



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2938
Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 17, 2011*

H.R. 2938 would prohibit gaming (gambling other than social games for prizes of minimal value) activities on certain lands owned by the Tohono O’odham Nation (hereafter referred to as the Nation) and placed in trust with the federal government in Arizona. CBO estimates that the bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2938 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2938 would prohibit the Nation from conducting gaming activities on some land in Arizona. That prohibition would be an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Based on information from the Nation about when, absent enactment of this bill, it expects to begin collecting revenue from a proposed casino and the uncertainty of future legal challenges to the project, CBO estimates that the cost of the mandate in the first five years after enactment would not exceed the annual threshold established in UMRA (\$73 million in 2012, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 2938 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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