



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 10, 2018

### H.R. 6287 9/11 Memorial Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 5, 2018*

#### SUMMARY

H.R. 6287 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year through 2023 for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to award grants to non-profit organizations for the operation and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$100 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

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

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6287 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6287 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 H.R. 6287 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						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019-2023
<b>INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Authorization Level	0	25	25	25	25	25	125
Estimated Outlays	0	20	20	20	20	20	100

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in 2019 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year.

H.R. 6287 would direct DOI to award grants to non-profit organizations whose missions focus on the operation and preservation of memorials that commemorate the events of and honor the victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, at the sites of the attacks. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million annually over the 2019-2023 period for those purposes.

CBO estimates that a limited number of non-profit organizations would be eligible to receive grants. Based on the costs to operate the covered memorials in recent years, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6287 would cost \$20 million annually and \$100 million over the 2019-2023 period. That amount includes costs for DOI to manage the grant applications and awards.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS**

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6287 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

## **MANDATES**

H.R. 6287 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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