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# H. R. 5068

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States Civil  
5       Rights Trail Special Resource Study Act of 2013”.

6       **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY REGARDING PROPOSED**  
7       **UNITED STATES CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.**

8       (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Inte-  
9       rior shall conduct a special resource study for the purpose

1 of evaluating a range of alternatives for protecting and  
2 interpreting sites associated with the struggle for civil  
3 rights in the United States, including alternatives for po-  
4 tential addition of some or all of the sites to the National  
5 Trails System.

6 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct  
7 the special resource study in consultation with appropriate  
8 Federal, State, county, and local governmental entities.

9 (c) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall  
10 conduct the study required under subsection (a) in accord-  
11 ance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.  
12 1a–5(c)) and section 5(b) of the National Trails System  
13 Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(b)), as appropriate.

14 (d) STUDY OBJECTIVES.—In conducting the special  
15 resource study, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives  
16 for achieving the following objectives:

17 (1) Identifying the resources and historic  
18 themes associated with the movement to secure ra-  
19 cial equality in the United States for African Ameri-  
20 cans that, focusing on the period from 1954 through  
21 1968, challenged the practice of racial segregation in  
22 the Nation and achieved equal rights for all Amer-  
23 ican citizens.

24 (2) Making a review of existing studies and re-  
25 ports, such as the Civil Rights Framework Study, to

1 complement and not duplicate other studies of the  
2 historical importance of the civil rights movements  
3 that may be underway or undertaken.

4 (3) Establishing connections with agencies, or-  
5 ganizations, and partnerships already engaged in the  
6 preservation and interpretation of various trails and  
7 sites dealing with the civil rights movement.

8 (4) Protecting historically significant land-  
9 scapes, districts, sites, and structures.

10 (5) Identifying alternatives for preservation and  
11 interpretation of the sites by the National Park  
12 Service, other Federal, State, or local governmental  
13 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations, in-  
14 cluding the potential inclusion of some or all of the  
15 sites in a National Civil Rights Trail.

16 (6) Identifying cost estimates for any necessary  
17 acquisition, development, interpretation, operation,  
18 and maintenance associated with the alternatives de-  
19 veloped under the special resource study.

20 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
21 on which funds are made available to carry out this sec-  
22 tion, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Nat-  
23 ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the  
24 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
25 ate a report containing the results of the study conducted

- 1 under subsection (c) and any recommendations of the Sec-
- 2 retary with respect to the route.

