



# Office of Government Relations

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### Congress has Introduced an FY2017 Omnibus Bill

In the midst of a difficult political rhetorical and fiscal environment, Congress produced a bipartisan agreement on the FY2017 budget. Overall, this just-released omnibus appropriations package is good for higher education priorities, including funding increases for several research and higher education programs.

On May 1st, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees released the Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Appropriations bill, H.R. 244, to fund the federal government until September 30, 2017. The House and Senate are expected to consider and pass the agreement this week before the current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires on Friday, May 5.

The bill would provide funding for the remaining eleven FY2017 appropriations bills (recall the FY2017 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill was passed and enacted in September 2016) and meets the base discretionary spending caps set in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015. Below are some highlights of the bill.

#### Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)— \$1.059B, an increase of \$36.43M from FY2016 enacted

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)— \$375M, an increase of \$25M from FY2016 enacted

#### **Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**

- Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP)— \$130M, level with FY2016 enacted
- National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NMMI)— \$25M, the same level with FY2016 enacted

#### **Department of Defense (DOD)**

- Office of Science & Technology (6.1-6.3)— \$14.01B, an increase of \$760M over FY2016 enacted
  - Basic Research (6.1)— \$2.28B, a decrease of \$33M from FY2016 enacted
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)— \$2.94B, an increase of \$48M over FY2016 enacted

#### **Department of Education (DOEd)**

- International Education and Foreign Language Studies (Title VI)— \$72M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Institute of Education Sciences (IES)— \$618M, a decrease of \$13M from FY2016 enacted- cuts are to Research, Development, and Dissemination (\$7.5M), Statistics (\$2.5M), and Statewide Data Systems (\$2.2M)
- Year round Pell Grants were restored

#### **Department of Energy (DOE)**

- Office of Science— \$5.39B, an increase of \$41.8M over FY2016 enacted

- Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E)— \$306M, an increase of \$15M over FY2016 enacted

### **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

- National Institutes of Health (NIH)— \$34.1B, an increase of \$2B over FY2016 enacted (includes \$352M provided by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and previously included in the December 2016 Continuing Resolution)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)—\$324M, a decrease of \$10M from FY2016 enacted
- Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)— \$511.7M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Bioshield— \$510M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Strategic National Stockpile— \$575M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Pandemic Flu— \$72M, level with FY2016 enacted

### **Department of Homeland Security**

- National Domestic Preparedness Consortium— \$101M, an increase of \$3M over FY2016 enacted
- Office of University Programs— \$40.6M, an increase of \$0.9M over FY2016 enacted
- FEMA Urban Search and Rescue—\$38.3M, an increase of \$3.1M over FY2016 enacted

### **Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey (USGS)**

- United States Geological Survey (USGS) Water Resources Research Institutes (WRRI)— \$6.5M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units— \$17.5M, level with FY2016 enacted

### **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

- Office of Science and Technology—\$706M, a decrease of \$29M from FY2016 enacted

### **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

- NASA's Science Mission Directorate—\$5.77B, an increase of \$176M over the FY2016 enacted
- Aeronautics Research— \$660M, an increase of \$20M over FY2016 enacted
- Space Technology Directorate—\$687M, level with FY2016 enacted
- Space Grant— \$40 million, level with FY2016 enacted

### **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**

The NEH would be funded at \$149.8M, a \$1.9M increase from FY2016 enacted

### **National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

- Oceanic and Atmospheric Research— \$514M, an increase of \$32M over FY2016 enacted
- National Sea Grant College Program— \$63M, level with FY2016 enacted

### **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

- Research and Related Activities— \$6.03B, level with FY2016 enacted (bill does not include language specifying funding for individual directorates)

### **US Agency for International Development (USAID)**

- Food Security and Agricultural Development programs— \$1B, level with FY2016 enacted

Feel free to contact me if you would like more detail or if you have any questions.

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