



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 960

Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2004

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 11, 2004*

SUMMARY

S. 960 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in three separate reclamation projects in Hawaii. The Bureau of Reclamation estimates that these projects would cost \$66 million. The bill would limit the federal share of project costs to 25 percent and would prohibit the use of federal funds for operating or maintaining the projects. In addition, this bill would increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the Hawaii Water Resources Study from \$0.3 million to \$2 million.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 960 would cost \$16 million over the 2005-2009 period. Enacting S. 960 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 960 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. The federal funds authorized by this bill would benefit local governments in Hawaii. Any costs incurred by these governments to provide the required matching funds would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 960 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	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	5	4	4	4	0
Estimated Outlays	0	3	4	4	4	1

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 960 will be enacted before the end of fiscal year 2004 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated in each fiscal year starting in 2005. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and historical spending patterns of similar construction projects, CBO estimates that implementing the construction projects outlined in this bill would cost \$16 million over the 2005-2009 period.

CBO does not estimate a cost for increasing the authorization of appropriations for the Hawaii Water Resources Study because this provision became law in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-137).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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