



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 29, 2000

H.R. 2496

**An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and
Design Program Act of 1994**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 28, 2000*

H.R. 2496 would reauthorize discretionary funding for administration of the junior duck stamp program for fiscal years 2001 through 2005 at the current authorization level of \$250,000 annually. Under existing law, this authorization will expire after fiscal year 2000. Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized by H.R. 2496, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend about \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005. In recent years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has spent less than \$200,000 to administer the program, mostly to conduct the annual competition for the design of junior duck stamps.

H.R. 2496 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The legislation 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.

On October 15, 1999, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 2496, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 6, 1999. Our estimate of the costs of the two versions of this legislation is the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.