

At a Glance

S. 2273, Native American Child Protection Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 19, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	33	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?	Yes
		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.

The bill would

- Direct the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service to carry out programs to combat child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes

Estimated budgetary effects would mainly stem from

- Establishment of the National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center
- Development of a team to investigate and help prevent the abuse and neglect of Tribal children

Detailed estimate begins on the next page.

Bill Summary

S. 2273 would direct the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to carry out programs to help prevent child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes.

Estimated Federal Cost

The estimated budgetary effect of S. 2273 is shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget functions 450 (community and regional development) and 550 (health).

Table 1. Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 2273							
	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Protection Program							
Estimated Authorization	0	6	3	3	3	4	19
Estimated Outlays	0	4	3	3	3	4	17
National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center							
Estimated Authorization	0	3	3	3	4	4	17
Estimated Outlays	0	2	3	3	4	4	16
Total Changes							
Estimated Authorization	0	9	6	6	7	8	36
Estimated Outlays	0	6	6	6	7	8	33

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2273 would increase direct spending by an insignificant amount over the 2023-2033 period.

Basis of Estimate

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2273 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2023. Estimated outlays are based on the historical spending patterns for similar programs and activities.

Spending Subject to Appropriation

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2273 would cost \$33 million over the 2023-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Protection Program. S. 2273 would direct BIA to establish a program to investigate, treat, and prevent child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes. The bill would authorize BIA to either provide those services directly or to enter into agreements with tribal agencies to carry out services funded by federal grants. Using information from the agency, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2273 would cost \$17 million over the 2023-2028 period.

National Indian Child Resources and Family Services Center. S. 2273 also would direct BIA to establish a National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center to provide training and technical assistance to tribal governments and federal personnel on how to respond to cases of child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes. The bill would direct the agency to create an advisory board, consisting of members from tribal governments and organizations with expertise in those issues to advise the center on how to implement its programs. Using information from the agency, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2273 would cost \$16 million over the 2023-2028 period.

Direct spending

S. 2273 would direct IHS to encourage the use of treatment services that are culturally appropriate for Indian tribes. The bill also would require IHS to report to the Congress on the treatment and services for which grantees have used funds awarded. The administrative costs for IHS are classified in the budget as direct spending; however, CBO estimates that the costs the agency would incur under S. 2273 would not be significant.

Pay-As-You-Go Considerations

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 over the 2023-2033 period.

Increase in Long-Term Net Direct Spending and Deficits: None.

Mandates: None.

Previous CBO Estimate

On August 9, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 663](#), the Native American Child Protection Act, as ordered reported by the House of Representatives on May 17, 2023. The two bills are similar, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.



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