



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 1, 2010

S. 1596

Gold Hill-Wakamatsu Preservation Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on August 5, 2010*

SUMMARY

S. 1596 would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to acquire about 272 acres of land in California and enter into an agreement to interpret the history of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Company. That agreement would include the option of utilizing a visitor center. Based on information from BLM, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$13 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 1596 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill 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 S. 1596 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011-
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	5	2	2	2	2	13
Estimated Outlays	4	3	2	2	2	13

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011.

S. 1596 would direct BLM to acquire the Gold Hill Ranch in California (about 272 acres) by purchase, using appropriated or donated funds, or exchange. Based on estimates of nearby land values obtained from the agency, CBO estimates that acquiring the Gold Hill Ranch would cost about \$3 million in 2011, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The legislation also would direct BLM to enter into an agreement with a public or nonprofit entity to interpret the history of the Wakamatsu Tea and Silk Farm Company. CBO expects that agreement would include use of existing structures as a visitor center in lieu of new construction. Based on information from the agency, CBO estimates that the visitor center would cost \$10 million over the 2011-2015 period, including \$8 million for ongoing operations and \$2 million for retrofitting existing structures. Those costs also would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

PAY AS YOU GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1596 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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