



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5697  
Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform  
on June 29, 2006*

H.R. 5697 would amend federal law to require that federal civilian employees that engage in wildland fire suppression activities be classified as “wildland firefighters” by including that designation in their official job titles. The bill would primarily affect the employment classification of forestry and range technicians. Based on information from the Office of Personnel Management, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, CBO estimates that the reclassification of employees as wildland firefighters would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Any costs to change the salary and benefits of these employees would be subject to future legislation. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5697 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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