



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1732  
Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on June 16, 2004*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 1732 would authorize federal participation in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater that would be carried out by the Lower Colorado River Authority in Williamson County, Texas. The act would limit the federal share of those costs to 25 percent and would prohibit the use of the federal funds for operating or maintaining the project.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1732 would cost about \$8 million over the 2005-2009 period. Enacting H.R. 1732 would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 1732 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The participating communities in Texas might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this act, but these costs would be voluntary.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1732 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				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	0
Estimated Outlays	2	2	2	2	0

**BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1732 will be enacted near the end of 2004 and that the necessary funds will be appropriated for each year. H.R. 1732 would limit the federal share of costs to 25 percent of the total cost to plan, design, and construct a wastewater reclamation project in Williamson County, Texas. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that the total cost of the project would be approximately \$30 million and the maximum federal share would be \$8 million. CBO expects that it will take approximately four years to complete all phases of this project. For this estimate, CBO assumes that funds will be appropriated in equal installments over that period to complete the project.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 1732 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The participating communities in Texas might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this act, but these costs would be voluntary.

**PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On November 6, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1732 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003. Except for a change in the assumed enactment date, the cost estimates are identical.

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