

House Appropriators Release Draft FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill

The House Appropriations Commission released its draft FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education (LHHS) Appropriations bill on Monday of this week. The draft bill includes \$189.8 billion in discretionary funding (increase of \$11.7 billion over 2019 enacted level). This bill is the largest non-defense appropriations bill and is considered the most controversial appropriations, which is why the committee is seeking to consider this bill first. The subcommittee marked up and approved the bill on Tuesday. Now, the bill is headed to the full committee for consideration and a vote.

Here are a few highlights of the bill:

Health & Human Services (HHS): The bill includes a total of \$99.0 billion for HHS, an increase of \$8.5 billion above the 2019 enacted level and \$20.9 billion above the President's budget request. The bill also directs CMS to use \$100 million in carryover funds from ACA user fees to support the ACA Navigators program, as well as outreach, enrollment, and advertising during the ACA open enrollment period.

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF)** – The bill provides \$27.9 billion in discretionary funding for ACF, which is \$4.7 billion above the 2019 enacted level and \$9.6 billion above the President's budget request.
 - **Early childhood** programs receive an increase of \$4 billion:
 - \$7.7 billion for the **Child Care and Development Block Grant**, an increase of \$2.4 billion;
 - \$11.6 billion for **Head Start**, an increase of \$1.5 billion; and
 - \$350 million for **Preschool Development Grants**, an increase of \$100 million.
 - \$3.8 billion for the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**, an increase of \$150 million.
 - \$760 million for the **Community Services Block Grant**, an increase of \$35 million.

Department of Labor (DOL): The bill provides a total of \$13.3 billion in discretionary appropriations for DOL – \$1.2 billion above the 2019 enacted level and \$2.4 billion above the President's budget request.

- \$10.6 billion for the **Employment Training Administration**, \$709 million above the 2019 enacted level and \$2 billion above the President's budget request. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$3 billion for **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grants**, \$178 million above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and President's budget request.
 - \$250 million for **Registered Apprenticeships**, an increase of \$90 million above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and the President's budget request.
 - \$128 million for **YouthBuild**, an increase of \$38 million above the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and \$43 million above the President's budget request.

- \$1.9 billion for **Job Corps**, \$150 million above the 2019 enacted level and \$853 million above the President's budget request.