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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 839

Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 23, 2007*

H.R. 839 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in a water management feasibility study of the Arthur V. Watkins Dam in northern Utah. The study would consider increasing the height of the dam in order to increase the water storage capacity of the Watkins Reservoir and the water supply to the Weber Basin Project area and the Wasatch Front. H.R. 839 would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for the federal share of the cost of this study, which could not exceed 50 percent of the total cost.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 839 would cost \$1 million over the 2008-2009 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 839 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. Funds authorized in the legislation to conduct a study of the Arthur V. Watkins Dam would benefit the Weber Basin Conservancy District. Any costs it might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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