



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1210

Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 30, 2003*

SUMMARY

S. 1210 would direct the Department of the Interior to establish a program to protect and conserve marine turtles. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year over the 2005-2009 period for the department to 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 2004-2008 period and \$10 million after 2008, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

S. 1210 also would authorize the department to accept donations and invest unneeded funds. Amounts earned could be used without further appropriation for the program. Enacting this legislation could therefore increase both revenues (from donations) and direct spending (of interest income and donations), but CBO estimates that any net change would be insignificant.

S. 1210 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

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1210 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted this fall and that authorized amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs. 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
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	0	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	0	1	4	5	5

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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