



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2007

### **H.R. 2400**

### **Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 28, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2400 would direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to establish an integrated mapping program encompassing the Great Lakes, coastal state waters, the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone, and the continental shelf of the United States. The bill also would establish an interagency committee to coordinate federal mapping of ocean and coastal areas, require an integrated mapping plan to identify and describe all mapping programs, and authorize up to three joint centers for ocean and coastal mapping to be located at colleges or universities. For those purposes, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$296 million over the 2008-2015 period.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized by the bill, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$7 million in fiscal year 2008 and \$116 million over the 2008-2012 period. CBO estimates that \$180 million would be spent after 2012, including \$135 million authorized to be appropriated between 2013 and 2015. Enacting H.R. 2400 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

This legislation 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**

H.R. 2400 would authorize the appropriation of between \$20 million and \$45 million a year for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2015 for a new ocean and coastal mapping initiative. Of those amounts, between \$10 million and \$15 million a year would be available for research and other mapping programs to be carried out at newly authorized ocean and coastal mapping centers.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2400 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 full amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar NOAA programs.

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	20	26	32	38	45
Estimated Outlays	7	15	25	32	37

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a. In addition to the levels shown for 2008 through 2012, the bill would also authorize the appropriation of \$135 million over the 2013-2015 period.

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## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2400 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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