



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3062

A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue separately, for the same area, a lease for tar sand and a lease for oil and gas, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 24, 2003

CBO estimates that H.R. 3062 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 3062 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.

H.R. 3062 would amend section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue separate leases for tar sand and for oil and gas resources that lie within the same parcel of land. Under current law, these resources must be leased together. According to the Bureau of Land Management, the proposed change would not significantly affect the agency's administrative costs or receipts from leasing those resources.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Megan Carroll and Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.