



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 388 **Crane Conservation Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 14, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 388 would require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to establish a grant program to protect and conserve wild cranes. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 for financial assistance to eligible government agencies, international or foreign organizations, or private entities engaged in such activities. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 388 would increase discretionary spending by \$19 million over the 2010-2014 period and by \$6 million after 2014.

The act also would authorize the USFWS to collect and spend donations from non-federal sources, but CBO estimates that any new offsetting receipts and associated direct spending would be minimal and would have no net effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 388 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

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 388 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					2010-
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	2	3	4	5	5	19

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the act. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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