



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 690**

**A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act  
to reauthorize the act**

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

**SUMMARY**

S. 690 would authorize appropriations for grants and other activities carried out under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act through 2015. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$51 million over the 2010-2014 period. (After 2014, \$29 million would be spent, including \$20 million authorized to be appropriated in 2015.) Enacting S. 690 would have no effect on revenues or direct spending.

The bill 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. 690 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						2009- 2014
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Spending Under Current Law							
Budget Authority/Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	5	6	0	0	0	0	11
Estimated Outlays	4	5	1	0	0	0	11
Proposed Changes							
Authorization Level	0	2	11	13	16	18	60
Estimated Levels	0	1	7	11	15	17	51
Spending Under S. 690							
Budget Authority/Authorization Level	5	8	11	13	16	18	71
Estimated Outlays	4	6	8	11	15	17	62

a. The 2009 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program. Under current law, \$6.5 million in funding is authorized to be appropriated for 2010.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 690 will be enacted near the end of 2009 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each year, including \$1.5 million for 2010 (in addition to \$6.5 million that is already authorized for that year). Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

S. 690 would authorize annual funding of between \$8 million (for 2010) and \$20 million (for 2015) for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Program. The program is carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and supports research and conservation grants to protect certain species of birds.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 690 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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