



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 264

Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2005

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 9, 2005*

SUMMARY

S. 264 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in three separate reclamation projects in Hawaii. The Bureau of Reclamation estimates that these projects would cost \$66 million. The bill would limit the federal share of project costs to 25 percent and would prohibit the use of federal funds for operating or maintaining the projects.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 264 would cost \$16 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting S. 264 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 264 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. The federal funds authorized by this bill would benefit local governments in Hawaii. Any costs incurred by those governments to provide the required matching funds would be incurred voluntarily.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 264 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	5	4	4	4	0
Estimated Outlays	0	3	4	4	4	1

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 264 will be enacted before the end of fiscal year 2005 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated in each fiscal year starting in 2006. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation and historical spending patterns of similar construction projects, CBO estimates that implementing the construction projects outlined in this bill would cost \$16 million over the 2006-2010 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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