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S. 3119

Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on June 30, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 3119 would require the Long Island Sound office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to study the impact of climate change on the Long Island Sound watershed and develop strategies to increase public education about that area. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$285 million over the 2011-2015 period.

This legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million annually over the 2011-2015 period for EPA to implement the Long Island Sound comprehensive conservation and management plan. S. 3119 also would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million annually over that same period for EPA to provide grants to states and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners for the procurement and enhancement of sites within the Long Island Sound ecosystem, and to cover the committee's administrative costs. (Such grants are referred to as Long Island Sound Stewardship grants in the bill.)

In addition, S. 3119 would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million to fund a pilot project to demonstrate methods to remove nitrogen and phosphorus from the Long Island Sound watershed. Finally, this legislation would extend the authority to appropriate funding through 2015 for EPA to operate the Office of the Management Conference of the Long Island Sound Study.

Pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to S. 3119 because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3119 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.