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LAKEHAVEN, WASHINGTON, WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECT

NOVEMBER 27, 2001.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 2115]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 2115 is to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 2115 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to add the Lakehaven Utility District reclamation project to its current list of 25 specifically authorized projects under Title XVI of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act. Lakehaven Utility District is proposing a water reclamation program that would result in the reduction or elimination of local secondary wastewater to the Puget Sound, conjunctive use of re-

claimed water, groundwater and surface water, and enhancement of existing wetlands and fish habitat.

Lakehaven has two secondary wastewater treatment plants currently discharging over six million gallons of water a day into Puget Sound. The District would use reclaimed water to manage groundwater levels, thereby enhancing the reliability of existing water supplies.

The project would result in the construction of additional treatment systems at the District's two wastewater treatment plants that would further purify all or a portion of the plants' secondary effluent. Lakehaven is also planning the construction of transmission and distribution pipeline systems to transport water to reuse areas, where facilities will be developed to direct the water to the aquifer. This would be done through injection wells, sub-surface infiltration galleries and land applications in areas that are currently wetland restoration project areas. The cost for these facilities is estimated to be $38 million. Under Title XVI the federal portion of the cost of constructing facilities cannot exceed 25 percent, with a maximum of $20 million.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 2115 was introduced on June 7, 2001, by Congressman Adam Smith (D–WA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. On October 2, 2001, the Subcommittee met to mark up the bill. No amendments were offered and the bill was forwarded to the Full Committee. On October 17, 2001, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not

contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2001.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2115, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton.

Sincerely,

DAN L. CRIPPEN,
Director.

Enclosure.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

H.R. 2115—A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington

Summary: H.R. 2115 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater in the Lakehaven Utility District. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2115 would cost $8 million over the 2002–2006 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. H.R. 2115 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2115 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

Estimated cost to the Federal Government: The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2115 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—				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization level	10	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	2	3

Basis of estimate: For this estimate, CBO assumes H.R. 2115 will be enacted early in fiscal year 2002 and the necessary funds will be appropriated this year. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, we estimate that the Lakehaven Water Reclamation and Reuse Project would cost $38 million. H.R. 2115 would amend section 1615 of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize funding for this project. The bill would limit the federal contribution to 25 percent of the project's total cost. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2115 would cost the federal government $8 million over the 2002–2006 period and an additional $2 million thereafter. The remaining project costs would be paid for with nonfederal funds. H.R. 2115 would not allow the federal government to fund the operation and maintenance of the project.

Pay-as-you-go considerations: None.

Intergovernmental and Private-sector impact: H.R. 2115 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: Julie Middleton. Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: Marjorie Miller. Impact on the Private Sector: Lauren Marks.

Estimate approved by: Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italic and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

RECLAMATION WASTEWATER AND GROUNDWATER STUDY AND FACILITIES ACT

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SEC. 2. DEFINITION AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

For purposes of this Act, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

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TITLE XVI—RECLAMATION WASTEWATER AND GROUNDWATER STUDIES

SEC. 1601. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be referred to as the "Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act".

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SEC. 1635. LAKEHAVEN, WASHINGTON, WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECT.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Lakehaven Utility District, Washington, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of, and land acquisition for, a project to reclaim and reuse wastewater, including degraded groundwaters, within and outside of the service area of the Lakehaven Utility District.

(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of the project authorized by this section shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation and maintenance of the project authorized by this section.

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