



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 636**  
**A bill to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe**  
**tsunami and flood protection, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 28, 2011*

S. 636 would authorize the transfer and redesignation of lands within and around Olympic National Park in the state of Washington. The bill would redesignate certain lands within that park as wilderness and incorporate the lands into the Olympic Wilderness. S. 636 also would incorporate specified federal lands within the park and specified nonfederal Quileute tribal land into the Quileute Indian Reservation, to be held in trust by the federal government. Under the bill, easements and conditions would apply to certain specified lands, and the Quileute tribe would relinquish any claims against the federal government relating to past or present activities in Olympic National Park.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that enacting S. 636 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting S. 636 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 636 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust about 185 acres of nonfederal land for the tribe. That land would be exempt from state and local taxes, and therefore, the provision would impose an intergovernmental mandate. Based on information from the tribe, CBO estimates that the forgone tax revenue to state and local governments would be small and well below the annual threshold established in UMRA for intergovernmental mandates (\$73 million in 2012, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 636 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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