



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2431
National Integrated Drought Information System
Reauthorization Act of 2013

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
on December 5, 2013*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2431 would amend the National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$13.5 million annually over the 2014-2018 period for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to maintain a system to provide early warnings of droughts by collecting and disseminating information and coordinating research on drought conditions.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$60 million over the 2014-2018 period and \$8 million after 2018. Enacting H.R. 2431 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2431 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2431 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						
Authorization Level	14	14	14	14	14	68
Estimated Outlays	9	11	13	14	14	60

Note: Amounts may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted early in 2014 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program. Although funds have probably been appropriated through January 15, 2014, to conduct activities authorized under the bill, CBO cannot identify those amounts because NOAA has not yet allocated its 2014 appropriations for those activities.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2431 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On September 5, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 376, the Drought Information Act of 2013, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on July 30, 2013. The two bills are similar; however, the Senate version of the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$14.5 million a year over the 2014-2018 period. The CBO cost estimates reflect that difference.

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