



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1704
Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 22, 2015

S. 1704 would expand the Office of Tribal Justice Support within the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide services to victims of crimes in tribal areas. The legislation would establish a new grant program to provide services and compensation to those victims. S. 1704 would direct that 5 percent of the funds made available to the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) in each year for the next 10 years be used for that grant program.

Under current law, criminal fines are deposited in the CVF, and spent without further appropriation. The legislation would affect how and when those funds are distributed and spent but would not change the total amount spent. Because S. 1704 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be insignificant for each year. Enacting S. 1704 would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on spending subject to appropriation.

S. 1704 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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