



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3373

Air and Health Quality Empowerment Zone Designation Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 20, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 3373 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create air and health quality empowerment zones in various regions of the country. Certain entities within those zones would then be eligible for federal grants to fund the replacement or retrofitting of vehicles or engines to reduce pollution. This legislation also would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million a year over the 2011-2015 period for such grants.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3373 would cost \$82 million over the 2011-2015 period and \$18 million after 2015.

Pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3373 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. 3373 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 | | | | | 2011- 2015 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | |
| CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| Authorization Level | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 100 |
| Estimated Outlays | 8 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 82 |

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO assumes that S. 3373 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and that the specified amounts will be appropriated in each year starting in 2011. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 3373 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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