

H.R. 1450, Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 13, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
Mandate Effects			
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 1450 would authorize Indian tribes and counties to retain the proceeds of timber sales under cooperative forestry agreements, also known as good neighbor agreements (GNAs). (Under current law, through October 1, 2023, only states can retain the proceeds from timber sales under GNAs to cover the costs of restoration and protection projects.) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service enter into GNAs with states, federally recognized Indian tribes, and counties to carry out forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection projects on federal land. The bill also would extend the authority to retain proceeds through October 1, 2028, for states, tribes, and counties.

Based on information from BLM and the Forest Service, CBO expects that without the authority to retain proceeds, timber sales under GNAs with states, tribes, and counties would not occur. On that basis, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not affect direct spending. If such sales did occur in the absence of that authority, any income is classified in the federal budget as an offsetting receipt (or reduction in direct spending). CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have insignificant costs over the 2024-2028 period for managing additional GNAs with Indian tribes and counties through 2028. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



On August 10, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 1450](#), the Treating Tribes and Counties as Good Neighbors Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on May 11, 2023. The two bills are similar; the version ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources would extend the authority for participants to retain the proceeds from timber sales through October 1, 2028. CBO's cost estimates reflect that difference.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Lilia Ledezma. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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