



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 30, 2013

H.R. 1300
**A bill to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the
 volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of
 national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 15, 2013

SUMMARY

H.R. 1300 would authorize the appropriation of \$6 million over the 2015-2017 period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to carry out volunteer programs and community partnerships at national wildlife refuges. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$6 million over the 2015-2017 period. Enacting H.R. 1300 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1300 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1300 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					2014- 2018
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	0	2	2	2	0	6
Estimated Outlays	0	2	2	2	0	6

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted before the end of 2013 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar USFWS activities.

H.R. 1300 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million a year over the 2015-2017 period for USFWS to continue certain volunteer programs and community partnerships. Under those programs, volunteers assist USFWS personnel in conducting recreation activities, restoring habitats, and performing administrative and maintenance work at national wildlife refuges. In 2013, those programs received appropriations of about \$2 million and are authorized, under current law, to receive \$2 million in 2014. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1300 would cost \$6 million over the 2015-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1300 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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