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Homeland Security

Bill Text | Committee Report

For fiscal year 2024, the bill provides \$62.8 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and an additional \$20.3 billion for major disaster response and recovery. The legislation:

- Provides a false sense of national security, by spending billions on outdated and expensive border wall, leaving our ports of entry and interior Border Patrol checkpoints vulnerable to the trafficking of fentanyl and other illicit narcotics.
- Cuts necessary funding to manage the border safely and securely, putting our DHS workforce and our border communities at risk.
- Fails to protect our communities from violent extremists, underfunding programs that enhance regional preparedness and response capabilities, making our communities less secure.
- Weakens our national security through inadequate cybersecurity and infrastructure security investments, opening the U.S. to increased cyberattacks and foreign adversary influence.
- Leaves Americans vulnerable to the growing number and increasing severity of natural disasters by failing to deliver needed resources to mitigate the loss of life and property, combat climate change, and support climate resilience.
- Undermines the Transportation Security Administration workforce by unfairly implementing the pay restructuring we committed to last Congress.

Key provisions of the bill:

- Eliminates critical funding for CBP's border management requirements, \$2.4 billion below 2023 levels, and fails to fund a third Joint Processing Center.
- Guts funding for climate-change, climate-resiliency, and facilities transformation initiatives by over \$748 million.
- Wastes over \$3.7 billion on ineffective border security and immigration policies, while failing to address the ongoing fentanyl and opioid crisis and doing nothing to address the growing requirements at our ports of entry and interior Border Patrol checkpoints.
- Reverses our commitments to the TSA workforce cutting funding for workforce pay and collective bargaining initiatives by over \$469 million from the request.
- Cuts requested funding to combat terrorism, extremism, and cybersecurity attacks by over \$232 million.
- Slashes funding for humanitarian programs by over \$796 million, including family reunification efforts, immigration detention oversight, the Citizenship and Integration Grant program, and refugee processing.
- Reduces funding for diversity and inclusion efforts by over \$12.5 million.

 Mandates ICE maintain no less than 41,500 detention beds and requires all individuals on the non-detained docket enrolled into the Alternatives to Detention Program be on GPS monitoring program throughout the duration of their immigration proceedings without the funding to implement.

Policy Provisions

Provisions Targeting Underserved, Underrepresented, or Vulnerable Populations

- Section 222 prohibits the use of funds to provide necessary health care services for women.
- Eliminates a provision that protects potential sponsors of unaccompanied children from being deported.
- Section 223 prohibits the use of funds to provide necessary health care services for transgender persons.
- Section 545 prohibits the use of funds for Executive Orders related to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Restrictions that Weaken Our Defenses and Resiliency

- Section 540 limits the Department's ability to counter disinformation campaigns, including from foreign adversaries who seek to undermine our democratic elections.
- Section 543 limits CISA's ability to counter mis-, dis-, or mal-information efforts by domestic extremists and other adversaries who seek to cause harm to our critical infrastructure and our communities.