



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 1, 2011

S. 270

La Pine Land Conveyance Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 14, 2011*

S. 270 would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to convey, without consideration, 910 acres of land in Oregon to certain local governments. Based on information provided by BLM, CBO estimates that implementing S. 270 would have no significant impact on discretionary spending. Enacting the bill would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any such effects would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

Under S. 270, BLM would convey two parcels of land totalling 900 acres to Deschutes County and one parcel of 10 acres to the city of La Pine. The conveyed properties would be used for various public purposes, including recreation. Deschutes County would be responsible for administrative costs associated with conveying the land that it would receive.

Because some of the property to be conveyed under S. 270 has already been identified by BLM for potential sale, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). However, we expect that any such sale would be conducted under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (RPPA), which allows state or local governments to receive federal property at less than fair market value. Therefore, we estimate that any loss of receipts that would result from donating the property to the county or the city (rather than selling it under the RPPA) would be less than \$10,000. We further estimate that any discretionary costs of the conveyances would be negligible.

S. 270 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. The land conveyance authorized in the bill would benefit the city of La Pine and Deschutes County. Any costs to those entities would be incurred voluntarily.

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