



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1537
Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Act
*As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 18, 2018*

S. 1537 would authorize the appropriation of \$6.5 million a year through 2023 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to provide grants for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. In 2018, the USFWS received appropriations totaling \$4 million to carry out that program. As shown in the following table and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1537 would cost \$29 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2019-2023
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Authorization Level	0	7	7	7	7	7	33
Estimated Outlays	0	4	6	7	7	7	29

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1537 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 1537 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On September 8, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1514, the HELP for Wildlife Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 26, 2017. Section 6 of S. 1514 is similar to S. 1537 and CBO's estimates of the budgetary effects are the same.

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