



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

April 12, 2000

**S. 1797**

**A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land conveyance to the city of Craig, Alaska, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on April 5, 2000*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1797 would increase discretionary spending by \$5 million over the 2001-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; thus, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1792 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit the city of Craig, Alaska, by providing land from which the city may generate new revenues to pay for city services. The budgets of other state, local, and tribal governments would not be significantly affected by this bill.

S. 1797 would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey approximately 4,500 acres of land within the Tongass National Forest to the city of Craig, Alaska. That land would be conveyed when sufficient funds are appropriated for the Forest Service to acquire comparable nonfederal lands within that forest. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that acquiring such lands would cost about \$5 million over the 2001-2005 period.

According to the Forest Service, the lands that would be conveyed to the city do not currently generate any significant receipts, and the agency does not expect them to generate any significant receipts in the foreseeable future. The lands that would be conveyed are part of a larger area where the timber was offered for sale in 1999. No bids were received for this timber and the agency does not plan to reoffer the sale in the near future.

The CBO staff contact is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.