



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 24, 2000

### **S. 1653** **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act** **Amendments of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on February 9, 2000*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 1653 would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million annually over the 2000-2004 period to the Department of the Interior (\$30 million annually) and the Department of Commerce (\$10 million annually) for making payments to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The payments would be available to the foundation to match contributions received from private, state, and local organizations to carry out various wildlife programs. Other provisions of the bill, which would amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, would have no impact on federal spending. Many of these provisions would clarify existing laws regarding the foundation's investment and use of federally appropriated funds.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1653 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that federal agencies would make payments totaling \$40 million to the NFWF in fiscal year 2000 and in each of the following four years. The amounts that would be authorized to be appropriated for payment to the NFWF under S. 1653 are \$15 million higher than the previous annual authorization (which expired at the end of fiscal year 1998) and \$33 million higher than the amount appropriated for payments to the NFWF for 2000. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1653 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	7	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	33	40	40	40	40	0
Estimated Outlays	33	40	40	40	40	0
Spending Under S. 1653						
Authorization Level	40	40	40	40	40	0
Estimated Outlays	39	41	40	40	40	0

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a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1653 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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