



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 28, 2005

S. 301

Upper Connecticut River Partnership Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 16, 2005*

SUMMARY

S. 301 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Connecticut River Grants and Technical Assistance program to provide such assistance to the states of New Hampshire and Vermont as well as to local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private-sector organizations within those states. The grants and technical assistance would help those groups conduct projects for conservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic and cultural resources within the Connecticut River watershed. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million annually over the 2006-2015 period for these purposes. S. 301 would limit the federal share of the cost of such projects to 75 percent.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 301 would cost \$4 million over the 2006-2010 period and an additional \$6 million after that period. Enacting S. 301 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 301 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. The federal assistance authorized by this act would benefit the states of New Hampshire and Vermont and local governments in those states.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 301 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

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
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CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	0	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	0	*	1	1	1	1

NOTE: * = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 301 will be enacted before the end of fiscal year 2005 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated in each fiscal year starting in 2006. Based on historical spending patterns of similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$4 million over the 2006-2010 period and an additional \$6 million after that period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 301 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The federal assistance authorized by this act would benefit the states of New Hampshire and Vermont and local governments in those states.

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