



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 673  
Florida Keys Water Quality Improvements Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on April 11, 2000*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 673 would authorize appropriations of \$213 million over the 2001-2005 period for a new grant program for projects in the Florida Keys. Under this bill, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would provide grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other public agencies for projects associated with improving the water quality in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$93 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 673 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**

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 for EPA activities associated with water quality improvement programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 673 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	32	31	50	50	50
Estimated Outlays	2	6	17	29	39

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 673 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Implementing this bill would benefit the state of Florida and some local governments by authorizing federal grants to improve water quality in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Any costs to match federal grant funds would be incurred voluntarily.

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