



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 934

A act to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on May 6, 2010

H.R. 934 would convey ownership of submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) from the mean high tide seaward to the point that is three geographical miles from its coast line. Under current law, those lands are owned by the United States. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 934 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 934 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.

On June 18, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 934 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 10, 2009. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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