



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1308

Quinault Permanent Fisheries Fund Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 21, 2002

S. 1308 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to distribute a judgment awarded to the Quinault Indian Tribe in 1989. About \$1 million in judgments and accumulated interest is being held in a trust fund on behalf of the tribe; however, the Secretary does not have the authority to distribute the funds without Congressional action. S. 1308 would allow the tribe to withdraw the \$600,000 award and over \$600,000 in interest from the Treasury.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that enacting S. 1308 would cost about \$1 million in 2002 for the payment to the tribe. Because S. 1308 would result in direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. S. 1308 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. Enactment of this legislation would benefit the Quinault Indian Nation.

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