



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

April 3, 2008

H.R. 2176

**A bill to provide for and approve the settlement of
certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 2, 2008

H.R. 2176 would ratify an agreement between the state of Michigan and the Bay Mills Indian Community regarding the tribe's claim to land in northern Michigan, known as Charlotte Beach. CBO estimates that this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 2176 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.

The agreement that would be ratified by the bill stipulates that the tribe relinquish all claims to the Charlotte Beach property and that Michigan give the tribe an alternative parcel of land in Port Huron, Michigan. The legislation would require the Secretary of the Interior to take that land into trust for the tribe and proclaim it to be part of the tribe's reservation, provided that certain conditions are met. According to information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe, the lands would primarily be used for gaming purposes.

On March 6, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2176 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 13, 2008. The two versions of the legislation are the same, and our cost estimates are identical.

The staff contact for this estimate is Leigh Angres. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.