



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 6, 2009

## **H.R. 2213**

### **A bill to reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on October 28, 2009*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2213 would authorize appropriations through 2015 for grants and other activities carried out under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$36 million over the 2010-2014 period. (After 2014, \$19 million would be spent, including \$15 million authorized to be appropriated in 2015.) Enacting H.R. 2213 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

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**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2213 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010-2014
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	0	7	9	11	13	40
Estimated Levels	0	6	8	10	12	36

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2213 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2010 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

H.R. 2213 would authorize annual funding of between \$7 million (for 2011) and \$15 million (for 2015) for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program. The program is carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and supports research and conservation grants to protect certain species of birds.

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

H.R. 2213 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 July 6, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 690, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on June 10, 2009. H.R. 2213 would specify annual authorization levels that are lower than those specified in S. 690. Those differences are reflected in CBO's cost estimates for the two pieces of legislation.

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