



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2382

Native American Connectivity Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 21, 2004

SUMMARY

S. 2382 would authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 and subsequent years for grants to Indian tribes or organizations to provide telecommunications services. Under the bill, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) would administer the grant program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized and estimated amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2382 would cost \$70 million over the 2005-2009 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2382 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. 2382 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

S. 2382 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million in 2005 and amounts necessary in subsequent years for grants to Indian tribes and organizations. CBO estimated the amount authorized for grants after 2005 by adjusting \$20 million for anticipated inflation. Estimates of outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	20	20	21	21	21
Estimated Outlays	2	11	16	20	21

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2382 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Grants authorized by the bill would benefit tribal governments.

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