



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1608

**A bill to establish a program to provide grants to drinking water and
wastewater facilities to meet immediate security needs**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment
and Public Works on November 8, 2001*

SUMMARY

S. 1608 would authorize an appropriation of \$50 million to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for new grants to states to address security concerns at drinking water and wastewater facilities. States would use such grants to assist publicly or privately owned drinking water or wastewater facilities for projects or activities related to an immediate physical security need, such as the installation of fencing or lighting.

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$50 million in fiscal year 2002, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1608 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, and tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1608 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted by the end of this calendar year, that the full amount authorized will be appropriated in fiscal year 2002, and that all funds will be allocated to states promptly following this legislation's enactment. Each state would be responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and funding grant applications from local water systems.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	50	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	50	0	0	0	0

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1608 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, and tribal governments. The bill would provide a significant benefit to state and local governments by authorizing \$50 million in grants to states who would in turn award funds to drinking water and wastewater facilities for increasing immediate physical security. Any costs associated with the grant program would be considered a condition of aid.

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