



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1390**

**Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on July 21, 2005*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1390 would authorize the appropriation of \$284 million through fiscal year 2012 to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the coral reef conservation program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that carrying out this program would cost \$20 million in 2006 and \$172 million over the 2006-2010 period. We estimate that another \$112 million of the authorized amounts would be spent after 2010, including \$43 million authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Enacting S. 1390 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

This bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); any costs to state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1390 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
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending for the Coral Reef Conservation Program Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	26	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	26	9	7	1	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level <sup>b</sup>	0	30	40	42	43	43
Estimated Outlays	0	20	30	37	42	43
Spending for the Coral Reef Conservation Program Under S. 1390						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	26	30	40	42	43	43
Estimated Outlays	26	29	37	38	42	43

a. The 2005 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Coral Reef Conservation Program.

b. The bill would also authorize funding of \$43 million a year for 2011 and 2012.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1390 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2006 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. The authorization levels are those stated in the bill for each year. They include between \$30 million and \$35 million annually for federal activities and grants, and \$8 million annually (beginning in 2007) for new community planning grants. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1390 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Enacting this bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments receiving grant funding for conservation projects; any costs that they might incur would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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