



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1266
Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2011
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on December 8, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 1266 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year over the 2012-2017 period for a program to restore the Delaware River Basin. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$22 million over the 2012-2016 period and \$8 million after 2016. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1266 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. 1266 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	2	5	5	5	5	22

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1266 will be enacted early in 2012 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar activities.

S. 1266 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year over the 2012-2017 period for the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program. Under the program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) would coordinate restoration activities and provide grants to entities involved in restoring the basin. The bill also would require the agency to submit annual reports to the Congress describing activities conducted under the program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$22 million over the 2012-2016 period and \$8 million after 2016.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1266 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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