



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2042**  
**Clean Estuaries Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on April 3, 2014*

**SUMMARY**

S. 2042 would authorize the appropriation of \$35 million annually over the 2015-2019 period for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) National Estuary Program. 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 2015-2019 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Enacting S. 2042 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 2042 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary effect of this legislation is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015- 2019

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**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Authorization Level	35	35	35	35	35	175
Estimated Outlays	16	30	35	35	35	151

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

CBO assumes that S. 2042 will be enacted near the end of 2014 and that the amounts authorized will be appropriated each fiscal year beginning in 2015. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the National Estuary Program. The authorization for this program expired in 2010, and \$25 million was appropriated for the program in 2014. Under the National Estuary Program, EPA develops plans for attaining or maintaining water quality in an estuary.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 2042 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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