



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

December 5, 2005

S. 1165

James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on November 17, 2005*

S. 1165 would establish a statutory boundary for the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge in Hawaii. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1165 would cost about \$20 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1165 would expand the boundary of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, which was established administratively in 1976, to include a total of about 1,100 acres. The bill would authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to acquire land within the new boundary, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Based on information provided by the USFWS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the agency would spend \$19 million over the next three years to purchase about 750 acres of land that would be added by the bill to the refuge's administrative boundary. About half of this land, worth an estimated \$7 million, is the subject of an existing agency proposal to expand the refuge administratively and might be purchased even in the absence of this legislation (but possibly not for several years). We estimate that the USFWS would spend about \$500,000 a year to restore and manage the acreage added by the bill once it has been acquired.

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