota. Specifically, the bill would reroute a segment of the trail that runs through northeastern Minnesota, adding about 400 miles to the overall length.

Based on information provided by the National Park Service, which administers the trail, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 553 would cost about \$5 million over the 2011-2015 period. Most of this amount would be spent to acquire private land (or easements on that land) along the new trail segment. We estimate that ongoing costs to develop, manage, and maintain the added property would be minimal. Enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues or direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 553 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.

On August 25, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 481, the North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 29, 2009. The two bills are nearly identical, and the estimated costs are the same.

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