



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 7, 1997

### **H. Con. Res. 151**

**Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives, and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in managing its forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 1, 1997*

H. Con. Res. 151 expresses the sense of the Congress that reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere should be included among other objectives in managing forests. If the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) changed their forest management plans to include this additional objective, H. Con. Res. 151 could affect direct spending (including offsetting receipts) by altering the amount and timing of timber harvested from federal lands. However, CBO has no basis for predicting whether compliance with this concurrent resolution would increase or decrease direct spending, nor can we predict the magnitude of any such changes. If the agencies amended all the existing forest management plans to include the additional management objective in this concurrent resolution, discretionary spending would increase, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 does not apply to concurrent resolutions.

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