



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1078
AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science
and Transportation on August 5, 2009*

SUMMARY

S. 1078 would expand the activities of the AmericaView program, a partnership between state-based consortia of geospatial imagery users (StateView programs) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The bill would require the USGS to provide grants to support certain StateView program activities in each state. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Interior to establish an advisory committee to assist the USGS in coordinating the AmericaView program.

Based on information from the USGS and AmericaView, Inc. (a consortium of StateView programs), CBO estimates that implementing S. 1078 would cost \$148 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1078 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 S. 1078 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					2010-2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Grants to StateView Programs						
Estimated Authorization Level	22	27	32	32	32	145
Estimated Outlays	20	27	32	32	32	143
Administrative Costs for AmericaView						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1	5
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Spending Under S. 1078						
Estimated Authorization Level	23	28	33	33	33	150
Estimated Outlays	21	28	33	33	33	148

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2009 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the AmericaView program.

S. 1078 would require the Department of the Interior to award grants to each StateView program to support various activities related to geospatial imagery mapping, including education, workforce training, and research. CBO estimates that providing those grants would cost roughly \$600,000 per StateView program per year over the 2010-2014 period. (In 2009, fewer than 40 StateView programs received less than \$30,000 each from the USGS to carry out a limited set of activities. Historically, the AmericaView program has received annual appropriations ranging from \$1 million to \$3 million, including \$1 million in fiscal year 2009.) In addition, based on information from AmericaView, CBO expects that, over the next three years, the bill would expand the number of StateView programs to 53 (including one in the District of Columbia and two based in U.S. territories. The bill also would require the Secretary of the Interior to appoint an advisory committee to assist the USGS in administering the AmericaView program. CBO estimates that the administrative costs of operating the program would be about \$1 million a year.

Based on information from the USGS and AmericaView, CBO estimates that, in total, implementing S. 1078 would cost \$148 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1078 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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