



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 266

North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 31, 2007*

S. 266 would amend certain provisions of a contract between the Department of the Interior and Oregon's North Unit Irrigation District. CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 266 would amend the North Unit's Irrigation District repayment contract with the Department of the Interior. Under current law, payments under that contract will be completed within the next 35 to 45 years. S. 266 would amend the terms of the district's contract with the department by setting a fixed annual payment and requiring the district's total obligation to be paid to the department by 2044. CBO estimates that enacting S. 266 would increase offsetting receipts by less than \$100,000 a year. (Such collections are a credit against direct spending.) Enacting this bill would not affect revenues.

S. 266 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. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to modify a repayment contract with the North Unit Irrigation District. Other modifications to the contract would increase the number of acres eligible for irrigation and allow the district to use conserved water to support wildlife. Those modifications would generally benefit the district, and any costs they might incur would be incurred voluntarily.

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