



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

December 3, 2007

**H.R. 3739**

**A bill to amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify the requirements for the statement of findings**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on November 15, 2007*

H.R. 3739 would amend the Arizona Water Settlements Act to modify requirements for a statement of findings by the Secretary of the Interior. The Arizona Water Settlements Act was enacted to settle several water disputes in the state of Arizona between the federal government and various state, tribal, and nongovernmental entities. Title III of that act approved the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2004, which provided for a settlement between the Tohono O’odham tribe and the federal government. The Arizona Water Settlements Act will become effective on December 31, 2007, pending the publication of a specific statement of findings by the Secretary in the Federal Register.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3739 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. We expect that all titles of the Arizona Water Settlements Act will become effective on December 31, 2007, and our projection of the costs associated with implementing those titles would not be affected by this bill’s enactment. Enacting the bill also would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3739 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reforms Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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