



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 3, 2010

### **S. 3648**

#### **Pick-Sloan Tribal Commission Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 18, 2010*

S. 3648 would authorize the Department of the Interior (DOI) to spend \$2.5 million of unobligated balances from funds already appropriated to the department to establish the Pick-Sloan Tribal Commission. The commission would recommend actions to resolve certain disputes between the federal government and several Indian tribes. Enacting S. 3648 would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that there would be no net effect on direct spending over the 2011-2020 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

Because the legislation would authorize the Secretary to use funds already appropriated for other activities to establish the commission, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3648 would increase direct spending by \$2.5 million over the 2011-2012 period and reduce such spending by that amount in 2015 when those funds would have otherwise been spent. If DOI still carries out the activities for which those funds were originally appropriated, implementing the bill would require an appropriation of \$2.5 million in 2015 to replace the funds used to establish the commission.

S. 3648 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.

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. S. 3648 would increase direct spending over the 2011-2012 period and decrease it in 2015, resulting in no net effect on direct spending over the 2011-2020 period. The net budgetary changes that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table.

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**CBO Estimate of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Effects for S. 3648, the Pick-Sloan Tribal Commission Act of 2010, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 18, 2010**

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars										2011-	2011-
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2015	2020
<b>NET INCREASE OR DECREASE (-) IN THE DEFICIT</b>												
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	2	1	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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