



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1953

An act to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on land held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians of the Guidiville Indian Rancheria

As reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on May 18, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1953 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because enactment of H.R. 1953 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The act contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1953 would add lands held in trust for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, the Guidiville Band of Pomo Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians to the list of lands that could be leased for up to 99 years. Under current law, these tribes may only enter into leases on lands in trust that do not exceed 25 years. Based on information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), CBO expects that implementing this change in lease terms could result in a small administrative cost savings to that agency because of less frequent lease renewals. However, CBO estimates that any such savings would be less than \$500,000 a year over the 2001-2005 period.

The legislation also would revoke the charter of incorporation of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Wisconsin. That tribe has applied to have its charter revoked and such action requires Congressional approval. Based on information from BIA, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would have little or no impact on the agency's spending.

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