



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 7, 2008

### **S. 199**

#### **A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and native villages in the state of Alaska**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on July 31, 2008*

### **SUMMARY**

S. 199 would modify and extend the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) grant program to improve sanitation in rural and native villages in Alaska. Under this bill, grants to the state of Alaska would be contingent on new performance standards, including state actions to ensure that applicants identify the scope and goals of proposed projects and explain how funding would be used to achieve those goals. This legislation also would authorize the appropriation of \$42 million for each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for EPA to provide grants to the state of Alaska. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 199 would cost \$84 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting S. 199 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 199 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 199 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 199 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Grants to Improve Sanitation in Rural and Native Villages in Alaska						
Authorization Level	42	42	0	0	0	84
Estimated Outlays	17	34	22	8	3	84

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 199 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would extend an existing grant program for the state of Alaska to improve public water systems in rural and native villages. Any costs state, local, or tribal governments might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of aid.

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