



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

October 8, 2002

**S. 2585**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the state of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
on October 8, 2002*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2585 would cost \$400,000 in fiscal year 2003, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 2585 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. 2585 would authorize the appropriation of \$400,000 for the Secretary of the Interior to survey certain lands in Idaho. Assuming appropriation of that amount, we estimate that the Bureau of Land Management would complete that work during fiscal year 2003. Once the surveys have been finalized, S. 2585 would direct the Secretary to issue a disclaimer of interest to some of the surveyed lands which have long been claimed by private landowners based on an erroneous federal survey prepared in 1880. By issuing such a disclaimer, the Secretary would allow those landowners to establish clear title to their lands.

On September 23, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4874, similar legislation, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002. The two pieces of legislation are substantively similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

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