



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1250
A bill to reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 20, 2005*

SUMMARY

S. 1250 would authorize funding to carry out the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$3 million in 2006 and \$29 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting S. 1250 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1250 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1250 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2006 and that amounts will be provided as specified in the bill. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1250 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				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	7	7	7
Estimated Outlays	3	5	7	7	7

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Under the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000, the Secretary of the Interior provides financial assistance to entities that promote the conservation of great apes in the wild. S. 1250 would authorize the appropriation of \$31 million over the 2005-2010 period to implement that act, and would amend current law to increase the amount of funding the Secretary could use for the program's administrative costs. Based on historical spending patterns for this program and similar conservation activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1250 would cost \$3 million in 2006 and \$29 million over the next five years.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1250 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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