



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

July 31, 2002

H.R. 4938

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study to determine the most feasible method of developing a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water supply for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes

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

H.R. 4938 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate alternatives for a safe and adequate municipal, rural, and industrial water treatment and distribution system for the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska. In addition, if so requested by the tribe, the bill would require the Secretary to enter into a cooperative agreement with the tribe to conduct some parts of the study.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 to complete the feasibility study. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4938 would cost \$500,000 over the 2003-2004 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. H.R. 4938 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4938 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. Any costs incurred by the tribe to participate in this study would be voluntary.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Julie Middleton. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.