



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 684
Mni Wiconi Project Act Amendments of 2013
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 16, 2013*

SUMMARY

S. 684 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to develop plans to complete the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System, the Rosebud Sioux Rural Water Supply System, and the Lower Brule Sioux Rural Water Supply System in southwestern South Dakota. The bill also would authorize the bureau to enter into agreements with other federal agencies to complete those projects. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 684 would cost \$29 million over the 2014-2018 period and an additional \$62 million after 2018.

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

S. 684 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 impact of S. 684 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					2014-2018
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	0	8	12	6	6	32
Estimated Outlays	0	5	9	8	7	29

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 684 will be enacted late in 2013 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated over the next several years.

S. 684 would require the Bureau of Reclamation to develop plans to complete the three water supply systems in southwestern South Dakota within 15 years. Those plans would require the bureau to enter into agreements with other federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to upgrade those systems, connect certain rural water users to those systems, and construct a water distribution system for livestock. The bureau also would be required to complete drinking water distribution systems on two Indian reservations that are part of the affected water supply systems.

S. 684 would specifically authorize the appropriation of \$14 million for the bureau to complete the necessary activities and would authorize the appropriation of whatever sums are necessary for other agencies to assist in completion of that work. Under the bill, the bureau would be tasked with coordinating work by all federal agencies. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would cost \$29 million over the 2014-2018 period and an additional \$62 million after 2018.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 684 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Enacting this bill would benefit tribes in South Dakota.

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