



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 475

Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 29, 2005

S. 475 would amend the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to increase Indian tribes' access to funding authorized by that act. Specifically, the bill would permit tribes to receive new grants even if they still retain program income from earlier years. The bill would also amend title V of the Housing Act of 1949 to allow tribes to target funds to Indians in the administration of tribal housing projects. In addition, the bill would make Indian tribes eligible to receive YouthBuild grants.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 475 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 475 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit tribal governments that receive federal housing funds.

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