



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2301

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 24, 2002

SUMMARY

H.R. 2301 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation to design and build a bridge on federal land near the Folsom Dam in California. In addition, the bill would authorize the Secretary to transfer title to the bridge, the connecting structures and the associated easements to the city of Folsom. Following the transfer, the city of Folsom would be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the bridge and connecting structures.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2301 would cost about \$52 million over the 2003-2007 period, and an additional \$15 million after that period. Enacting H.R. 2301 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2301 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 H.R. 2301 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				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	13	13	14	14	13
Estimated Outlays	4	8	13	14	13

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2301 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2003 and the necessary funds will be appropriated for each year. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2301 would cost approximately \$52 million over the 2003-2007 period and an additional \$15 million after that period.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$67 million to design and construct a new bridge adjacent to the Folsom Dam, including all approach roads and structures, and to relocate administrative facilities that would be affected by the bridge construction. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO expects that it will take approximately five years to complete the design and construction of this project and that funds could be appropriated in roughly equal installments over that period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2301 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 the state of California and local governments in the vicinity of the new bridge. These governments might incur some costs to meet conditions imposed by this bill, but those costs would be voluntary.

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