



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

July 20, 2007

**H.R. 2952**

**A bill to authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians  
of the state of Michigan to convey land and  
interests in land owned by the tribe**

*As ordered reported by the Committee on Natural Resources on July 18, 2007.*

H.R. 2952 would authorize the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Indians to convey or lease, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, any land or interest in land owned by the tribe and not held in trust by the United States. Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

Currently, the Non-Intercourse Act prohibits the conveyance of an interest in land from an Indian tribe without approval by the Secretary. Because of a dispute in the federal courts, it is not clear whether the land specified under the bill is subject to this prohibition.

H.R. 2952 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Leigh Angres. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistance Director for Budget Analysis.