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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2906

A bill to amend the Act of August 9, 1955, to modify a provision relating to leases involving certain Indian tribes

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 10, 2010

S. 2906 would authorize the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to lease lands held in trust for up to 99 years. In general, under current law, the tribes can lease trust lands to schools, businesses, and public entities for 25-year terms, subject to the approval of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The Kalispel Tribe currently has the authority to lease its reservation land for up to 99 years. The bill also would allow the Kalispel Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe, and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to lease lands held in trust for up to 15 years without prior approval from the Secretary of the Interior as long as no natural resources are extracted from the leased lands.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2906 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Any additional proceeds from such leases would accrue to the owners of the trust land and would have no effect on the federal budget. CBO also estimates that implementing the bill would have a negligible effect on BIA's workload. Enacting S. 2906 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2906 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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