



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 28, 2000

**S. 2350**

**Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 20, 2000*

S. 2350 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water rights to Duchesne City, Utah. In 1905, the federal government obtained certificates for these water rights under Utah state laws. In practice, Duchesne City has always used the water rights for its water supply. As a result, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2350 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 2350 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2350 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. As a condition of receiving these water rights, the bill would require Duchesne City to allow the Ute Tribe or members of that tribe to access the municipal water system without paying water impact or connection fees.

On June 8, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3468, the Duchesne City Water Rights Conveyance Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 24, 2000. The two bills are nearly identical, and our estimate of their costs is the same.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Rachel Applebaum (for federal costs) and Marjorie Miller (for the state, local, and tribal impact). This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.