



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 235**

**Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District Conveyance Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on January 31, 2007*

S. 235 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands and buildings comprising a portion of the Yakima Project in Yakima County, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District. Based on information from the Bureau of Reclamation, CBO estimates that enacting S. 235 would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

This bill would transfer title for approximately nine acres of land and several buildings to the irrigation district. Other parts of the project, including the Tieton diversion dam and associated canals, would not be affected. The district has fully complied with all repayment agreements associated with the project, and currently makes only small payments to reimburse the bureau for the operation and maintenance of the Yakima-Tieton facilities. Such payments are recorded as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending), and would no longer be made if this bill were enacted, resulting in a negligible loss of receipts to the U.S. Treasury. Under the bill, the bureau would no longer be responsible for the minor discretionary costs associated with operations and maintenance of the conveyed facilities.

S. 235 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 land conveyance authorized by this bill would be voluntary on the part of the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District. Any costs they might incur to comply with the conditions of the conveyance would be incurred voluntarily.

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