



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3539

San Francisco Bay Restoration Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 30, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 3539 would authorize a program for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to state, tribal, and nonprofit agencies for ecosystem restoration projects and habitat improvement in the San Francisco Estuary. Assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3539 would cost \$23 million over the 2011-2015 period.

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

S. 3539 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. 3539 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						
Estimated Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	3	5	5	5	5	23

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 3539 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated in each year. Based on the level of recent EPA spending on San Francisco Bay restoration projects, CBO estimates that about \$5 million a year would be needed to provide grants authorized by this legislation. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 3539 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. State and tribal governments could benefit from grants authorized by the bill.

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