



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1550

Fire Administration Authorization Act of 1999

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on April 29, 1999

SUMMARY

H.R. 1550 would authorize appropriations totaling \$127 million over the 1999-2001 period for the programs, salaries, and expenses of the United States Fire Administration (USFA). (That amount includes \$31 million for 1999; an appropriation of \$32 million has already been provided for the current year.) The bill would require reports on the agency's research agenda, counterterrorism training, and curriculum development for the National Fire Academy and would direct the USFA to increase efforts to disseminate information. H.R. 1550 also would direct the USFA to develop a strategic plan by April 30, 2000, and would require that the agency's budget for 2001 be consistent with that plan. Other provisions in the bill would repeal an exception to a fire safety requirement for federally funded public housing in New York City as well as certain reporting requirements for the USFA.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1550 would increase discretionary spending by \$96 million over the 2000-2004 period. CBO estimates that H.R. 1550 would not affect spending in the current year because funds have already been appropriated that exceed the level authorized by the bill for 1999. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1550 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized for 2000 and 2001 will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending pattern for the USFA. CBO estimates that other provisions of H.R. 1550 would not have any significant impact on federal spending. The estimated cost of the bill is

shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending by USFA Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	32	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	51	20	8	2	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	46	50	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	28	42	18	7	1
Spending by USFA Under H.R. 1550						
Authorization Level ^a	32	46	50	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	51	48	50	20	7	1

a. The 1999 level of \$32 million is the amount appropriated for that year. The bill would authorize \$31 million for 1999; thus CBO expects that the bill would not affect spending in the current year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1550 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Some of the funds authorized in this bill would be used for grants, technical assistance, and training for state and local fire departments.

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