

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 20, 2014

S. 898 Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act of 2013

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on February 6, 2014

The bill would direct the General Services Administration (GSA) to sell a federal property in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the Amy Biehl High School Foundation for its fair market value. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would increase offsetting receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. We estimate that the net offsetting receipts from the sale would be negligible. Enacting S. 898 would not affect revenues.

- S. 898 would authorize GSA to sell an historic post office and courthouse in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico. The legislation would require the designated purchaser to cover any federal administrative costs associated with the sale. Proceeds from the sale—probably about \$50,000—would be deposited in the Federal Buildings Fund and would be available to GSA, subject to future appropriation. In addition, GSA currently receives about \$1,200 a year under a 60-year lease to the foundation. By selling the property, the government would forgo those receipts in future years.
- S. 898 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.

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