



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 492

Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act of 1999

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

SUMMARY

S. 492 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue activities associated with its Chesapeake Bay program, including conducting studies on the status of efforts to restore the bay and the response of plants and animals to improvements in water quality. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation over the next six years would increase discretionary outlays by about \$158 million. In 1999, \$20 million was appropriated for EPA to administer the Chesapeake Bay program. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 492 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any expenditures made by state and local governments to satisfy the matching requirements of grants authorized by this bill would be voluntary.

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 occur at rates similar to those of past appropriations for EPA activities associated with the Chesapeake Bay program. The estimated impact of S. 492 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level ^a	30	30	30	30	30	30
Estimated Outlays	15	24	29	30	30	30

a. The EPA Chesapeake Bay program office has not yet received a full-year appropriation for 2000.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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