



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1025
Lower Republican River Basin Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

H.R. 1025 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to work with the states of Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado, to conduct a feasibility study on implementing water supply and conservation projects for the Lower Republican River Basin. The act would limit the federal share of the study's cost to 50 percent; the authority of the Secretary to implement this legislation would terminate 10 years after the date of enactment.

According to the Bureau of Reclamation, the total cost of the study is estimated to be \$2 million. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1025 would cost the federal government \$1 million over the 2008-2013 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1025 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.

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