



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4104
Mississippi Sound Restoration Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on July 26, 2000*

SUMMARY

H.R. 4104 would authorize a one-time appropriation of \$10 million for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a Mississippi Sound Restoration Program. This new program would coordinate federal, state, and local efforts to restore the sound. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$10 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount.

The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4104 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

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amount will be appropriated over the 2001-2004 period and that outlays will occur at rates similar to those for other EPA activities associated with water restoration projects. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4104 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment).

| | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars | | | | |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION | | | | | |
| Estimated Authorization Level | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Estimated Outlays | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 |

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4104 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Implementing the bill would benefit Mississippi if the Congress appropriates funds for restoration projects and related scientific and public education projects. Any costs to the state or local governments would be incurred voluntarily.

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