



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 969
**A bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act
to reauthorize the Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on February 6, 2014*

SUMMARY

S. 969 would authorize appropriations of \$6.5 million a year through 2019 for grants and other activities carried out under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$33 million over the 2014-2019 period. Enacting S. 969 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).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 969 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 969 will be enacted in 2014 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year including supplemental amounts for 2014. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2014- 2019
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level ^a	3	7	7	7	7	7	35
Estimated Outlays	1	6	7	7	7	7	33

Note: Components do not sum to totals because of rounding.

a. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received appropriations totaling about \$4 million in fiscal year 2014 to carry out activities under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. The authorization level shown here for 2014 is the difference between that appropriation and the amount that would be authorized by S. 969.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 969 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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