



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 224

San Francisco Bay Restoration Act

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

SUMMARY

S. 224 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to state, local, and nonprofit agencies to fund ecosystem restoration projects and habitat improvement in the San Francisco Estuary in California. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2017. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 224 would cost \$15 million over the 2015-2019 period.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 224 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 S. 224 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					2015- 2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	0	0	15
Estimated Outlays	3	5	5	2	0	15

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 224 will be enacted near the end of 2014 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 224 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments could benefit from grants authorized by the bill. Any costs to state and local governments that result from participation in the grant program would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

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