



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1129

**An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior
to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron-working
training program for Native Americans**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on August 6, 2009

H.R. 1129 would specifically authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to provide annual grants for iron-working training programs for Native Americans. Eligible grantees would include federally recognized tribes, tribal colleges and universities, and other entities that have proven experience in such programs. Based on information provided by BIA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1129 would cost about \$2 million over the 2010-2014 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 1129 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

BIA has administered an iron-working training program for Native Americans since 1972. Over the past few years, the BIA has funded one grant a year at an average level of about \$400,000. The act would codify and expand the current program to provide multiple grants to eligible entities. However, given the current demand for such training programs, CBO estimates that one grant a year would continue to be awarded at the same funding level.

H.R. 1129 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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