

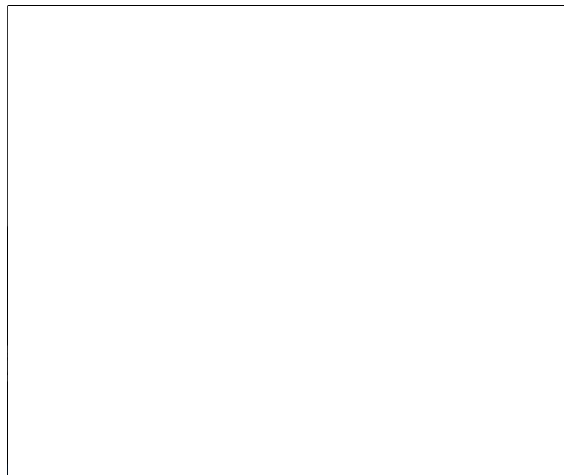
# House Democrats propose \$3.5B in federal spending for FDA



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House Democrats unveiled a draft spending bill Thursday that would steer \$3.47 billion in federal spending to FDA in fiscal 2022, a \$257 million boost from current levels.

[The draft legislation](#) "will improve safety efforts and accelerate medical advancements," agriculture and FDA subcommittee Chair [Sanford Bishop](#) (D-Ga.) said in a statement.



**The details:** The bill would set total FDA funding at nearly \$6.3 billion, with the difference supported by various agency user fees. That puts House Democrats' proposal on par with that of the Biden administration, [which has proposed \\$6.4 billion for the agency](#) in its fiscal 2022 budget request.

FDA's drug center would receive \$2.1 billion under the bill, with a minimum of \$8.5 million earmarked for surprise foreign inspection pilots. The Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research would get \$454 million, and the medical devices center would receive \$652 million.

The bill would direct "a targeted increase" of \$72 million toward addressing the opioid crisis, monitoring the medical supply chain, increasing inspections and studying rare cancers, committee Democrats said.

The measure would funnel \$681 million to FDA's tobacco center, rebuffing the White House's request for a \$99 million bump to help regulators bolster their oversight of youth use of tobacco products like e-cigarettes.

It also includes \$50 million to support medical product development under the 2016 21st Century Cures Act.

**What's next:** The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and FDA will mark up the draft bill Friday morning.

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