



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 29, 2005

H.R. 3626

Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 2005

H.R. 3626 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in a water management feasibility study of the Arthur V. Watkins Dam in northern Utah. The study would consider increasing the height of the Dam in order to increase the water storage capacity of the Watkins Reservoir and the water supply to the Weber Basin Project area and Wasatch Front. H.R. 3626 would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for the federal share of the cost of this study, which could not exceed 50 percent of the total cost.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3626 would cost \$1 million over the 2006-2007 period. Enacting H.R. 3626 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3626 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. Funds authorized in the bill to conduct a study of the Arthur V. Watkins Dam would benefit the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. Any costs it might incur would result from complying with conditions for receiving federal assistance.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Gregory Waring. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.