



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1892

A bill to amend Public Law 107-153 to modify a certain date

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 27, 2005

S. 1892 would effectively extend by six years the statute of limitations for certain tribal claims against the federal government related to federal management of tribal trust funds. Under the bill, tribes would have until December 31, 2011, to file such claims.

By extending the deadline for filing claims, S. 1892 could increase direct spending from the Judgment Fund for awards resulting from claims that might not otherwise be filed. Additionally, the bill could affect the timing of payments for claims that might be filed under current law. Because the effect on the number and timing of tribal claims as a result of enacting S. 1892 is uncertain, however, CBO cannot estimate the timing or magnitude of any resulting change in direct spending. S. 1892 would not affect revenues.

S. 1892 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 could benefit Indian tribes by giving them additional time to file claims against the federal government.

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