



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 8, 2018

H.R. 2591 **Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 8, 2018

H.R. 2591 would allow states to use grants awarded under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to promote hunting and recreational shooting. The bill also would authorize the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which administers Pittman-Robertson funds, to award up to \$5 million annually under its existing multistate conservation grant program to promote a national recruitment program for hunting and sport shooting.

Using information from the USFWS, CBO expects that enacting H.R. 2591 would not affect the timing or total amount of grants awarded (those grants are recorded in the budget as direct spending). CBO estimates that the USFWS could incur additional administrative costs to implement changes to the multistate conservation grant program. Based on the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2591 would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 2591 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2591 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 2591 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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