

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 6, 1999

S. 1377

A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act regarding the use of funds for water development for the Bonneville Unit, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 22, 1999

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1377 would have no impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1377 would authorize the appropriation of up to \$60 million for the Secretary of the Interior to acquire water rights for instream flows and to complete certain other projects, if such funds are not needed for the projects currently authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO expects that the department will use all available funds for purposes authorized under current law, assuming appropriation of such amounts. Thus, the bill would neither affect funds already appropriated nor increase the total amount of funds authorized to be appropriated for the Central Utah Project.

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