



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1203

Department of Energy Electricity Programs Enhancement Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 25, 2007*

S. 1203 would modify the management structure of the Department of Energy (DOE) by adding an additional position for an Assistant Secretary. The legislation also would express the sense of the Congress that the department's electricity delivery and reliability activities should be managed by an Assistant Secretary.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1203 would cost less than \$1 million a year, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. DOE currently has seven Assistant Secretaries, as authorized by existing law, including an Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Based on the staffing of other such positions at DOE, CBO expects that the additional office of the Assistant Secretary would include two or more deputies and related support staff. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1203 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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