



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1740
Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network
Reauthorization Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on December 8, 2011*

SUMMARY

S. 1740 would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million over the 2012-2016 period for the Chesapeake Bay Initiative, a program carried out by the National Park Service (NPS) and other federal agencies to conserve resources in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$13 million over the 2012-2016 period. Enacting S. 1740 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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. 1740 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- 2017 |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | |

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

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| Authorization Level ^a | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| Estimated Outlays | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 13 |

a. S. 1740 would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million for the Chesapeake Bay Initiative in 2012. The National Park Service has already allocated \$2 million from its fiscal year 2012 appropriation for programs under that initiative.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1740 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 this program.

S. 1740 would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million a year over the 2012-2016 period for projects carried out under the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998. Based on information provided by the NPS and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$13 million over the 2012-2016 period. That estimate reflects the fact that the NPS has already allocated \$2 million of its existing appropriation for 2012 for the Chesapeake Bay initiative.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1740 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. State and local governments could benefit from grants authorized by the bill.

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