



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2299
Native American Languages Reauthorization Act of 2014
As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 30, 2014

SUMMARY

S. 2299 would authorize through 2019 a grant program to preserve Native American languages. CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$17 million over the 2015-2019 period, assuming 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. 2299 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. 2299 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015- 2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	4	4	5	5	22
Estimated Outlays	*	4	4	4	4	17

Note: * = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2299 will be enacted around the beginning of fiscal year 2015 and that the estimated amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the Native languages program.

The legislation would authorize the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant program through 2019. Specifically, it would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to carry out the program and would establish a period of availability for those grants of five years. It also would allow grant recipients to serve fewer children per grant than previously authorized.

The authorization of the Native languages program expired at the end of fiscal year 2012. However, the Congress has continued to appropriate funds including about \$4 million in 2014 for grants under that program. Assuming continued appropriations at that level and adjusting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2299 would cost \$17 million over the 2015-2019 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2299 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Tribal agencies would benefit from grants authorized in the bill for ensuring the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

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