



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 4347** **Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources  
on July 22, 2010*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 4347 would amend certain provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act related to the Tribal Self-Governance Program. That program authorizes Indian tribes to assume responsibilities for certain programs, functions, and services or activities that would otherwise be carried out by the federal government. Based on information from the Department of the Interior (DOI), CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$5 million over the 2011-2015 period. Enacting H.R. 4347 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 4347 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.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4347 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1	5
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	5

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the end of 2010 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year.

H.R. 4347 would amend current law related to DOI's Tribal Self-Governance Program. The bill would modify eligibility requirements for tribes participating in the program and would establish new guidelines for administering the program. Based on information provided by DOI, CBO expects that implementing the legislation would increase the agency's administrative responsibilities because more tribes would participate in the self-governance program and the agency would be subject to new requirements. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$1 million a year over the 2011-2015 period. DOI would use those funds to hire additional staff and to make technical upgrades to computer equipment to carry out the administrative activities required under the bill.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 4347 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Many of the changes made by this legislation would benefit the tribes that participate in self-governance compacts with the Department of the Interior.

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