



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1352
Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination
Reauthorization Act of 2013

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
on December 18, 2013*

SUMMARY

S. 1352 would reauthorize the Native American and Native Hawaiian Block Grant programs for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018. In addition, the bill would authorize a new demonstration program to provide rental assistance to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1352 would cost about \$2.1 billion over the 2015-2019 period, assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1352 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1352 would cost about \$2.1 billion over the next five years, assuming the appropriation of the necessary funds. For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1352 will be enacted in fiscal year 2014 and that appropriated funds will be spent at historical rates for the affected programs. For this estimate, CBO assumes no further appropriations for the programs in 2014.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015- 2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Native American Housing Block Grants						
Estimated Authorization Level	660	672	685	699	0	2,716
Estimated Outlays	244	381	480	569	382	2,056
Native Hawaiian Block Grants						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	10	11	11	0	42
Estimated Outlays	1	3	5	7	8	24
Rental Assistance Demonstration Program						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	3	4	4	4	4	19
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	674	686	700	714	4	2,778
Estimated Outlays	248	388	489	580	394	2,099

Native American Housing Block Grants

Section 103 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for the Native American Housing Block Grant program through fiscal year 2018. The block grant program provides funding to tribes to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, or manage affordable housing for Native American families with low incomes. In 2014, \$650 million was appropriated for this program. Assuming continued appropriations at that level and adjusting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost slightly less than \$2.1 billion over the 2015-2019 period.

Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants

Section 503 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program through fiscal year 2018. Such grants are used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing for Native Hawaiian families with low income through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. In 2014, \$10 million was appropriated for this program. Assuming continued appropriations at that level and adjusting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$24 million through 2019.

Rental Assistance Demonstration Program

Section 401 would authorize a demonstration program to provide rental assistance to Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Up to 5 percent of the funds made available for the Veterans Affairs Supported Housing Program (VASH) could be used for the demonstration. In 2014, \$75 million was appropriated for the VASH program. Assuming a program level that is 5 percent of that amount, and adjusting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing this section would cost \$19 million over the 2015-2019 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Grants authorized in the bill would benefit tribal governments that participate in housing assistance programs. Any costs to those governments of complying with grant conditions would be incurred voluntarily.

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