



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 20, 2004

S. 1955

Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on April 7, 2004

SUMMARY

S. 1955 would authorize appropriations for programs of the Department of Justice and Department of the Interior that support courts and other judicial systems for Indian Tribes. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1955 would cost \$2 million in 2005 and \$137 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

S. 1955 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1955 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation would fall within budget functions 450 (community and regional development) and 750 (administration of justice).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1955 will be enacted by the beginning of calendar year 2005 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for Tribal Justice Programs						
Department of Justice						
Budget Authority ^a	8	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	5	4	3	1	0
Department of the Interior						
Authorization Level	0	58	58	58	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	52	58	58	6	0
Proposed Changes						
Department of Justice						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	8	8	8	9	9
Estimated Outlays	0	2	4	6	7	8
Department of the Interior						
Authorization Level	0	0	0	0	58	58
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	0	52	58
Total Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	8	8	8	67	67
Estimated Outlays	0	2	4	6	59	66
Spending Under S. 1955 for Tribal Justice Programs						
Estimated Authorization Level ^a	8	66	66	66	67	67
Estimated Outlays	7	59	66	67	66	66

a. The Congress provided \$8 million to the Department of Justice for Tribal Justice programs in 2004.

Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance. Section 103 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2005 through 2009 to the Department of Justice to provide grants to support tribal courts and legal assistance programs. In 2004, a total of \$8 million was appropriated for these programs. For this estimate, CBO adjusted the 2004 appropriation for this program for anticipated inflation over the 2005-2009 period.

Tribal Justice Systems. Section 104 would authorize the appropriation of \$58 million over the 2008-2010 period to the Department of the Interior to provide grants to Indian tribes to support tribal justice systems and for the administrative expenses of the Office of Tribal

Justice Support. These grants could be used to hire judicial personnel, provide technical assistance and training, offer victim assistance, acquire law library materials, or for similar purposes. CBO estimates that implementing this provision would cost \$110 million in 2008 and 2009, subject to the appropriation of the specified amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1955 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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