



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3023

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey property to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona, for use as an international port of entry

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 24, 2000

H.R. 3023 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the Greater Yuma Port Authority of Yuma County, Arizona. As a condition of conveyance, the port authority would have to pay the fair market value of the land, as of the date of the bill's enactment. The bill would require the port authority to use these lands only for the construction and operation of an international port of entry and related activities.

CBO estimates that H.R. 3023 would not have a significant effect on the federal budget. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and the General Services Administration, CBO estimates that the federal government would receive about \$300,000 from the sale of lands to the Greater Yuma Port Authority. Currently, this property does not generate any receipts for the federal government; however, the agency plans to sell the property in the future. CBO expects that sale of the property for the fair market value in 2001 would offset any forgone receipts from sale under current law at a later date. Because enacting H.R. 3023 would affect offsetting receipts (a form of direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

H.R. 3023 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments would probably incur some costs as a result of the bill's enactment, but these costs would be voluntary. Further, the surrounding communities would benefit from the purchase of the land, which would enable them to construct a new port of entry for commercial traffic between the United States and Mexico. This new port of entry would reduce delays at the existing border crossing at San Luis, Arizona.

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