



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

February 22, 2000

**S. 1694**

**Hawaii Water Resources Reclamation Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on February 10, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1694 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1694 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.

S. 1694 would authorize the appropriation of necessary sums for the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the state of Hawaii and report to the Congress within two years from the time when such sums are provided. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that these activities would cost a total of \$400,000 over two years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The bill also would permit the state of Hawaii to request emergency assistance from the bureau under the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act. Any such assistance provided to the state would be subject to the availability of appropriations. The 17 states currently eligible for such assistance received a total appropriation of \$3 million in 2000. CBO estimates that making Hawaii eligible for this type of assistance would not significantly affect federal costs.

The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.