



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2912
Great Lakes Coordination and Oversight Act of 2006

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 23, 2006*

S. 2912, would establish, by statute, the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Both groups have already been established by executive order, and according to EPA, are already operating. While enacting this legislation would require the groups to participate in some additional meetings and provide additional reports, CBO estimates that these additional requirements would have no significant budgetary impact. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

In 2004, the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force was created by executive order to provide strategic direction on federal policy for the Great Lakes region. The task force, in collaboration with the other related groups, convened a group called the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. In 2005, that organization developed a strategy for restoring and protecting the Great Lakes.

S. 2912 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. Any of those governments that choose to participate in the regional collaboration would do so voluntarily.

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