

H.R. 6181, A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 15, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	Yes, Under Threshold
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and \$500,000.

H.R. 6181 would affirm the status of approximately seven acres of land in the State of Washington that the Samish Indian Nation sought to place into trust with the Department of the Interior (DOI) in 2018; that transfer has not been finalized because of an administrative appeal filed by the Swinomish Tribe. Using information provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, CBO estimates that the administrative costs to implement H.R. 6181 would not be significant; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The bill would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), by prohibiting state and local governments from taxing land taken into trust for the Samish Indian Nation. Information reported to DOI about taxes associated with the land indicates that those foregone revenues would total less than \$1,000 annually, which is far below the annual threshold established in UMRA (\$92 million in 2022, adjusted annually for inflation).

The bill contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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