



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 9, 2002

S. 1999
A bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 31, 2002*

SUMMARY

S. 1999 would reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project by increasing the amounts authorized to be appropriated for this project by \$58.8 million (in 1997 dollars) and extending the completion date for the project from 2003 to 2008.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1999 would cost about \$55 million over the 2003-2007 period. S. 1999 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1999 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. 1999 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	14	14	14	14
Estimated Outlays	4	9	14	14	14

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1999 will be enacted by the start of fiscal year 2003 and that the necessary funds will be appropriated for each year. CBO estimates that the bill would authorize the appropriation of about \$69 million (including adjustments for anticipated inflation) to complete the construction of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project in addition to the original authorization level of \$263 million. Of this original authorization level, approximately \$184 million has been spent on project construction costs.

Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, we expect that construction of the rural water supply project would take five more years and that funds will be appropriated in roughly equal installments over that period to complete construction. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1999 would cost \$55 million over the 2003-2007 period and an additional \$14 million after that period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1999 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On August 5, 2002, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 4638, a bill to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 26, 2002. The two bills are identical, as are our cost estimates.

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