



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 97

San Francisco Bay Restoration Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 21, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 97 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to state, local, and nonprofit agencies to fund ecosystem restoration projects and habitat improvement in the San Francisco Estuary in California. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 97 would cost \$23 million over the 2012-2016 period.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 97 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.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 97 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					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	3	5	5	5	5	23

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 97 will be enacted near the end of 2011 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 97 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments could benefit from grants authorized by the bill. Any costs to state and local governments that result from participation in the grant program would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

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