



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 27, 2000

H.R. 1787 **Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2000

SUMMARY

H.R. 1787 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million over the 2002-2006 period for ecosystem restoration projects in the Deschutes River basin in Oregon. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1787 would cost \$7 million over the 2002-2005 period, with the remaining \$3 million to be spent after 2005. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1787 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and local governments would probably incur some costs to match the funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in the bill will be appropriated for each year and that outlays will follow the historical spending pattern for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1787 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	1	1	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	1	b	b	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	0	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	0	0	1	2	2	2
Spending Under H.R. 1787						
Authorization Level ^a	1	1	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	1	1	2	2	2	2

- a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year for restoration projects in the Deschutes basin.
b. Less than \$500,000.
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PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1787 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments would probably incur some costs to match the funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary. Under current law, all federal expenditures for restoration projects in the Deschutes basin must be matched by an equal amount of nonfederal contributions, including in-kind contributions. This requirement would apply to the funds authorized by this bill.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On June 21, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1027, the Deschutes Resources Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 1999, as reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 16, 1999. The bills are nearly identical, and their estimated costs are the same.

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