



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

July 10, 2012

H.R. 1560

**An act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act
to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe
to determine blood quantum requirement
for membership in that tribe**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 28, 2012

H.R. 1560 would amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to eliminate the requirement that individuals have a blood quantum level of at least one-eighth to qualify for tribal membership. This legislation would allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to establish its own blood quantum requirement for determining membership.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service, and members of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1560 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Federal agencies currently provide services to all of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Indians who would become tribal members under H.R. 1560 because those agencies do not restrict services based on tribal membership established under the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1560 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe.

On September 9, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1560 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 20, 2011. The two versions of the legislation are similar and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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