



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 293**

**A bill to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 4, 1999*

S. 293 would direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to convey to San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico, a ten-acre parcel of federal property, including improvements on the land. As consideration for the conveyance, the bill would require San Juan College to pay an amount consistent with the Bureau of Land Management's special pricing program for governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, and to indemnify the federal government from all liability arising from the property.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 293 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Based on information from the Forest Service and San Juan College, we estimate that the college would pay less than \$1,000 to acquire the property, including improvements. The agencies do not have any plans to sell the land under current law. Because S. 293 would increase offsetting receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, we estimate that the impact on direct spending would be negligible.

S. 293 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), but the costs of that mandate would be far less than the threshold established by that act (\$50 million per year in 1996, adjusted annually for inflation). The bill would require San Juan College, a public institution, to pay for a survey of the property to be conveyed. CBO estimates that this mandate would not impose substantial costs on the college. Any other costs that the college might incur as a result of this bill would be voluntary. S. 293 contains no new private-sector mandate as defined in UMRA.

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