



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1264 **Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
on November 18, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 1264 would authorize the appropriation of \$54 million over the 2011-2015 period for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to assess the condition of certain irrigation infrastructure in Colorado and provide grants to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to repair that infrastructure. Based on information from DOI and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$49 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting S. 1264 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1264 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1264 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	14	10	10	10	10	54
Estimated Outlays	8	11	10	10	10	49

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in calendar year 2010 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar DOI activities.

S. 1264 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million for DOI to assess the condition of infrastructure associated with the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project in Colorado. The assessment would identify critical repairs to be made over the next 10 years to maintain the project. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year over the 2011-2015 period for DOI to provide grants to the Southern Ute Indian tribe to make necessary repairs to the project. CBO expects that grants awarded in 2011 would be used to make critical repairs identified in a 2008 study and that future grant awards would be spent based on the results of the assessment authorized under the bill. Based on information from DOI and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$49 million over the 2011-2015 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1264 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would benefit from assistance to repair irrigation infrastructure. Any costs to the tribe would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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