



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 20, 1999

H.R. 660

A bill for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 19, 1999

H.R. 660 would permit Ms. Hairston to petition the U.S. Court of Appeals to review a decision made by the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), wherein it upheld the government's decision to deny Ms. Hairston annuity payments. If the court were to reverse the decision made by MSPB and reinstate the annuity payments, the bill would increase direct spending from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. The amount of any annual increase, however, would be negligible. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply.

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