

H.R. 1031, Pala Band of Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2020

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 29, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2025	2021-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	Yes, Under Threshold
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 1031 would direct the Department of the Interior (DOI) to take into trust approximately 700 acres of land in San Diego County, California, owned by the Pala Band of Mission Indians. Under the bill, DOI would hold title to that land for the benefit of the tribe. The legislation also would prohibit certain types of gaming on those lands. Using information provided by DOI, CBO estimates that any administrative costs to implement H.R. 1031 would not be significant.

H.R. 1031 would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would prohibit state and local governments from taxing land taken into trust for the Pala Band of Mission Indians. Based on information from San Diego County, the taxable value of the land that would be placed into trust is approximately \$2.3 million. That taxable value indicates that foregone property tax and fee revenues would fall significantly below the annual threshold established in UMRA (\$84 million in 2020, adjusted annually for inflation).

The bill contains no private-sector mandates.

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