



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 3, 2000

H.R. 34

An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 28, 2000*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 34 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. The legislation could affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we expect that net changes in direct spending would be negligible for each year. H.R. 34 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.

H.R. 34 would correct a map of the Coastal Barrier Resources System in Florida. The proposed correction would revise the boundaries of unit P19-P to exclude about 14 acres of land. This change would enable local property owners who might develop the excluded acreage to obtain federal flood insurance. If the affected properties are developed and insurance policies are written, offsetting collections from premiums paid into the national flood insurance fund would increase by less than \$50,000 a year. Those collections would be partially offset by new mandatory spending for underwriting and administrative expenses. The federal government might also incur additional costs for losses associated with any future floods that might affect this land, but CBO has no basis for predicting such floods or their resulting costs.

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