



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2325  
Digital Coast Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on April 27, 2016*

S. 2325 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary through 2020 to continue the Digital Coast program. Under that program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) makes geospatial data, decision-support tools, and best practices available on a public website.

In 2015, NOAA allocated appropriated funds totaling \$4 million to carry out the Digital Coast program. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$16 million over the 2017-2021 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2325 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2325 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by authorizing federal financial and technical assistance for coastal communities. Any costs incurred by those entities, including matching contributions, would result from participation in a voluntary federal program.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.