



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1632

A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for activities at Long Island Sound

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 29, 1999*

SUMMARY

S. 1632 would extend and increase the authorization of appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Long Island Sound program office over the 2000-2005 period. Enacting this bill also would authorize the appropriation of up to \$10 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005. Under current law the program is authorized to receive appropriations of \$3 million annually through 2001. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1632 would result in additional discretionary outlays of about \$47 million over the six-year authorization period.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1632 contains no intergovernmental mandates or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any costs to state or local governments would be the result of complying with grant conditions.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the pattern of past appropriations for EPA's Long Island Sound program. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1632 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					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level ^a	3	3	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	3	1	1	b	0
 Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	7	7	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	4	6	8	9	10	10
 Spending Under S. 1632						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	6	9	9	10	10	10

a. The EPA Long Island Sound program office has not yet received a full-year appropriation for 2000; under current law \$3 million is authorized to be appropriated for this program in 2000 and 2001.

b. Less than \$500,000.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

S. 1632 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would reauthorize the Long Island Sound program office. Much of the funding authorized by the bill would fund a grant program that requires matching funds from participating public or private entities such as qualified state and local governments. Any costs to these governments from the requirements of the program would be incurred voluntarily.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

This bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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