

At a Glance

H.R. 1688, Native American Child Protection Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on February 2, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	43	423	554

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

The act would

- Require the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service to provide grants to tribal governments and organizations to combat child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes
- Raise the cost of an existing mandate on local law enforcement and child protective services agencies by requiring those agencies to file additional reports on child abuse with the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Estimated budgetary effects would mainly stem from

- Spending of amounts authorized to be appropriated in the act for services and grants provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service

Detailed estimate begins on the next page.

Act Summary

H.R. 1688 would direct the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to carry out programs to combat child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes and would authorize appropriations through 2027 for those programs.

Estimated Federal Cost

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 1688 is shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget functions 450 (community and regional development) and 550 (health).

Table 1.						
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1688						
	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2022-2026
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Program						
Authorization	60	60	60	60	60	300
Estimated Outlays	26	62	62	61	60	271
National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center						
Authorization	3	3	3	3	3	15
Estimated Outlays	2	4	3	3	3	15
Indian Health Service						
Authorization	30	30	30	30	30	150
Estimated Outlays	15	33	31	29	29	137
Total Changes						
Authorization	93	93	93	93	93	465
Estimated Outlays	43	99	96	93	92	423

Basis of Estimate

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1688 will be enacted in fiscal year 2022 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs and activities. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1688 would cost \$423 million over the 2022-2026 period and \$131 million after 2026.

Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Protection Program

H.R. 1688 would direct BIA to establish a program to investigate, treat, and prevent child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes. The act would authorize BIA to provide those services directly or to enter into agreements with tribal agencies to carry out services funded by federal grants. H.R. 1688 would authorize the appropriation of

\$60 million annually from 2022 through 2027 for BIA to carry out the program and would require the agency to report to the Congress within two years of enactment on how grantees have used funds awarded under the program.

National Indian Child Resources and Family Services Center

The act also would direct BIA to establish a National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center to provide training and technical assistance to tribal governments and federal personnel on how to respond to cases of child abuse, child neglect, and family violence affecting tribes. The act would direct the agency to create an advisory board, consisting of members from tribal governments and organizations with expertise in those issues to advise the center on how to implement its programs. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million annually from 2022 through 2027 for the operation of the center.

Indian Health Service

H.R. 1688 would direct IHS to establish a grant program for tribes and intertribal consortia to provide treatment to Indians who have been victims of child abuse and neglect. The act would direct the agency, as part of the grant award process, to encourage the use of treatment services that are culturally appropriate for Indian tribes. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually from 2022 through 2027 for IHS to carry out the program and would require the agency to report to the Congress within two years of enactment on how grantees have used funds awarded under the program.

Previous Estimate

This revised estimate supersedes the estimate for H.R. 1688, the Native American Child Protection Act, which CBO transmitted on January 31, 2022. CBO has updated the estimate to reflect that the bill language does not contain any intergovernmental mandates. The estimate of federal costs is unchanged.

Pay-As-You-Go Considerations: None.

Increase in Long-Term Deficits: None.

Mandates: None.



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