



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1526

Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 1526 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, and construction of several water recycling projects in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1526 would cost \$28 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1526 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1526 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

| | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars | | | | |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION | | | | | |
| Estimated Authorization Level | 12 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated Outlays | 10 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 |

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2007 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year.

H.R. 1526 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning, design, and construction of several water recycling projects in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The projects would be constructed with the cooperation of the affected municipalities. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the total cost of all the projects would be about \$110 million.

Under the legislation, the federal share of the cost of the project would be limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the total cost or \$28 million, and federal funds would not be available for operation and maintenance of the projects.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$28 million (25 percent of \$110 million) over the 2008-2012 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1526 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The amounts authorized to be appropriated by the bill would benefit a number of cities and water districts in California.

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