



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2599

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 26, 2018

S. 2599 would take into trust for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Indians approximately 12,000 acres of land in the Chippewa National Forest currently administered by the Forest Service. The bill would prohibit certain types of gaming on the land and require that commercial forestry on the land be managed in accordance with federal law. Using information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that taking the land into trust would cost less than \$500,000. Any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The land that would be taken into trust generates offsetting receipts, which are treated as reductions in direct spending, from the sale of timber, and minerals and from other special uses. A portion of those receipts can be spent without further appropriation. Using information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates enacting S. 2599 would reduce offsetting receipts from those collections by about \$1 million over the 2019-2028 period.

Because enacting S. 2599 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, because under current law, some receipts would be spent, CBO estimates that enacting S. 2599 would have no significant net effect on direct spending in any year or over the 2019-2028 period. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2599 would not significantly increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 2599 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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