



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 2939**  
**Water Rights Protection Act of 2017**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 27, 2017*

H.R. 2939 would prevent federal agencies from requiring certain entities to relinquish their water rights to the United States in order to use public lands. The bill also would require the affected agencies to consult with states when developing policy related to land use agreements.

Because CBO expects that implementing the bill would not affect the number of users of public lands or the amount of receipts received by federal agencies for the use of those lands, we estimate that implementing the bill would have no effect on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 2939 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2939 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2939 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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