



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 3657**

**A bill to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the state of California, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 7, 2000*

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant net effect on the federal budget. Because the bill would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but the impact on direct spending would be negligible. H.R. 3657 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

Since 1995, KATY 101.3 FM (KATY), a small radio station, has operated a communication tower on approximately 1 acre of land that it leases within the San Bernardino National Forest in California. H.R. 3657 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey that property to KATY in return for a payment equal to the land's appraised full market value. The bill also would require the Secretary, upon receipt of a payment by KATY of \$16,600 (the estimated amount of arrears owed by KATY to the federal government), to release KATY from all claims arising from its lease of the site. Under the bill, the Secretary would not be required to provide access to the site. KATY would bear all administrative costs associated with the conveyance and would have to agree to indemnify the United States against future claims regarding the property.

H.R. 3657 would authorize the Secretary to spend, without further appropriation, funds received from KATY to acquire other property for the San Bernardino National Forest. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that the federal government would receive as much as \$150,000 from KATY in 2001. Those payments would be recorded as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), and would be spent over the 2001-2002 period.

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