



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1344
Arctic Research, Monitoring, and Observing Act of 2013
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on July 30, 2013*

SUMMARY

S. 1344 would amend the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 to establish a grant program to provide funding to nonfederal entities to conduct research related to the Arctic. Based on information regarding the cost of similar grant programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$17 million over the 2014-2018 period. Enacting S. 1344 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1344 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. 1344 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	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	2	3	4	4	4	17

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the end of 2013 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar NOAA grant programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1344 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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