



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 24, 2000

S. 1752

Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on February 9, 2000*

SUMMARY

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1752 would cost \$12.5 million over the 2000-2005 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1752 would reauthorize the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. For programs carried out under the act, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million annually for fiscal years 2001 through 2004 and \$3 million annually for fiscal years 2005 through 2007. Section 6 of the bill would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to undertake a pilot project to determine the feasibility and cost of creating digital maps of the Coastal Barrier Resources System. The agency would have three years to report its findings to the Congress. For this purpose, section 5 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 annually for fiscal years 2001 through 2003.

The bill 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

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1752 would cost \$2.5 million a year for 2001, 2002, and 2003; \$2 million for 2004; and \$3 million for 2005. The program received an appropriation of \$0.6 million for 2000. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the full amounts authorized for managing the Coastal Barrier Resources System and conducting the pilot program on digital mapping will be appropriated for each fiscal year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1752 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On June 22, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1431, the Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 9, 1999. The amounts authorized to be appropriated by the two bills are different, and this difference is reflected in the cost estimates. In particular, H.R. 1431 would authorize the appropriation of \$6.5 million over the 2000-2004 period, while S. 1752 would authorize \$9.5 million over that period and additional amounts after 2004. In addition, we estimated that enactment of H.R. 1431 could affect direct spending, but in amounts less than \$500,000 each year.

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