



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5061

Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 13, 2006*

H.R. 5061 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey without consideration two fish hatcheries to the state of Virginia. The transfer would comprise all property interests in the Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and the Wytheville National Fish Hatchery, including about 625 acres of land, several buildings, a sewage treatment plant, and hatchery facilities.

Based on information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5061 would have no effect on the federal budget. The two fish hatcheries are already being operated by the state at its own expense, as they would continue to be under the act.

H.R. 5061 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit Virginia.

On June 27, 2006, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5061 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the CBO cost estimates.

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