



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 586
Civil Rights History Project Act of 2009

*As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration
on March 25, 2009*

H.R. 586 would direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to establish an oral history project to survey, solicit, reproduce, and collect audio and video recordings of participants in the Civil Rights movement. The bill would permit the Librarian and Secretary to solicit and accept donations of funds and in-kind contributions to support those activities. In addition, H.R. 586 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2011 through 2014.

Based on information from the two agencies, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 586 would cost \$4 million over the 2010-2014 period.

Because H.R. 586 would allow the Librarian and Secretary to accept and spend donations for projects, enacting H.R. 586 could affect direct spending, but the spending would be offset by the amount of the donations, which would be credited as offsetting receipts. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the provision would not have a significant net effect on direct spending.

H.R. 586 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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