



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 522

Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on December 16, 2009*

S. 522 would ratify an agreement settling a land dispute between the state of Alaska and the Bering Straits Native Corporation (a native-owned regional corporation established to administer land given to Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act). Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), CBO expects that implementing the legislation would have a negligible impact on the federal budget.

Under the bill, the federal government would convey about 18,000 acres of land located in western Alaska to the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the state of Alaska to satisfy claims made by those parties under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska Statehood Act. The federal government currently collects about \$1,500 per year from a lease on the affected land. Based on information from BLM, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would reduce federal receipts by less than \$20,000 over the 2010-2020 period.

S. 522 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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