



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 7, 1999

H.R. 1553 **National Weather Service and Related Agencies** **Authorization Act of 1999**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on April 29, 1999

SUMMARY

H.R. 1553 would authorize the appropriation of \$1,391 million in fiscal year 2000 and \$1,459 million in 2001 for weather and atmospheric research programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Specifically, the bill would authorize funding for NOAA programs carried out by the National Weather Service, the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1553 would result in additional outlays of \$2,828 million over the 2000-2004 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1553 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 H.R. 1553 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1553 will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 1999 and that all amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending rates for these programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	1,413	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1,313	630	257	103	23	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	1,391	1,459	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	747	1,159	564	249	107
Spending Under H.R. 1553						
Authorization Level ^a	1,413	1,391	1,459	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1,313	1,378	1,416	667	272	107

a. The 1999 level is the amount appropriated for that year for activities conducted by the National Weather Service, the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and the National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service that would be authorized by H.R. 1553.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1553 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Some of the funds authorized in this bill would be used to provide grants for research at public universities.

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