



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

April 11, 2018

**S. 1446
A bill to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Historic Preservation program**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on March 8, 2018*

SUMMARY

S. 1446 would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Historic Preservation Fund to provide grants for the restoration and preservation of historic buildings at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$17 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Enacting S. 1446 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1446 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 1446 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of S. 1446 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2019- 2023
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	0	3	3	3	4	4	17

S. 1446 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million in 2018. CBO does not estimate any outlays for that authorization because appropriations for 2018 have already been provided.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted near the end of 2018. S. 1446 would authorize appropriations of \$10 million a year over the 2018-2024 period.

CBO estimates that demand for the HBCU preservation grants would be less than the annual amount that would be authorized. (In 2018, the Congress provided \$5 million for this program.) Information from the National Park Service (NPS) suggests that many eligible institutions cannot provide the 30 percent of the project cost from nonfederal funds that is required under current law to receive a preservation grant. Using information from the NPS about the expected number of grant applications and typical grant amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1446 would cost \$17 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1446 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

MANDATES

S. 1446 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On May 26, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1135, a bill to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 27, 2017. On April 11, 2018, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1135, an act to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 8, 2018. The three pieces of legislation are similar; however, differences in estimated outlays reflect different assumptions about when the legislation will be enacted.

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