



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1526

Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1526 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to help plan, design, and construct several water recycling projects in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1526 would cost \$28 million over the 2008-2013 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1526 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 H.R. 1526 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					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	12	10	2	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	9	14	2	0	0

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in fiscal year 2008 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each year.

H.R. 1526 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to help plan, design, and construct several water recycling projects in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The projects would be constructed with the cooperation of the affected municipalities. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that the total cost of all the projects would be about \$110 million.

Under the act, the federal share of those costs would be limited to the lesser of 25 percent or \$28 million. Federal funds would not be available for operating and maintaining the projects.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$28 million (25 percent of \$110 million) over the 2008-2013 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1526 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Funds authorized to be appropriated by the act would benefit a number of cities and water districts in California.

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