



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2436

A bill to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 16, 2004

SUMMARY

S. 2436 would reauthorize appropriations for the Native Americans Programs Act of 1974 through 2009. The programs were authorized for 2004 by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199).

CBO estimates that authorizations under the bill would total \$51 million in 2005 and \$260 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming that annual funding is adjusted for inflation when specific annual authorizations are not provided. (Without such inflation adjustments, the authorizations would total \$251 million over the 2005-2009 period.) CBO estimates that appropriations of the authorized levels would result in additional outlays of \$182 million over the 2005-2009 period, if inflation adjustments are included (and about \$177 million without inflation adjustments). The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2436 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. 2436 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	45	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	43	39	13	4	0	0
Proposed Changes:						
Environmental Quality Grants						
Authorization Level	0	8	8	8	8	8
Estimated Outlays	0	1	5	7	7	8
Other Native American Programs						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	43	43	44	45	46
Estimated Outlays	0	4	29	38	41	42
Total Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	51	51	52	53	54
Estimated Outlays	0	5	34	45	48	50
Total Spending Under S. 2436						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	45	51	51	52	53	54
Estimated Outlays	43	44	47	49	50	50

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the Native American programs.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

S. 2436 would reauthorize programs created under the Native American Program Act of 1974. The program for grants to improve tribal regulation of environmental quality would be reauthorized at \$8 million annually for 2005-2009. The other programs would be reauthorized at such sums as may be necessary for 2005 through 2009; CBO's estimate of the authorized level for each of those programs is the appropriated amount for 2004 inflated in later years. The estimated outlays reflect CBO's current assumptions about spending patterns in the authorized programs.

Grants for Environmental Quality

The bill would reauthorize a program that provides matching grants to tribal governments to help them plan, design, and implement efforts to improve the capability of the governments to attain standards of environmental quality. S. 2436 would authorize appropriations of \$8 million annually through 2009 for the training and education of employees, the development of tribal laws on environmental quality, and the enforcement and monitoring of those laws. These activities received \$3 million in funding for 2004. If the authorized amounts are appropriated, outlays would increase by \$28 million over the five-year period.

Other Native American Programs

S. 2436 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for projects, training and services that support at-risk youth, elderly, or disabled Native Americans, promote the development of a private-sector economy, and support native languages. About \$42 million of the total funding for Native American programs has been allocated for these activities in 2004. Adjusting the 2004 funding for inflation, the bill would authorize appropriations of \$220 million over the 2005-2009 period, which would result in \$154 million in outlays.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2436 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit Indian tribes.

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