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CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK REAUTHORIZATION ACT

JUNE 5, 2014.—Ordered to be printed

Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1077]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, to which was referred the bill (S. 1077) to amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND

Originally authorized in 1998, the Chesapeake Gateways and Watertrails program set up a network of Chesapeake Bay-related sites, such as parks, wildlife refuges, and trails. The program includes 160 sites in six states and the District of Columbia. The National Park Service (NPS) provides matching grants for projects that enhance public education of and access to the Chesapeake Bay. Visitation at Gateways sites exceeds 10 million people annually, and the competitive grants program is currently oversubscribed.

At the direction of Congress, the National Park Service conducted its Chesapeake Bay Special Resource Study in 2004. The draft study concluded that an enhanced version of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network would be the most effective and efficient way for the NPS to help protect and raise interest in the Chesapeake Bay. The NPS has incorporated the Gateways Network into its permanent operations.

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S. 1077, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act, will reauthorize this program.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LEGISLATION

The Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act amends the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to reauthorize appropriations for the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network.

SECTION–BY–SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

This section provides that this Act may be cited as the 'Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act'.

Sec. 2. Authorization of appropriations

This section amends Section 502 of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 105–312) and reauthorizes the program for fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On October 19, 2011, Senator Cardin introduced this legislation, which was cosponsored by Senators Mikulski, Carper, Warner, Coons, and Kaine. The bill was received, read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. The committee met on February 6, 2014, to consider the bill, and ordered S. 1077 to be reported favorably without amendment.

ROLLCALL VOTES

The Committee on Environment and Public Works met to consider S. 1077 on February 6, 2014. The bill was ordered favorably reported by voice vote with Senators Crapo, Inhofe, Fischer, and Vitter recorded as "no".

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In compliance with section 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee finds that S. 1077 does not create any additional regulatory burdens, nor will it cause any adverse impact on the personal privacy of individuals.

MANDATES ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4), the committee notes that the Congressional Budget Office has found, "[S. 1077] contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA)."

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

FEBRUARY 27, 2014.

Hon. BARBARA BOXER,
Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1077, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Martin von Gnechten.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

Enclosure.

S. 1077—Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act

S. 1077 would authorize the appropriation of $3 million annually through 2018 for the Chesapeake Bay Initiative, a program administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and other federal agencies to conserve resources in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost $9 million over the 2016–2019 period. Funding is authorized for the program under current law through fiscal year 2015. In 2014 the program received funding of $2 million. Enacting S. 1077 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Martin von Gnechten. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with section 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, 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 *italic*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman:

[PUBLIC LAW 105–312—OCT. 13, 1998, 112 STAT. 2961]

CHESAPEAKE BAY INITIATIVE ACT OF 1998

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SEC. 502. CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS.

(a) CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK.—

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(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section $3,000,000 for each of [fiscal years 1999 through 2003.] *fiscal years 2014 through 2018.*

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