



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

September 25, 1998

**S. 2470**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on September 23, 1998*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2470 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we expect that net changes in direct spending would be negligible. S. 2470 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.

S. 2470 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to exclude 25-acre Pumpkin Key, Florida, from the Coastal Barrier Resources System. This change would enable local property owners to obtain federal flood insurance. Once insurance policies have been written on all of the affected properties, offsetting collections into the national flood insurance fund from premiums would increase by about \$20,000 per year. Collections would be partially offset by new mandatory spending for underwriting and administrative expenses. The federal government may also incur additional costs for losses associated with any future floods that might affect this land, but CBO has no basis for predicting such floods or their resulting costs.

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