



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 24, 2003

H.R. 2692 **United States Fire Administration Authorization Act of 2003**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on July 22, 2003

SUMMARY

H.R. 2692 would reauthorize the activities of the United States Fire Administration (USFA) for three years and would authorize the appropriation of \$189 million over the 2004-2006 period. In addition, the bill would authorize the agency to undertake new research and development and training activities.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized in H.R. 2692, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$180 million over the 2004-2008 period and an additional \$10 million after that period. Enacting H.R. 2692 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2692 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

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2692 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

U.S. Fire Administration Spending						
Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	93	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	54	31	19	12	5	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	61	63	65	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	28	44	54	35	19
U.S. Fire Administration Spending						
Under H.R. 2692						
Authorization Level ^a	93	61	63	65	0	0
Estimated Outlays	54	59	63	66	40	19

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2692 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS ESTIMATE

On July 8, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1152, a similarly titled bill, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 19, 2003. S. 1152 would reauthorize the USFA for five years at an estimated cost of \$262 million over the 2004-2008 period. This bill would reauthorize the USFA for three years at an estimated cost of \$180 million over the same period.

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