



## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

CBO expects that increasing the mandatory retirement age for firefighters would allow some firefighters to work longer, thus delaying their collection of retirement annuities. Although some firefighters are currently granted waivers to work beyond age 55, information provided by the Office of Personnel Management indicates about 40 firefighters per year are forced to retire at age 55. Of those, CBO assumes half would retire anyway, while the other half would now delay their retirement by between one and two years. Benefits for those who postpone retirement would be larger than under current law because they would have more years of service and higher salaries upon which benefits would be calculated. However, in most years the smaller number of retirees would more than offset the higher average benefit and lead to a reduction in CSRDF outlays.

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