

S. 256, Esther Martinez Native American Languages Programs Reauthorization Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on February 6, 2019

Millions of Dollars				Spending Subject to Appropriation
	Direct Spending	Revenues	Net Deficit Effect	
2019	0	0	0	0
2019-2024	0	0	0	51
2019-2029	0	0	0	65
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects		
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No	
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No	

S. 256 would authorize the appropriation of \$13 million for each year from 2020 through 2024 for a grant program to preserve and maintain Native American languages. The authority to make those grants expired at the end of 2012. However, the Department of Health and Human Services has continued to allocate funds for these grants. In 2018, the most recent year for which data are available, that allocation was about \$10 million. The bill would establish a period of availability of up to five years for those grants and would allow grant recipients to serve fewer children per grant than previously.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 256 will be enacted before the beginning of fiscal year 2020, and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$51 million over 2020 through 2024 and \$14 million after 2024. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

Table 1. S. 256
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization	0	13	13	13	13	13	65
Estimated Outlays	0	1	11	13	13	13	51

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