



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1760

Southern Oregon Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 16, 2005*

Currently, the Rogue River Valley, Talent, and Medford Water Districts receive water from the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR's) Rogue River Project, located in southern Oregon. Each district has a contract with BOR that specifies terms for repayment of the construction costs of facilities used to provide water to each district. Only the contract with the Talent Water District provides for early repayment of construction costs by landowners. Enacting S. 1760 would authorize any landowner within either the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or the Medford Irrigation District to repay, at any time, the construction costs for federal water projects. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1760 would have no significant impact on offsetting receipts, and would not affect revenues.

Based on information from BOR, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would increase offsetting receipts (from the early repayment of construction costs) in 2006 by about \$70,000. As a result of the early repayment, the federal government would no longer receive payments of about \$4,000 each year through 2026.

S. 1760 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.

On November 29, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4195 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 2005. The two versions of the bills are identical, as are our cost estimates.

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