



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1946

John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act of 1999

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

SUMMARY

S. 1946 would redesignate the National Environmental Education Act as the John H. Chafee Environmental Education Act and would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million annually over the 2000-2005 period to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to carry out its responsibilities under the bill. The bill also would amend provisions of the National Environmental Education Act regarding environmental education grants, internships, fellowships, and awards. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1946 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1946 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1946 will be enacted by the summer of 2000 and that the full amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority	7	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	1	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	3	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	1	10	11	11	10	10
Spending Under S. 1946						
Authorization Level ^a	10	10	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	8	11	11	11	10	10

a. The 2000 level includes the amount appropriated for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

S. 1946 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Of the funds authorized for appropriation by the bill, at least 40 percent would be used for grants to support environmental education. Many of these grants would go to local education agencies, public colleges and universities, and state educational or environmental agencies. These grants, in most cases, require 25 percent matching funds or in-kind contributions from the recipients.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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

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