



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3249

An act to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 28, 2004*

H.R. 3249 would extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee through fiscal year 2007. That committee was established in October 2000 to develop recommendations for the Congress concerning payments to state and local governments to support public education and other programs in counties where certain federal lands are located.

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that extending the committee's term would cost about \$200,000 a year over the 2005-2007 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the cost of salaries and other expenses for the committee. The act would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 3249 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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