



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 801 **Route 66 National Historic Trail Designation Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 10, 2018

H.R. 801 would amend the National Trails System Act (NTSA) to designate Route 66, which extends from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, as a National Historic Trail. The bill also would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to administer the trail.

The NPS currently manages a Route 66 corridor preservation program that provides grants and technical assistance to private, nonprofit, and government partners to identify and prioritize Route 66 preservation needs. The authorization for that program expires on October 1, 2019. Using information from the NPS, CBO estimates that beginning in fiscal year 2020, the agency would incur about \$300,000 annually in administrative costs for the proposed trail.

Additionally, under the NTSA, the NPS may be required to establish and manage an advisory council and develop a comprehensive management plan for the trail. Based on the costs for similar tasks, CBO expects that those activities would cost less than \$500,000.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 801 would cost \$2 million over the 2019-2023 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 801 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 801 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 801 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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