



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 15, 2007

H.R. 1662 **Bureau of Reclamation Site Security Costs Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 7, 2007*

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Bureau of Reclamation has enhanced security measures at its dams and associated facilities. The costs of these security measures fall into two general categories: capital costs such as making physical improvements to infrastructure, and operation and maintenance (O&M) costs such as increasing the number of guards and patrols at the dams and facilities. Under current law, entities that purchase water and hydroelectric power associated with the operation of the dams and facilities must reimburse the bureau for a portion of O&M costs.

H.R. 1662 would limit the total amount of security-related O&M costs that such entities would pay to the bureau to \$18.9 million a year, adjusted annually for inflation. The bureau expects to charge the entities no more than that amount, adjusted for inflation, over the next 10 years under current law. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the budget.

H.R. 1662 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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