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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2864

A bill to amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 16, 2010

The Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (Public Law 110-386) authorizes the appropriation of \$179 million for fiscal year 2011 and \$182 million for fiscal 2012 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to conduct hydrographic activities (the measurement and description of features that affect maritime navigation). H.R. 2864 would amend that act to specify that, of the amounts already authorized to be appropriated under Public Law 110-386, \$7 million in each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012 would be authorized to be used by NOAA to collect hydrographic data to enhance the safety of maritime navigation and to map the extended continental shelf in the Arctic.

Because the bill would not authorize funding in excess of amounts already authorized to be appropriated under current law, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2864 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2864 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.

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