



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1933

Small Community Drinking Water Funding Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 31, 2008*

SUMMARY

S. 1933 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a Small Public Water System Assistance Program. This legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$750 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2014 for EPA to administer this new program and to provide grants to small public drinking water systems located in states or areas governed by Indian tribes. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1933 would cost \$3.1 billion over the 2009-2013 period and \$1.4 billion after 2013. Enacting S. 1933 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1933 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. 1933 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 S. 1933 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2009 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	750	750	750	750	750	3,750
Estimated Outlays	300	600	690	735	750	3,075

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1933 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA, and state, local, and tribal governments would benefit from the funds authorized by this bill. The bill would establish grant programs to support small public water systems. The grant programs would be voluntary, and the associated requirements for participation would not be mandates under UMRA.

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