



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2693
Oil Pollution Research and Development Program
Reauthorization Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on July 14, 2010*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2693 would authorize appropriations totaling \$240 million through 2015 for an interagency program to research and develop technologies to prevent, mitigate, and clean up oil spills. Of that amount, \$136 million is already authorized under existing law.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$93 million over the 2011-2015 period and \$11 million after 2015. (Those amounts are in addition to the sums authorized to be appropriated under current law.) Enacting H.R. 2693 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2693 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. 2693 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					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level	27	27	27	27	27	136
Estimated Outlays	16	25	27	27	27	123
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	21	21	21	21	21	104
Estimated Outlays	12	19	21	21	21	93
Spending Under H.R. 2693						
Authorization Level	48	48	48	48	48	240
Estimated Outlays	29	43	48	48	48	216

Note: Amounts may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in 2010 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2693 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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