



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 855
Long Island Sound Preservation and Protection Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on April 11, 2000*

H.R. 855 would amend current law to clarify that the requirements of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (MPRSA) apply to certain activities in Fisher's Island Sound. Under that act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulate the disposal of dredged material in ocean waters, including Long Island Sound. Those agencies already consider Fisher's Island Sound to be part of Long Island Sound. Hence, we expect that enacting H.R. 855 would not affect the federal budget.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 855 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.

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