



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

November 20, 2018

S. 2166
Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 2, 2018*

SUMMARY

S. 2166 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million for each year over the 2020-2023 period for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to participate in fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin. Fish recovery activities under those programs include research, fish population monitoring, removal of nonnative fish, and program management activities. Using information from BOR, CBO estimates that enacting S. 2166 would cost about \$35 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming the appropriation of specified amounts. In recent years, annual spending for fish recovery programs has totaled about \$12 million.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2166 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 2166 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of S. 2166 is shown in the following table. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2019-2023
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	0	10	10	10	10	40
Estimated Outlays	0	6	9	10	10	35

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2166 will be enacted in 2019 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2166 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

MANDATES

S. 2166 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the UMRA.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On January 31, 2018, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4465, the Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on December 13, 2017. H.R. 4465 would increase direct spending for fish recovery programs, but those changes would be offset by reductions in other spending. Spending under S. 2166 would be subject to further appropriation. CBO's estimates reflect those differences.

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