



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2218
United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2012
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on May 16, 2012*

SUMMARY

S. 2218 would reauthorize the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) through fiscal year 2017. Under current law, funding is authorized through 2012. Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$350 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2218 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2218 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 | | | | | 2013- 2017 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | |
| CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| Authorization Level | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 382 |
| Estimated Outlays | 50 | 72 | 76 | 76 | 76 | 350 |

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted at the end of fiscal year 2012 and that the specified amounts will be appropriated for each year.

The USFA coordinates with other emergency service entities to assist local communities and the public in planning for and reducing the risk of fire hazards. Funding is used to educate and train emergency responders; conduct research on fire detection and prevention, first responder health, and the effectiveness of safety programs; and conduct public outreach.

S. 2218 would authorize the appropriation of about \$76 million per year over the 2013-2017 period (for a total of \$382 million) for operations of the USFA, about \$32 million above amounts provided by the Congress for 2012 (see Public Law 112-74). Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$350 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2218 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State and local governments would benefit from grants, training, and technical assistance authorized by the bill. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

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