



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 2, 2002

### **S. 2847**

### **Crane Conservation Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on September 26, 2002*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 2847 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to support activities to protect and conserve cranes. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million a year over the 2003-2007 period for the Secretary to convene an advisory panel and provide financial assistance to eligible government agencies, international or foreign organizations, or private entities engaged in such activities. CBO estimates that such assistance would cost \$15 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

S. 2847 would authorize the Secretary to accept and use donations to provide financial assistance; hence, the bill could increase revenues and direct spending. Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, however, CBO estimates that any new revenues and subsequent direct spending would be insignificant.

S. 2847 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2847 would cost \$15 million over the 2003-2007 period. For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2847 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2003 and that authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historic spending patterns for similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2847 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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|  | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|
|  | 2003                                   | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |

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**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION<sup>a</sup>**

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| Authorization Level | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Estimated Outlays   | 1 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 |

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a. Enacting S. 2847 also could increase both revenues (from donations) and direct spending (of donated amounts), but CBO estimates that any such effects would be insignificant.

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2847 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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