



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2195**

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on September 29, 2000*

**SUMMARY**

S. 2195 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project. This project would recycle wastewater and degraded groundwater. Under S. 2195, the Truckee project would include two efforts, the North Valley Reuse Project and the Spanish Springs Valley Septic Conversion Project. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2195 would cost about \$2 million over the 2001-2003 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. S. 2195 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2195 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**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2195 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				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Estimated Authorization Level	a	a	2	0	0
Estimated Outlays	a	a	2	0	0
a. Less than \$500,000.					

### **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes enactment of S. 2195 early in fiscal year 2001 and the appropriation of necessary funds. This estimate is based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and historical spending patterns of similar programs. CBO estimates that the project would cost \$8 million. Because S. 2195 would limit the federal government's share to 25 percent of the total project cost, we estimate that implementing S. 2195 would cost the federal government \$2 million. Construction would begin in fiscal year 2003, and most of the government spending would occur in that year. S. 2195 would not allow the Secretary to fund the operation and maintenance of the project.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2195 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit Washoe County, Nevada, by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to provide federal funds for up to 25 percent of the cost of the design, planning, and construction of the Truckee watershed reclamation project. Any costs incurred by the county to participate in that project would be voluntary.

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