



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3322
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Visitor Center Act

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 27, 2002*

H.R. 3322 would direct the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to build an education and administrative center at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Utah. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$11 million for this purpose. Section 5 of the legislation would prohibit the USFWS from requiring nonfederal contributors to provide more than \$1.5 million for the project.

The construction project authorized by H.R. 3322 is already being carried out by the USFWS under existing statutory authority. To date, about \$8.5 million has been appropriated or reprogrammed for this project, including \$2 million for fiscal year 2002. CBO estimates that the USFWS would spend up to an additional \$2.5 million for the center as a result of this legislation, assuming appropriation of the authorized amount.

H.R. 3322 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The legislation 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.

On November 30, 2001, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3322 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 28, 2001. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as is the estimated \$11 million cost of the Bear River project. The CBO cost estimate for the Senate version reflects updated information concerning the amounts appropriated for the project to date. An additional \$1 million was reprogrammed to the center from other 2002 appropriations after our estimate of the House version was transmitted.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.