



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 693
A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 16, 2013

SUMMARY

S. 693 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in developing a project to reclaim and reuse groundwater in Hermiston, Oregon. The bill also would deauthorize the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project in Oregon. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 693 would cost \$7 million over the 2014-2018 period.

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

S. 693 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. 693 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-
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	7	0	0	0	0	7
Estimated Outlays	4	2	1	0	0	7

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 693 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2014 and that the federal share of the project's costs will be appropriated in that year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar water recycling projects.

S. 693 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to design, plan, and construct water recycling facilities in Hermiston, Oregon. The federal share of the project's costs would be limited to the lesser of 25 percent of the total project costs or \$20 million. Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that the total cost of the project would be about \$26 million. Under the bill, the federal share of the project's costs would be about \$7 million; the remaining \$19 million would be the responsibility of local governments as would ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 693 would cost \$7 million over the 2014-2018 period.

The bill would also deauthorize the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project. The project was authorized in 1998, and of the \$600,000 appropriated for planning and coordination activities, less than \$300,000 was expended. The project has been classified as inactive since 2011. CBO estimates that the deauthorization would have no impact on the budget.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 693 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The water project authorized by the bill would benefit the City of Hermiston, Oregon. Any costs the city might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

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