



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

November 8, 2005

H.R. 679

A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 19, 2005

CBO estimates that H.R. 679 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to Beaver County, Utah, for no consideration, approximately 200 acres of federal land in that county. The county currently manages that land as a park under a lease from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). According to BLM, the land currently generates no significant receipts and is not expected to do so over the next 10 years. Therefore, CBO estimates that conveying it would not significantly affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). Enacting the bill would not affect revenues. Based on information from BLM, we also estimate that the agency's costs to complete the proposed conveyance would be minimal; any such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 679 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. Enacting this legislation would benefit Beaver County.

On February 23, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 52, similar legislation, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 16, 2005. The two bills are substantively similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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