

HR 5631

Tim's Act

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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2022
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Nov 29, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 27, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2021)

Tim Hart Wildland Firefighter Classification and Pay Parity Act or Tim's Act

This bill addresses the pay and benefits of federal wildland firefighters and related issues. *Federal wildland firefighter* is defined as any temporary, seasonal, or permanent position at the Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the Department of the Interior that maintains certain group, emergency incident management, or fire qualifications and primarily engages in or supports wildland fire management activities.

Specifically, (1) the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) must establish one or more classification series for federal wildland firefighter positions, and (2) USDA and the Department of the Interior shall determine each position within USDA and Interior that qualifies as a federal wildland firefighter position.

The bill, among other requirements (1) establishes a pay scale for such positions, with annual adjustments; and (2) provides for hazardous duty pay. The OPM must establish guidelines for work schedules.

The bill addresses issues regarding wages, unpaid leave to care for a family member, recruitment and retention bonuses, and housing allowances.

USDA and Interior shall (1) establish, maintain, coordinate, and operate a voluntary tuition assistance program; (2) establish and maintain a publicly accessible, searchable Federal Wildland Firefighter Cancer and Cardiovascular Disease Database; and (3) establish and carry out a program for mental health awareness and support.

Additionally, the bill provides for continuation of firefighters pension coverage in case of disability and pay parity for federal structural firefighters.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Oct 27, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, 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.