



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2288
Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2288 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary over the 2012-2023 period to fund fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. Under current law, the Secretary spends certain receipts collected by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for those activities, without further appropriation. That authority expires at the end of fiscal year 2011.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2288 would cost \$12 million over the 2011-2015 period, subject to appropriation of the authorized amounts. (Additional costs of \$3 million to \$4 million a year would continue for 2016 through 2023, subject to appropriation action.) Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2288 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. 2288 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					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	3	3	3	3	12
Estimated Outlays	0	3	3	3	3	12

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that this legislation will be enacted in 2010 and that the estimated amounts to implement the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year beginning in 2012.

H.R. 2288 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary to continue to fund fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins after the current authority expires. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and WAPA, CBO estimates that those costs would be about \$3 million a year over the 2012-2015 period, and \$3 million to \$4 million a year for 2016 through 2023.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2288 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 January 28, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1453, the Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 16, 2009. While H.R. 2288 would authorize appropriations for fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, S. 1453 would extend the Secretary of the Interior's current authority to spend WAPA proceeds through 2023, without further appropriation, for those programs. CBO estimates that S. 1453 would increase direct spending by \$30 million over the 2011-2020 period and by another \$12 million through 2023.

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