



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 633
Tribal Health Promotion and Tribal Colleges and Universities
Advancement Act of 2009

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
on December 3, 2009*

SUMMARY

S. 633 would authorize appropriations totaling \$768 million over the 2010-2018 period for grants to tribal colleges and universities for activities related to disease prevention and health, economic development, and preserving Native American languages. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 633 would increase discretionary spending by \$429 million over the 2010-2015 period and \$762 million over the 2010-2020 period.

The bill would also establish the Tribal College and University Rural Health Equity Endowment Fund. Interest credited to that fund would be paid to tribal colleges and universities for the purpose of establishing endowments for training programs for health professionals. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$4 million over the 2010-2015 period and \$20 million over the 2010-2020 period.¹ Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 633 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

1. Different time periods are relevant for enforcing pay-as-you-go rules. CBO estimates that enacting S. 633 would increase direct spending by \$2 million over the 2010-2014 period and by \$16 million over the 2010-2019 period.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 633 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars													
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010-2015	2010-2020	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION														
Grants to Tribal Colleges and Universities to Promote Health and Prevent Disease														
Estimated Authorization Level	93	93	93	93	81	81	81	81	69	0	0	536	768	
Estimated Outlays	5	68	85	93	93	85	82	81	81	69	20	429	762	
CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING														
Rural Health Equity and Endowment Fund														
Estimated Budget Authority	*	*	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	7	25	
Estimated Outlays	*	*	*	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	20	

Notes: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

* = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 633 will be enacted in calendar year 2010 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

Spending Subject to Appropriation

S. 633 would authorize the appropriation of specified amounts for grants to tribal colleges and universities. The bill would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide for community-based health and wellness fairs, health promotion and disease prevention programs, construction and renovation of community wellness centers, and development and expansion of professional degree programs in public health. The bill also would direct the Secretary to provide grants to promote economic development in Indian communities and preserve Native American languages. Finally, the bill would establish within HHS the Office on Tribal College and University

Programs to administer the programs authorized by the bill and to coordinate activities relating to tribal colleges and universities. Based on historical spending patterns for grants to minority institutions of higher education, CBO estimates that implementing these provisions would cost \$429 million over the 2010-2015 period and \$762 million over the 2010-2020 period.

Direct Spending

S. 633 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish the Tribal College and University Rural Health Equity Endowment Fund. The bill would appropriate \$9 million per year to the fund for fiscal years 2010 through 2018 and would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to invest amounts in the fund in interest-bearing obligations of the United States. The bill would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the interest earned annually on the amounts in the fund to the Secretary of HHS, who in turn would be directed to distribute the funds to tribal colleges and universities for the purpose of establishing endowments for training programs for health professionals. CBO estimates that direct spending from those endowments would total \$4 million over the 2010-2015 period and \$20 million over the 2010-2020 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 633 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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