



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

June 24, 1999

S. 614
Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act of
1999

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 16, 1999

CBO estimates that implementing S. 614 would have no significant impact on federal spending. Because enacting the bill could affect direct spending and governmental receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that any such effects would be insignificant. S. 614 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.

S. 614 would direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Regulatory Reform and Business Development on Indian Lands Authority to review all laws and regulations that affect economic development in Native American communities. The bill would require this new authority to prepare a report on its findings and recommendations within one year of enactment. S. 614 would authorize appropriation of the amounts necessary to implement the bill and would allow the authority to accept and use gifts or donations of services or property. Based on information from the Department of Commerce, CBO estimates that the total cost of implementing S. 614 would be less than \$500,000 and that the total value of any gifts or donations accepted and used by the authority would be negligible.

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