



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2991 **Susquehanna National Heritage Area Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 18, 2018

H.R. 2991 would establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area (NHA) in Lancaster and York Counties, Pennsylvania. The bill also would designate the Susquehanna Heritage Corporation, a non-profit organization, as the local coordinating entity and would require the corporation to submit a management plan for the Susquehanna NHA. The bill would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to provide assistance to local partners.

The NPS provides technical and financial assistance to NHAs through the Heritage Partnership Program. According to the NPS, under that program the agency typically awards \$150,000 annually to newly established NHAs. Based on the experience of other NHAs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2991 would cost about \$1 million over the 2019-2023 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 2991 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2991 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 2991 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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