



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3042
Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Act of 1997**

As cleared by the Congress on January 29, 1998

H.R. 3042 would create an Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution within the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$4.25 million in fiscal year 1998 and \$1.25 million in each of fiscal years 1999-2002 to a new Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund. The foundation could spend appropriated funds, as well as interest that would accumulate in the fund, in order to operate the institute. Because the interest earned could be spent without appropriation action, enactment of H.R. 3042 would result in direct spending. However, CBO estimates that the amount of direct spending would be insignificant.

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