

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2007

S. 375

An act to waive application of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to a specific parcel of real property transferred by the United States to two Indian tribes in the state of Oregon, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 18, 2007

S. 375 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue a new deed to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, exempting approximately 20 acres of land currently owned by the tribes from provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. CBO estimates that enacting S. 375 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 375 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. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Siletz and Grand Ronde Indian tribes in Oregon.

In June 2002, the federal government transferred approximately 20 acres of land to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. S. 375 would direct the Secretary to reissue a deed for the land that waives provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act related to the use of that property. Because the land in question is not currently owned or held in trust by the United States, CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

On February 20, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 375, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on February 8, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and our cost estimates are identical.

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