

NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2022

JULY 18, 2022.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 7693]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 7693) to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Park Foundation, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 7693 is to reauthorize federal funding for the National Park Foundation.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The National Park Foundation was established by Congress in 1967 with a mission to generate private support and build strategic partnerships to protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations. As the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service, the foundation leverages federal investments with private donations, raising more than \$100 million each year to help pay for park improvements and projects designed to improve visitor experience. The National Park Foundation has, to date, received a total of \$23 million in federal appropriations. H.R. 7693 would reauthorize federal funding for the National Park Foundation through FY 2030 and increase the annual authorization level from \$5 million to \$15 million.

It is the hope of the Committee that this increased authorization will allow NPF to address more projects at our nation's parks, par-

ticularly those with a direct impact on visitor services such as trail improvements or projects that alleviate overcrowding.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 7693 was introduced on May 10, 2022, by Ranking Member Bruce Westerman (R-AR). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On July 13, 2022, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered. The bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: full committee markup held on July 13, 2022.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* The bill has been noticed for consideration by the House under suspension of the rules without amendment. With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested from the Director of Congressional Budget Office a cost estimate for this bill and a statement as to whether this bill contains any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. The Committee has received the following partial response for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, which reflects the text of the bill as introduced, as reported, and as noticed for suspension:

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives announces bills that will be considered under suspension of the rules in that chamber. Under suspension, floor debate is limited, all floor amendments are prohibited, points of order against the bill are waived, and final passage requires a two-thirds majority vote.

At the request of the Majority Leader and the House Committee on the Budget, CBO estimates the effects of those bills on direct spending and revenues. CBO has limited time to review the legislation before consideration. Although it is possible in most cases to determine whether the legislation would affect direct spending or revenues, time may be insufficient to estimate the magnitude of

those effects. If CBO has prepared estimates for similar or identical legislation, a more detailed assessment of budgetary effects, including effects on spending subject to appropriation, may be included.

EFFECTS ON DIRECT SPENDING AND REVENUES OF LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER
SUSPENSION OF THE RULES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Bill Number	Title	Effect on Direct Spending	Effect on Revenues	Additional Information on Direct Spending and Revenue Effects	Link to Published Estimates	Suspension Bill Text at docs.house.gov
H.R. 1286	Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor Act of 2021, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57803 .	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr1286-SUS.pdf
H.R. 2024	Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Act, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57803 .	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr2024-SUS.pdf
H.R. 3222	Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area Act, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57803 .	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr3222-SUS.pdf
H.R. 4404	Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Act, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57892 .	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr4404-SUS.pdf
H.R. 6337	Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	.....	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr6337-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7002	Gateway Solidarity Act, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	.....	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr7002-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7025	Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act of 2022, as amended.	None	None .....	.....	.....	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr7025-SUS.pdf
H.R. 7693	National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2022.	None	None .....	.....	.....	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117hr7693-SUS.pdf
S. 144	Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act.	None	None .....	.....	https://www.cbo.gov/publication/57792 .	https://docs.house.gov/bills/thisweek/20220718/BILLS-117s144-SUS.pdf

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

The Committee adopts as its own any finalized additional materials of the Director of the Congressional Budget Office regarding the bill, should such materials be made available before House passage of the bill.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to reauthorize federal funding for the National Park Foundation.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

An estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act was not made available to the Committee in time for the filing of this report. The Chair of the Committee shall cause such estimate to be printed in the *Congressional Record* upon its receipt by the Committee.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 101122 OF TITLE 54, UNITED STATES CODE**§ 101122. Authorization of appropriations; use of funds**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter **[\$5,000,000]** *\$15,000,000* for each of fiscal years 2017 through **[2023]** *2030*.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under subsection (a)—

(1) may be advanced each fiscal year to the National Park Foundation in a lump sum without regard to when expenses are incurred;

(2) shall be provided to the National Park Foundation for use to match contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to the Foundation;

(3) may not be used by the National Park Foundation for administrative expenses of the Foundation, including for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and other overhead expenses; and

(4) may not be deposited by the National Park Foundation into any fund that will be invested or earn interest in any way.

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS
None.

