



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 229

Albuquerque Biological Park Title Clarification Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on February 9, 2005*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 229 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. This bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue a quitclaim deed conveying all right, title, and interest of the federal government in two pieces of property in New Mexico, to the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The properties are known as Tingley Beach and San Gabriel Park.

The federal government currently does not generate any income from these two pieces of property, nor does it spend any funds to operate or maintain them. Tingley Beach and San Gabriel Park are part of a larger reclamation project called the Middle Rio Grande Project which is operated primarily by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. The federal government and the district are currently involved in a lawsuit regarding title to all of the lands in the Middle Rio Grande Project. S. 229 would settle the title of the two pieces of property by conveying them to the city of Albuquerque. The government would not receive any compensation from the city for these lands.

Enacting S. 229 would not affect direct spending or revenues. This legislation 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. Enacting this legislation would benefit the city of Albuquerque.

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