



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2245

Indian Youth Telemental Health Demonstration Project Act of 2006

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 29, 2006

S. 2245 would direct the Indian Health Service to conduct a demonstration project to examine the feasibility of using information and communications technology to improve the provision of suicide prevention services to Indian youths. As many as five tribes or tribal organizations would be able to participate in the project, with priority given to those tribes or tribal organizations that have a demonstrated need to address youth suicide or are located in remote areas. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1.5 million annually for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 for the project.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2245 would cost less than \$500,000 in 2007 and about \$6 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting this bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

This legislation 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.

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