

TO DIRECT THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS TO OBTAIN A STAINED GLASS  
PANEL DEPICTING THE SEAL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND IN-  
STALL THE PANEL AMONG THE STAINED GLASS PANELS DEPICTING  
THE SEALS OF STATES WHICH OVERLOOK THE MAIN READING ROOM  
OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS THOMAS JEFFERSON BUILDING

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Mr. DEFazio, from the Committee on Transportation and  
Infrastructure, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1318]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to whom  
was referred the bill (H.R. 1318) to direct the Librarian of Congress  
to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of  
Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depic-  
turing the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room  
of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building, having con-  
sidered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and  
recommend that the bill do pass.

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## PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 1318 is to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

## BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 1318 would direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia (D.C.) and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building concurrently with the planned renovation and replacement of the existing glass panels.

The Committee understands there is a planned renovation and replacement of the existing glass panels and seals after which all the seals for the 50 States, in addition to those of the U.S. territories, are expected to be included. This legislation is intended to ensure the seal of D.C. is included concurrently when the planned renovation occurs, thus minimizing costs to the taxpayer.

## HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H.R. 1318 in the 116th Congress.

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY AND CONSIDERATION

H.R. 1318 was introduced in the House on February 22, 2019, by Ms. Norton and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee, H.R. 1318 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1318 on February 27, 2019.

The Committee met in open session on February 27, 2019, to consider H.R. 1318, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House with a favorable recommendation, without amendment, by voice vote, with a quorum present.

*115th Congress*

In the 115th Congress, H.R. 1217 was introduced in the House on February 24, 2017, by Ms. Norton and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee, H.R. 1217 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

*114th Congress*

In the 114th Congress, H.R. 4231 was introduced in the House on December 10, 2015, by Ms. Norton and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Within the Committee, H.R. 4231 was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4231 on April 20, 2016.

The Full Committee considered H.R. 4231 on April 20, 2016, and ordered the measure to be reported to the House, amended, favorably by voice vote.

The Committee reported H.R. 4231 to the House on March 3, 2016, as H. Rpt. 114–535, Pt. I.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

Clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires each committee report to include the total number of votes cast for and against on each record vote on a motion to report and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, and the names of those members voting for and against.

There were no recorded votes taken in connection with consideration of H.R. 1318.

#### COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in this report.

#### NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply where a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and is included in the report. Such a cost estimate is included in this report.

#### CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1318 from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
*Washington, DC, March 8, 2019.*

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,  
*Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1318, a bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

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

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL,  
*Director.*

Enclosure.

H.R. 1318, a bill to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building					
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 27, 2019					
Millions of Dollars		Direct Spending	Revenues	Net Deficit Effect	Spending Subject to Appropriation
2019		0	0	0	0
2019-2024		0	0	0	*
2019-2029		0	0	0	n.a.
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects			
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?		No	
		Contains private-sector mandate?		No	
n.a. = not applicable; * = between zero and \$500,000.					

The Thomas Jefferson Building's Main Reading Room (part of the Library of Congress) contains stained glass depictions of the seals of most U.S. states. H.R. 1318 would direct the Librarian of Congress to add a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia. Using information from the Architect of the Capitol, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1318 will be enacted at the beginning of fiscal year 2020.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Meredith Decker. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

#### PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goal and objective of this legislation is to authorize the Librarian of Congress to obtain and install a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building.

#### DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds that no provision of H.R. 1318 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public

Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, AND LIMITED  
TARIFF BENEFITS

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this bill, as reported, contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(e), 9(f), or 9(g) of the rule XXI.

FEDERAL MANDATES STATEMENT

The Committee adopts as its own the estimate of federal mandates prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pursuant to section 423 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (Public Law 104–4).

PREEMPTION CLARIFICATION

Section 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 requires the report of any Committee on a bill or joint resolution to include a statement on the extent to which the bill or joint resolution is intended to preempt state, local, or tribal law. The Committee finds that H.R. 1318 does not preempt any state, local, or tribal law.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT

No advisory committees within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act were created by this legislation.

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 (Public Law 104–1).

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE LEGISLATION

*Sec. 1. Including stained glass panel depicting seal of District of Columbia in Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building*

This section directs the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building concurrently with the renovation and replacement of existing glass panels.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

H.R. 1318 makes no changes in existing law.