



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3362
Sustainable Schools Pollution Reduction Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 20, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 3362 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to schools for implementing technologies to reduce air pollutants, including greenhouse gases. The legislation would authorize the annual appropriation of the necessary amounts for the grant program over the 2011-2015 period.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3362 would cost \$41 million over the 2011-2015 period and \$9 million after 2015.

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

S. 3362 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. 3362 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						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	4	8	9	10	10	41

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 3362 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and that necessary amounts will be appropriated in each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar grants.

Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that the amount of funding required for this proposed program would be similar to the existing Climate Showcase Communities Grant program, which is a competitive program designed to assist local and tribal governments in establishing and implementing climate-change initiatives. For fiscal year 2010, that program is funded at \$10 million.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 3362 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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