



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2060 **Central Oregon Jobs and Water Security Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on October 5, 2011*

H.R. 2060 would modify features of the Crooked River Project located in central Oregon, north of the city of Prineville, and prioritize the allocations of water from the project for different uses. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2060 would have an insignificant impact on direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. The legislation would not affect revenues.

The main features of the Crooked River Project include Bowman Dam, Prineville Reservoir, and Ochoco Dam and Reservoir located in the Ochoco Irrigation District. Enacting two provisions of H.R. 2060 would have an insignificant impact on net direct spending over the next 10 years. Those provisions would:

- Require the city of Prineville to pay the Bureau of Reclamation for additional water to be released from the Prineville Reservoir. Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that those payments would average less than \$40,000 annually.
- Authorize landowners in Ochoco Irrigation District to prepay construction costs of the Crooked River project allocated to their land. Those landowners owe the bureau \$400,000, and CBO estimates that exercising the prepayment option would increase net receipts by less than \$50,000 over the 2012-2021 period.

CBO estimates that implementing other provisions of the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 2060 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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