



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1162
A bill to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe
tsunami and flood protection, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 5, 2011

H.R. 1162 would authorize the transfer of lands within and around the Olympic National Park in the state of Washington. H.R. 1162 would incorporate specified federal lands within the Olympic National Park and specified land owned by the Quileute Tribe into the Quileute Indian Reservation, held in trust by the federal government. Under the bill, easements and conditions would apply to certain specified lands, and the Quileute tribe would relinquish any claims against the federal government relating to past or present activities in the Olympic National Park.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that H.R. 1162 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1162 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1162 would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) by exempting some land from taxation by state and local governments, but CBO expects the cost of that mandate to be small and well below the annual threshold established in UMRA for intergovernmental mandates (\$73 million in 2012, adjusted annually for inflation). H.R. 1162 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

On January 12, 2012, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 636, a bill to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe tsunami and flood protection, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 28, 2011. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and their estimated costs are the same. H.R. 1162 does not include the redesignation of 4,100 acres of Olympic National Park to create the Olympic Wilderness. H.R. 1162 also prohibits gaming on lands taken into trust under the bill.

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