



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 17, 2004

**H.R. 1658
Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on June 16, 2004*

H.R. 1658 would amend Private Law 103-2 to clarify that the federal government has no claim to two parcels of privately owned land in California. Those parcels were originally granted by the federal government to the Central Pacific Railroad in 1862 and subsequently conveyed to private landowners. Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1658 would have no impact on federal spending or revenues.

On August 6, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1658 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 9, 2003. The two versions of this legislation are similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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