



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1313 **Clean Estuaries Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 13, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 1313 would authorize the appropriation of \$35 million annually over the 2012-2017 period for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Estuary Program. The authorization for this program expired in 2010, and \$27 million was appropriated for the program in 2011. Under the National Estuary Program, EPA develops plans for attaining or maintaining water quality in an estuary. This legislation also would require EPA to evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the entire National Estuary Program every five years. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$151 million over the 2012-2016 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Enacting S. 1313 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1313 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 this legislation 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					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	35	35	35	35	35	175
Estimated Outlays	16	30	35	35	35	151

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO assumes that S. 1313 will be enacted near the start of 2012 and that the amounts authorized will be appropriated each fiscal year beginning in 2012. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the National Estuary Program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1313 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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