



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

March 18, 2016

**H.R. 2538  
Lytton Rancheria Homelands Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on February 3, 2016*

H.R. 2538 would take into trust, for the benefit of the Lytton Rancheria of California, a federally recognized Indian tribe, certain lands located in the County of Sonoma, California. The bill would specify certain prohibitions on gaming on the affected land, consistent with an existing memorandum of understanding between the tribe and the County of Sonoma.

Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2538 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. CBO estimates that any change in the agency's administrative costs under the bill, which would be subject to appropriation, would not exceed \$500,000 annually. Because enacting H.R. 2538 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2538 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 2538 would impose an intergovernmental mandate, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), by preempting the authority of state and local governments to tax land taken into trust for the Lytton Rancheria. CBO estimates the costs of the mandate would not exceed the threshold established in UMRA (\$77 million in 2016, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 2538 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Megan Carroll (for federal costs) and Rachel Austin (for intergovernmental mandates). The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.