

## GEORGE W. BUSH CHILDHOOD HOME STUDY ACT

MARCH 22, 2018.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, from the Committee on Natural Resources, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3008]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3008) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3008 is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas.

#### BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The George W. Bush Childhood Home is located at 1412 W. Ohio Avenue in Midland, Texas. The home is approximately 1400 square feet and has been left relatively unchanged since 1956.<sup>1</sup> The site currently functions as a museum managed by a nonprofit entity, the George W. Bush Childhood Home, Inc. The non-profit recently purchased a neighboring home to function as administrative offices and a gift shop.<sup>2</sup>

President George W. Bush, born on July 6, 1946, in Connecticut, has spent most of his life in Texas. The Bush family lived in the

<sup>1</sup>“About the Project” The George W. Bush Childhood Home. <http://www.bushchildhoodhome.org/about>.

<sup>2</sup>“Project Highlights” The George W. Bush Childhood Home. <http://www.bushchildhoodhome.org/highlights>.

Ohio Avenue home in Midland, Texas, for 4 years, beginning when George W. Bush was 5 years old.<sup>3</sup> As their family grew, the family moved to a larger house in Midland and eventually moved to Houston, Texas.

President Bush went to high school in Andover, Massachusetts, and followed his father and grandfather by attending Yale University. After graduating from Yale, he enlisted in the Texas Air National Guard. After his Guard duty, he continued his education at Harvard Business School.<sup>4</sup>

Bush returned to Midland after graduating, where he met his future wife, Laura. The couple settled in Midland while Bush worked in the oil industry and worked on his father's presidential campaigns.<sup>5</sup> After his father lost the presidential election in 1992, George W. Bush turned to politics himself. In 1994, Bush was elected governor of Texas and became the first Texas governor to be elected to consecutive four-year terms. In 2000, Bush was elected the 43rd President of the United States and served two terms.<sup>6</sup>

H.R. 3008 directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the childhood home of former President George W. Bush to determine the national significance of the site and the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a unit of the National Park System.

#### COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3008 was introduced on June 22, 2017, by Congressman K. Michael Conaway (R-TX). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands. The Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill on February 28, 2018. On March 14, 2018, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

#### 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. 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 received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

<sup>3</sup>"Bush Family Timeline" The George W. Bush Childhood Home <http://www.bushchildhoodhome.org/timeline>.

<sup>4</sup>"George W. Bush" Biography.com <https://www.biography.com/people/george-w-bush-099232768>.

<sup>5</sup>"George W. Bush Biography" Encyclopedia of Biography <http://www.notablebiographies.com/Br-Ca/Bush-George-W.html>.

<sup>6</sup>"George W. Bush" Biography.com <https://www.biography.com/people/george-w-bush-099232768>.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, March 20, 2018.*

Hon. ROB BISHOP,  
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3008, the George W. Bush Childhood Home Study Act.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,  
*Director.*

Enclosure.

*H.R. 3008—George W. Bush Childhood Home Study Act*

H.R. 3008 would direct the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a special resource study of the childhood home of former President George W. Bush. As part of that study, the NPS would determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the site in Midland, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System.

Based on the costs of similar studies, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3008 would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 3008 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3008 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3008 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Janani Shankaran. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of Rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the George W. Bush Childhood Home, located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue, Midland, Texas.

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.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

COMPLIANCE WITH H. RES. 5

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95-220, as amended by Public Law 98-169) as relating to other programs.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

