



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2791  
Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on July 9, 2015*

H.R. 2791 would convey federal lands in the state of Oregon to local Native American tribes. The legislation would transfer nearly 18,000 acres of federal land to the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and more than 14,000 acres of federal land to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. H.R. 2791 also would amend how the federal government manages forest land held in trust for the benefit of the Coquille Tribe of Coos County, Oregon.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant effect on spending subject to appropriation. Enacting H.R. 2791 would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Under current law, the specified lands generate receipts to the Treasury from the sale of timber. Therefore, by conveying the land to the tribes, the bill would reduce offsetting receipts, which are treated as reductions in direct spending. However, based on information from federal agencies, CBO estimates that the forgone receipts would be insignificant for each year and less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2025 period.

H.R. 2791 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would benefit the tribes.

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