



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3211

A bill to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on March 16, 2016*

H.R. 3211 would modify how the Secretary of the Interior evaluates land to be taken into trust for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. Under current law, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has two separate processes for evaluating potential trust land depending on whether the land is located within or outside of the recognized boundaries of the reservation. If the land is located outside of the recognized boundaries, the process requires greater scrutiny. For the purpose of evaluating the land to be taken into trust, the bill would require the Secretary to treat “off-reservation” property as if it were “on-reservation” property. That change would simplify the process of taking such property into trust. Under the legislation, all property taken into trust would be considered part of the reservation.

Based on information from DOI, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3211 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. We estimate that any change in the department’s administrative costs under the bill, which would be subject to appropriation, would not exceed \$500,000 in any year.

Enacting H.R. 3211 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3211 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3211 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On December 22, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 817, similar legislation, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 18, 2015. H.R. 3211 and S. 817 are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.