



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 12, 2007

### **S. 240**

### **National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on January 31, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 240 would reauthorize the national geologic mapping program and extend current deadlines for plans, reports, and other requirements established by the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$64 million for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2016. (Authorization of appropriations for the program expired at the end of fiscal year 2005.) Although a full-year appropriation has not yet been provided for this program, \$25 million was appropriated in Public Law 109-383, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2007. The geologic mapping program is carried out jointly by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and state geological authorities. Under this program, federal and state geologists are developing a comprehensive geological map of the United States and a related database of environmental and scientific information.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that carrying out the 1992 act, as amended by S. 240, would cost \$10 million in fiscal year 2007 and \$350 million over the 2007-2012 period. Enacting this bill would not affect revenues or direct spending.

S. 240 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. 240 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the entire amounts authorized for the mapping program will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law for the National Geologic Mapping Program						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	25	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	25	2	1	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	39	64	64	64	64	64
Estimated Outlays	10	77	69	66	64	64
Spending Under S. 240 for the National Geologic Mapping Program						
Authorization Level	64	64	64	64	64	64
Estimated Outlays	35	79	70	66	64	64

a. The 2007 level is the amount appropriated to the USGS for activities under the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 by Public Law 109-383, a joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2007.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 240 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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