



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 135
Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 24, 2003

SUMMARY

H.R. 135 would authorize the establishment of a commission to project the future supply of water, study the current management of the water supply, and issue a report that provides a comprehensive strategy for managing water. For the activities of this commission, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$9 million.

Assuming appropriation of the amount specified in the bill, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 135 would cost \$9 million over the 2004-2008 period. Enacting H.R. 135 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 135 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 H.R. 135 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				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	1	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	*	2	2	3	2

NOTE: * = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 135 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2004 and that the amounts authorized in the bill will be appropriated over the next several years. Estimates of spending are based on historical spending patterns of similar programs.

H.R. 135 would require the President and Congressional leaders to appoint all nine members of the commission before it could meet. CBO expects that the commission would hold its first meeting in the second half of fiscal year 2004. Consequently, we estimate that the commission would incur no significant costs until 2005.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 135 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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