



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2297**

**A bill to reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act of 1984**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on April 13, 2000*

**SUMMARY**

S. 2297 would reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act through 2005. Under that act, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) provides grants for research and education to water resources research and technology institutes located in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$76 million over the 2001-2005 period for the USGS to continue those grant programs.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2297 would cost \$72 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2297 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**

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated and that outlays will follow the historical spending patterns for these grant programs. The estimated impact of S. 2297 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	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>	5	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	4	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	12	14	14	18	18
Estimated Outlays	0	10	13	14	17	18
Spending Under S. 2297						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	5	12	14	14	18	18
Estimated Outlays	4	11	13	14	17	18

a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year for USGS grants under the Water Resources Research Act.

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

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2297 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any costs to match federal grants authorized by this bill would be incurred voluntarily.

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