



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1657
Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2011

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on November 2, 2011*

S. 1657 would reauthorize and modify the current formula used to distribute funds from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (SFRBTF) through 2017. The legislation would adjust the allocation of amounts from the SFRBTF to programs related to sport fish restoration, boating safety, and coastal wetlands restoration under the Federal Aid Sport Fish Restoration Act but would not affect the overall amounts spent from the fund. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1657 could affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any change in direct spending would be insignificant for each year. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

Grants for coastal wetland projects, sport fish restoration, and boating safety are financed by excise taxes and other collections deposited into the SFRBTF. Each program receives direct spending authority equal to a specified allocation of the fund's income. The bill would change how those amounts are allocated from the trust fund after 2012. That change could have a minor effect on the rate of spending; however, the legislation would not change the amount available to be spent from the fund.

CBO has reviewed the nontax provisions of S. 1657 and determined that they contain 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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