



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 12, 2007

### **H.R. 569**

### **Water Quality Investment Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on February 7, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 569 would authorize the appropriation of \$1.80 billion over the 2008-2012 period for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to municipalities and states to control overflows of untreated wastewater that can occur during episodes of wet weather. Such overflows of sewage can pose a health and safety risk if they flow into rivers, lakes, and streets. This legislation also would permit states and municipalities to use the grant money to provide loans for eligible projects. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$1.45 billion over the next five years and an additional \$0.35 billion after 2012, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 569 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. Enacting this bill would benefit states and municipalities receiving grant funding to control sewer overflow; any costs that they might incur would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2007 and that the amounts authorized will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns of similar grant programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 569 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	250	300	350	400	500
Estimated Outlays	125	225	300	360	440

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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