



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 22, 2009

**S. 668  
Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative  
Reauthorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on July 8, 2009*

S. 668 would reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act and codify aspects of the initiative, including the composition and goals of the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission. The bill also would require the commission to submit an annual report to the Congress. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 668 would cost \$2 million a year over the 2010-2014 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The Northwest Straits Initiative is an intergovernmental partnership that restores and protects marine resources along the northwest coast of Washington state. The initiative is led by the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission, composed of federal, state, and county representatives, who provide resources and support to county governments working to achieve the goals of the Northwest Straits Initiative.

Authorization of the Northwest Straits Initiative expired in 2004. In fiscal years 2004 through 2008, the initiative received appropriations ranging from \$1 million to \$2 million annually, including \$1.6 million in fiscal year 2008.

S. 668 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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