



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 1, 2013

### **S. 157**

#### **Denali National Park Improvement Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on March 14, 2013*

Based on information provided by the National Park Service (NPS), CBO estimates that implementing S. 157 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would:

- Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for microhydroelectric projects in the Kantishna Hills area of the Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska;
- Authorize an exchange of land between the Department of the Interior and Doyon Tourism, Inc.,
- Authorize the NPS to issue permits to construct a natural gas pipeline in the Denali National Park; and
- Redesignate the Talkeetna Ranger Station as the Walter Harper Talkeetna Ranger Station.

Enacting S. 157 could increase offsetting receipts (from permit fees) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. If potential owners or operators of a pipeline seek permits from the NPS, the agency could collect a fee to recover any costs associated with issuing such permits. NPS would retain and spend those amounts to process the permit without further appropriation, and any excess receipts would be deposited in the Treasury. CBO estimates that the total collections under the bill would be insignificant over the 2014-2023 period, and the net effect on direct spending would be negligible. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 157 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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