SUMMARY OF REPUBLICAN FISCAL YEAR 2026 BILL

Defense

The fiscal year 2026 Department of Defense funding bill provides \$831.5 billion, which is equal to current funding levels and \$1.3 billion above the Administration's fiscal year 2026 request.

Republicans have included language directing the Department of Defense to determine \$7.75 billion in cuts to amounts listed in the bill. This jeopardizes every program other than intelligence activities. If made uniformly, it would reduce everything by approximately 1 percent, which would mean cuts of almost \$2 billion for troop pay, over \$2 billion for troop readiness, \$409 million for health programs, \$5 million each for Israel and Jordan, and over \$2 billion for the procurement and modernization of weapons systems. At a time when the Trump Administration is already illegally stealing from American communities by refusing to spend funds, it is unfathomable that the Appropriations Committee would allow the administration to unilaterally make nearly \$8 billion in cuts to defense investments.

The bill:

- Weakens Ukraine and empowers Russia by eliminating support for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.
- **Undermines democracy at home and abroad** by allowing disinformation and extremist views to flourish.
- **Limits women's access to abortion** by preventing service personnel from traveling to seek reproductive health care
- **Harms our military readiness** with divisive provisions that undermine morale and fail to support our service personnel, by:
 - o Continuing DOGE and the Administration's cuts to vital civilian positions;
 - o Attacking the LGBTQ+ community with hateful policies; and
 - o Banning funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Bill Summary

Military Personnel – The bill provides \$188.9 billion for active, reserve, and National Guard military personnel, \$6.5 billion above fiscal year 2025, and \$5.7 billion below the fiscal year 2026 request.

Operation and Maintenance – The bill provides \$283.5 billion, \$6.8 billion below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$12.2 billion below the fiscal year 2026 request. This includes:

- Approximately \$1.1 billion for Environmental Restoration activities, \$111 million below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and equal to the fiscal year 2026 request.
- \$282.8 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, \$13.2 million below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and equal to the fiscal year 2026 request.
- \$117.9 million for Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid programs, \$2.6 million above the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$17 million above the fiscal year 2026 request.

Procurement – The bill provides \$174 billion, \$6.5 billion above the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$21 billion over the fiscal year 2026 request, including \$800 million for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA).

Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) – The bill provides \$147.6 billion, \$6.4 billion above the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$5.6 billion above the fiscal year 2026 request. The bill:

 Invests in basic and applied scientific research, development, test, and evaluation of new technologies and equipment, and supports the research community, so forces will have the systems and equipment necessary to face tomorrow's challenges.

Revolving and Management Funds – The bill provides \$1.7 billion in Revolving and Management Funds, which \$151 million below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$350 million below the fiscal year 2026 request.

Israel – The bill provides \$500 million for Israeli Cooperative procurement programs including the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow defense systems, equal to the fiscal year 2025 level and the fiscal year 2026 request.

Other Department of Defense Programs – The bill also includes:

Defense Health Programs

• \$40.9 billion for medical and health care programs of the Department of Defense which is \$522 million above the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and \$415 million above the fiscal year 2026 request.

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction

• \$213.3 million, \$562 million below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and equal to the fiscal year 2026 request.

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities

• \$1.1 billion, including \$305 million for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program, which is \$38.9 million above the fiscal year 2025 request and \$245 million above the fiscal year 2026 request.

Security Cooperation Programs

- Does **NOT** include the \$300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.
- \$1.3 billion for International Security Cooperation Programs.
- Up to \$500 million for Jordan.

Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund

• \$357.5 million to support the Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish Peshmerga, and the Syrian Democratic Forces countering ISIS, \$171.2 million below the fiscal year 2025 enacted level and equal to the fiscal year 2026 request.

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• \$517.6 million, which is a decrease of \$22.2 million below the 2025 enacted level and \$15 million above the fiscal year 2026 request.

Oversight, Reform, and General Provisions

- Bans the divestment of more than eight U-2 aircraft.
- Bans the divestment of F-15 aircraft unless the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that such aircraft will be replaced in a manner that maintains the current total aircraft assigned at a given unit and the readiness of that unit.

This legislation includes riders that would:

- Prohibit funds for travel expenses related to reproductive healthcare for servicemembers and their families, even when they are stationed in states where it is unavailable.
- Move Mexico from Northern Command to Southern Command.
- Put servicemembers' health at risk by changing vaccine requirements.
- Protect individuals who discriminate against marriage for same-sex couples.

- Prohibit funds to classify or facilitate classification on any communication by a US person as "mis, dis, or mal-information."
- Prohibits funds for critical race theory, a dog whistle with no relevance to actual military training or readiness.
- Destroy the Defense Department's efforts to build a more inclusive, effective, and modern military by banning the use of funds to implement, administer, apply, enforce, or carry out the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Strategic Plan of the Department of Defense or other related executive orders.
- Prohibit funds for Newsguard Technologies Inc, a nonpartisan media literacy tool.