



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 25, 2004

H.R. 2408
National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2004
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 23, 2004*

H.R. 2408 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million a year over the 2004-2009 period for certain partnership and volunteer programs administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Under these programs, the USFWS executes cooperative agreements with organizations such as nonprofit groups, academic institutions, and state or local agencies to benefit wildlife refuges and also coordinates volunteer programs at these refuges.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2408 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005, and that authorized amounts will be provided starting in that year. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2408 would cost about \$4 million in 2005 and \$20 million over the 2005-2008 period as summarized in the following table. The act would not affect direct spending or revenues.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4
Estimated Outlays	4	4	4	4	4

H.R. 2408 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.

On November 17, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2408 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003. Differences in our estimates reflect a change in when we assume H. R. 2408 will be enacted.

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