



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2283**

**Indian Tribal Surface Transportation Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 26, 2000*

S. 2283 would modify the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program within the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Federal-Aid Highways program. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2283 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.

S. 2283 would set the obligation limitation for the IRR program equal to the contract authority available for this program. (Contract authority is a mandatory form of budget authority, its use under the federal-aid program is generally controlled by obligation limitations contained in appropriation acts.) Under current law, the obligation limitation for the IRR program would be lower than the contract authority available for this program. For 2000, the IRR contract authority is \$289 million and the obligation limitation for this program is \$254 million. S. 2283 would not change the total amount of contract authority, or the overall obligation limitation for the federal-aid program. Consequently, any increase in spending for the IRR program under this bill would be offset by reduced spending on other federal-aid activities.

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