

HR 4488

National Wildfire Infrastructure Improvement and Cost Containment Act

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2010
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 18, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2010
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Wildfire Infrastructure Improvement and Cost Containment Act - Amends federal civil service law to raise the age for mandatory separation of a wildland firefighter from 57 to 65 years of age, or until her or she is certified by a licensed physician as being unable to successfully complete all applicable physical standards testing. Prohibits the use of funds appropriated to a federal department or agency to contract for the performance of firefighting or security guard functions that are performed, as of this Act's enactment, by a federal employee of any such department or agency.

Directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), in cooperation with the federal land management agencies, to commence development of a separate wildland firefighter occupational series that will more accurately reflect the variety of duties performed by wildland firefighters.

Requires a wildland firefighter's hours of work officially ordered or approved in excess of 40 hours per week or 8 hours per day to be considered overtime work. Makes time the firefighter is away from his or her official duty station assigned to an emergency incident, in support of an emergency incident, or pre-positioned for emergency response, compensable as work time. Includes hazardous duty differentials as basic pay for retirement purposes.

Prohibits OPM from excluding wildland firefighters from government employees' life insurance coverage. Permits, under specified circumstances: (1) the continuation of health benefits for a wildland firefighter between wildfire seasons; and (2) anyone subject to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) as a firefighter to have any qualifying firefighter service treated as creditable service, regarding service performed between 1989 and this Act's enactment. Provides for investigations of firefighter fatalities by the Inspectors General of the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior. Repeals a requirement for an independent investigation of Forest Service firefighter deaths caused by wildfire entrapment or turnover.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Feb 18, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Feb 12, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
- **Jan 25, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Armed Services