



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4750
Lower Republican River Basin Study Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 19, 2006

H.R. 4750 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to work with the states of Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado, to conduct a feasibility study on implementing water supply and conservation projects for the Lower Republican River Basin. The bill would limit the federal cost share of the study to 50 percent. According to the Bureau of Reclamation, the estimated total cost of the study is \$1.5 million. The authority of the Secretary to implement this bill would terminate 10 years after the date of enactment.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4750 would cost \$0.75 million over the 2007-2011 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 4750 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act; any costs to state governments would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Julie Middleton. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.