



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 625

Tualatin River Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2003

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003

S. 625 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of the Tualatin River Basin water supply. The study would identify ways to meet future water supply needs and to improve water quality, as well as water conservation and storage measures.

Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that the total cost of the feasibility study would be \$7 million. Under the act, 50 percent of the cost would be paid by the federal government. To date, the bureau has spent about \$200,000 on initial parts of the study. CBO estimates that implementing S. 625 would cost an additional \$3 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting S. 625 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 625 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. Any state or local government choosing to participate in this study would do so voluntarily.

On May 29, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 625 as ordered reported by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on May 21, 2003. The language of the two versions of the legislation and the two cost estimates are identical.

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