



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1453

Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2009

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

SUMMARY

S. 1453 would extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to spend, without further appropriation, certain proceeds collected by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. The bill would authorize the expenditure of about \$3 million a year (plus an additional amount to account for inflation) for research, removal of nonnative fish, and program management. The Secretary's existing authority to spend certain receipts collected by WAPA for those activities expires at the end of fiscal year 2011. S. 1453 would extend that authority through 2023.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1453 would increase direct spending by \$12 million over the 2011-2015 period and \$30 million the 2011-2020 period.¹ Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 1453 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. 1453 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

1. Different time periods apply to enforcement of pay-as-you-go rules. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1453 would increase direct spending by \$9 million over the 2010-2014 period, and by \$26 million over the 2010-2019 period.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars											2011-	2011-
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2015	2020
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING													
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	12	30
Estimated Outlays	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	12	30

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that this legislation will be enacted in 2010. Under current law, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to spend proceeds from WAPA receipts without further appropriation to fund certain fish recovery programs through 2011. Those costs are nonreimbursable by WAPA's electricity customers and thus are not factored into the cost recovery rates it charges for electricity sales.

S. 1453 would extend that authority over the 2012-2023 period. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and WAPA, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would increase direct spending by \$12 million over the 2011-2015 period, \$30 million over the 2011-2020 period, and by another \$12 million through 2023.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR MANDATES

S. 1453 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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