

S. 50, Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on January 29, 2019

Millions of Dollars	Direct Spending	Revenues	Net Deficit Effect	Spending Subject to Appropriation
2019	0	0	0	0
2019-2024	0	0	0	11
2019-2029	0	0	0	n.a.
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	
n.a. = not applicable.				

S. 50 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to assess and improve the sanitation and safety conditions on land held in trust by the United States for the four Columbia River Treaty tribes (the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 50 will be enacted in fiscal year 2019 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year starting in 2020.

Currently, BIA funds operations and maintenance of 28 fishing sites on the Columbia River. Using information provided by BIA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 50 would require one new full-time equivalent (FTE) position to oversee an improvement plan and maintenance, and seven new law enforcement FTEs to ensure the safety and security of the facilities with average annual salaries of around \$70,000. All equipment necessary to make upgrades to the facilities' electric, sewer, and water infrastructure would cost around \$1 million a year over this period and preparing an improvement plan in 2020 also would cost about \$1 million, CBO estimates.

As shown in Table 1, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$11 million over the 2019-2024 period. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	0	3	2	2	2	2	11
Estimated Outlays	0	3	2	2	2	2	11

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