



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 5, 2006

S. 1869

Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on March 29, 2006

SUMMARY

S. 1869 would authorize appropriations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to carry out the coastal barrier resources program. Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized by the bill, CBO estimates that the USFWS would spend \$16 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting S. 1869 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

S. 1869 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010 to the USFWS for mapping the coastal barrier resources system. (Authorizations for the program expired at the end of fiscal year 2005.) The bill also would authorize appropriations of \$500,000 a year for 2006 and 2007 to complete an existing pilot project on digital mapping and \$1 million a year through 2010 to create digital versions of all maps of the coastal barrier system.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1869 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION^a						
Authorization Level	4	4	3	3	3	0
Estimated Outlays	1	4	4	4	4	0

a. Some or all of the authorized spending for 2006 could come from funds already provided in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-54).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1869 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On November 14, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1869 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on October 26, 2005. The two versions of the legislation are identical. Estimated outlays for the House version are lower in 2006 to reflect our assumption that the legislation will be enacted later in the fiscal year than assumed in last fall's estimate.

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