



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 15, 2009

H.R. 509 **Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on December 10, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 509 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 for the Department of the Interior to support programs to protect and conserve marine turtles. The act also would make states eligible for those funds, which are now available to foreign or international organizations and other entities involved in marine turtle conservation (current law authorizes funding of \$5 million annually through fiscal year 2009 for this program). CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 509 would cost \$22 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 509 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. 509 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the act will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year (except 2010) and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for those activities. For fiscal year 2010, the Congress appropriated \$2 million for this program, so H.R. 509 would authorize the appropriation of an additional \$3 million for that year. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010-2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	3	5	5	5	5	23
Estimated Outlays	1	3	7	6	5	22

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 509 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any costs to state and tribal governments from receiving grants under this act would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On June 17, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 509 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 10, 2009. The two pieces of legislation are identical, but we estimated that implementing the earlier version of H.R. 509 would cost \$24 million over the 2010-2014 period because funding for 2010 had not yet been provided.

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