



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1519

Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on December 10, 2009*

SUMMARY

S. 1519 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to Maryland, Louisiana, and certain other coastal states for the control or eradication of South American nutria (a foreign invasive species) and for the restoration of marshlands damaged by the mammal. For those purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million annually for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1519 would cost \$60 million over the 2010-2014 period. The legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1519 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 S. 1519 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- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	12	12	12	12	12	60
Estimated Outlays	12	12	12	12	12	60

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1519 will be enacted by the middle of fiscal year 2010, that the amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year, and that funds will be provided to the states in annual lump sums. The authorization level consists of \$4 million annually for Maryland, \$4 million annually for Louisiana, as well as \$1 million annually for each of the states of Delaware, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1519 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Several states would benefit from the program authorized in the bill. Any costs to those states would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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