



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 2489**  
**National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on September 30, 2009*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2489 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year through 2019 for a Department of the Interior (DOI) grant program to support various activities related to geospatial imagery mapping. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$46 million over the 2010-2014 period and \$54 million after 2014. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues or direct spending.

H.R. 2489 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. 2489 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010-
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014

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**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	7	9	10	10	10	46

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2489 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2010 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar DOI programs.

H.R. 2489 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year through 2019 for a DOI grant program to support various activities related to geospatial imagery mapping. Under the bill, DOI would provide grants to state-based consortia of geospatial imagery users (known as StateView programs) for education, workforce training, and research. In 2009, DOI provided \$1 million for grants to more than 35 existing StateView programs to carry out activities similar to those that would be supported by the new grant program. Based on information from DOI, CBO expects that, over the next three years, the number of StateView programs will expand to 53 (including one in the District of Columbia and two in U.S. territories). Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$46 million over the 2010-2014 period and \$54 million after 2014.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2489 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On August 27, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1078, the AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 5, 2009. The two versions of the legislation are similar but include different authorization levels. CBO estimates implementing the Senate bill would cost \$148 million over the 2010-2014 period.

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