



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 7, 2018

S. 2515 **PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on April 11, 2018

S. 2515 would amend certain provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act related to the Tribal Self-Governance Program. That program authorizes Indian tribes to assume responsibility for certain programs, functions, and services or activities that would otherwise be carried out by the federal government. The bill would change how contracts are negotiated between the tribes and the Department of the Interior (DOI) to establish self-governance programs and would establish new guidelines for administering the program.

CBO expects that the changes in the bill would not significantly affect the workload associated with the negotiations between tribes and DOI. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget over the 2019-2023 period.

Enacting S. 2515 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2515 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 2515 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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