



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 962**  
**Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative**  
**Reauthorization Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation on June 8, 2011*

S. 962 would reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act and codify aspects of the initiative, including the composition and goals of the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission. The bill also would require the commission to submit an annual report to the Congress regarding its activities. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 962 would cost approximately \$2 million a year over the 2012-2016 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The Northwest Straits Initiative is an intergovernmental partnership that restores and protects marine resources along the northwest coast of Washington state. The initiative is led by the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission, composed of federal, state, and county representatives; the commission provides resources and support to county governments working to achieve the goals of the Northwest Straits Initiative.

Authorization for the Northwest Straits Initiative expired in 2004. In recent years, the initiative has received appropriations ranging from \$1 million to \$2 million annually.

S. 962 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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