



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 225

Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 9, 2005*

SUMMARY

S. 225 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to establish a program to reduce the risk of avalanches on certain federal lands used for recreation. To facilitate the development and execution of the new program, the bill would require the secretaries to establish an advisory committee and would authorize them to provide grants to public or private entities. For those programs, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million a year over the 2006-2010 period for grants to nonfederal parties to support that program.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 225 would cost \$4 million in 2006 and \$65 million through 2010, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts. S. 225 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. States may benefit from grants authorized by this bill.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 225 will be enacted in fiscal year 2005 and that funds will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 225 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	15
Estimated Outlays	4	11	17	17	16

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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