



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5545

A bill to deauthorize a portion of the project for navigation, Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on July 1, 2010*

H.R. 5545 would deauthorize a portion of the navigation project currently under the jurisdiction of the Corps of Engineers located in the Washington Channel of the Potomac River in the District of Columbia. Based on information from the Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service, CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no effect on the federal budget.

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

This federal navigation project was authorized in 1935 and includes three channels in the Potomac River in the Washington, D.C., area. The bill would deauthorize the navigation project for about 50 percent of one of the channels. The area includes a 200-foot-wide band stretching from south of Interstate 395 in the Washington Channel to just past Fireboat Pier 5, covering 777,284 square feet. Deauthorizing this area could reduce the need for appropriated funds for any future dredging in the area; however, the Corps of Engineers has no plans to dredge the area in the next few years.

H.R. 5545 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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