



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 435

Sandpoint Land and Facilities Conveyance Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 23, 2003*

CBO estimates that enacting S. 435 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 435 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.

S. 435 would direct the General Services Administration to transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Sandpoint Federal Building and approximately 3 acres of land in Sandpoint, Idaho, to the Forest Service. (That agency currently uses the Sandpoint facility as an administrative site.) Following that transfer, the bill would authorize the Forest Service to sell or convey the property in exchange for its fair market value. In lieu of cash, the bill would allow the agency to accept in-kind contributions of services.

According to the Forest Service, the federal property to be conveyed currently generates no significant receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Hence, we estimate that selling or conveying it would not affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that, under S. 435, the agency would convey the facility to the county in which it is located near the end of fiscal year 2004. Instead of using cash to complete the sale, we also expect that the county would build a new administrative facility for the Forest Service. Because those transactions would not significantly affect federal cash flows, CBO estimates that implementing S. 435 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

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