



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 24, 2004

H.R. 4596

A bill to amend Public Law 97-435 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to release certain conditions contained in a patent concerning certain land conveyed by the United States to Eastern Washington University until December 31, 2009

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 15, 2004

In 1961, the federal government conveyed 21 acres of land to Eastern Washington University. Under the terms of that conveyance, if the university uses the land for some purpose other than education or recreation, ownership reverts to the federal government. H.R. 4596 would authorize the Secretary to release the federal government's reversionary interest in the land to allow the university to sell or exchange the property.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that allowing the university to sell or exchange this land under H.R. 4596 would not affect the federal budget. H.R. 4596 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 Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.