



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

May 31, 2007

**S. 542**

**A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the state of Idaho, and for other purposes**

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

S. 542 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct feasibility studies to address water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho. Assuming appropriation of the specified amount, CBO estimates that implementing S. 542 would cost \$3 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 542 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would authorize funding for studies that would benefit water agencies along river systems in the state of Idaho. Any costs they might incur to provide 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.