



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1651**

**A bill to modify a land grant patent issued by  
the Secretary of the Interior**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on July 21, 2010*

S. 1651 would amend an existing land grant patent to ratify a change in the use of the Whitefish Point Light Station in Michigan and related property covered by that patent. Based on information provided by the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1651 would have no effect on the federal budget. The ratification would enable development plans for the property to go forward, but those plans do not involve federal spending. The Light Station was conveyed by the federal government to two nonprofit organizations in 1996. Enacting S. 1651 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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