



H.R. 1526 - Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act of 2007

Floor Situation

H.R. 1526 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. George Miller (D-CA) on March 13, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Natural Resources by a voice vote.

H.R.1526 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

Summary

This legislation authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, construction, and design of the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program.

The legislation authorizes \$28,000,000 to be used in the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program. The funds will be divided as follows:

- Mountain View, Moffett Area Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project - \$5,000,000
- Pittsburg Recycled Water Project - \$1,400,000
- Antioch Recycled Water Project - \$2,250,000
- North Coast County Water District Recycled Water Project - \$2,500,000
- Redwood City Recycled Water Project - \$1,100,000
- South Santa Clara County Recycled Water Project - \$7,000,000
- South Bay Advanced Recycled Water Treatment Facility - \$8,250,000

Background

California gets most of its water from Colorado and portions of the state are very arid state. Annually, the State deals with numerous forest fires and is frequently faced with drought conditions. Rather than store water for later use, the state of California uses the water it has and recycles it to be used for drinking and irrigation.

Cost

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), assuming appropriation of funds, estimates that implementing H.R. 1526 would cost \$28 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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