



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 18, 2009

H.R. 934

A bill to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 10, 2009

H.R. 934 would convey ownership of submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) from the mean high tide seaward to three geographical miles from its coast lines. Under current law, the submerged lands off the CNMI are owned by the United States. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 934 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.

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