



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 135

Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 10, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 135 would establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission. The commission's responsibilities would include projecting the future of water supply and demand in the United States, studying the management of that supply, and preparing a comprehensive strategy for its management in the future.

Assuming appropriation of the amount specified in the bill, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 135 would cost \$9 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting H.R. 135 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 135 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 135 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				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGING IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	2	3	2	2	0
Estimated Outlays	1	2	3	3	0

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 135 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2008 and that the \$9 million authorized to be appropriated by the bill will be provided over the next four years. Estimates of spending are based on historical spending patterns of similar activities.

H.R. 135 would require the President and the Congress to appoint nine members of the commission before it could meet. CBO expects that the commission would hold its first meeting in the second half of fiscal year 2008, and that the commission would issue its final report in 2011.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 135 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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