



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5039**

**Humboldt Project Conveyance Act**

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

H.R. 5039 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer title to the lands and facilities that make up the Humboldt Project to the Pershing County Water Conservation District, the state of Nevada, and Pershing and Lander counties. As a condition of conveyance, the district, the state, and the counties would pay the federal government the net present value of miscellaneous receipts associated with the lands and facilities they would receive.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5039 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that costs of transferring the real estate, conducting environmental reviews, and other administrative expenses would be less than \$500,000. Because enacting H.R. 5039 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that any such impact would be negligible. The government currently collects a few hundred dollars a year from these lands for grazing permits and leases for utility rights of way. A receipt of the net present value of those amounts would be negligible.

H.R. 5039 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. The conveyance authorized by this bill would benefit the state of Nevada and the local governments that would receive title to lands and facilities. Any costs that these governments would incur to meet the conditions imposed by the bill would be voluntary.

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