



# COMMITTEE *on* APPROPRIATIONS

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### SUMMARY

#### THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FISCAL YEAR 2020 APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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The fiscal year 2020 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations agreement provides \$50.468 billion in net discretionary appropriations. An additional \$17.352 billion is for major disaster response and recovery activities and \$190 million is for Overseas Contingency Operations of the Coast Guard for a total discretionary level of \$68.010 billion.

#### **Key Points and Highlights**

The agreement funds DHS's diverse mission and its 240,000 employees. In contrast to the President's budget request, significant investments are made to ensure DHS components have the resources to protect the nation from all manner of threats, whether land, sea, air, or cyber.

**Office of Immigration Detention Ombudsman.** The agreement includes \$10 million for the creation of a new Ombudsman position to address issues that arise in DHS detention facilities.

**Office of the Inspector General.** The agreement provides \$190 million, \$22 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$20 million more than the fiscal year 2020 request. The increase is for monitoring and oversight of border security and immigration enforcement activities.

**Customs and Border Protection.** The agreement provides \$14.916 billion, \$44 million less than fiscal year 2019 and \$3.3 billion less than the President's budget request. This amount includes \$233 million in emergency funding, including: \$173 million for humanitarian care for migrants arriving at the southern border; \$30 million to develop an agency-wide electronic health records system; and \$30 million to address health, life, and safety issues at existing Border Patrol facilities. This funding is fully offset by the rescission of unneeded prior year emergency balances.

The agreement funds over 800 new positions in the Office of Field Operations to include 610 additional Officers and Agriculture Specialists. No funding is included for the additional 750 Border Patrol agents requested by the President. The agreement funds increases above the request for border security technologies, including \$45 million for innovative solutions, \$15

million for next generation mobile surveillance technology, \$21 million for body worn cameras, and \$20 million for technologies at ports of entry. For air and marine assets, the agreement includes \$85.1 million for a total of 3 multi-role enforcement aircraft and \$14.8 million for continued procurement of coastal interceptor vessels.

The agreement includes \$1.375 billion for the construction of barrier systems along the southwest border, \$3.625 billion less than the amount sought by the President. The agreement prevents construction of a concrete wall by requiring designs to be consistent with those currently deployed along the southern border, such as bollard fencing. The agreement also allows for adaptations to designs that help mitigate community or environmental impacts of barrier systems. Finally, the agreement includes prohibitions on building any barriers in the following environmentally and historically sensitive areas:

- Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge;
- Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park;
- La Lomita Historical Park;
- National Butterfly Center;
- Vista del Mar Ranch tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Refuge; or
- Historic cemeteries.

**Immigration and Customs Enforcement.** The agreement provides \$8.080 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), \$492 million more than fiscal year 2019, and \$701 million less than the President’s budget request.

The agreement funds 45,274 detention beds, the same level enacted in fiscal year 2019 and 8,726 below the President’s budget request. The agreement also rejects the President’s request to hire 850 new deportation officers.

The agreement includes \$319.2 million for Alternatives to Detention, \$44.6 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$109.3 million more than the President’s budget request. This includes a \$15 million increase for the Family Case Management Program.

ICE oversight requirements and direction in the agreement include:

- A requirement of semimonthly public reporting on ICE detention statistics;
- Denies the use of any funds to detain or remove from the U.S., a sponsor or potential sponsor of an unaccompanied alien child based on information shared with DHS by Health and Human Services – with certain exceptions regarding the safety of the child;
- Prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant women while being held in detention;
- Requires public reporting on data related to separations of a child from an adult; and
- Requires public reporting on efforts to address challenges documented by the DHS Office Inspector General with regard to family separations.

**Transportation Security Administration.** The agreement provides \$7.814 billion in total discretionary spending, \$213 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$515 million more than the

President's budget request. The total is partially offset by \$2.830 billion in air passenger security fees for a net discretionary total of \$4.984 billion. The agreement fully restores important security measures proposed for elimination in the President's Budget, including the Law Enforcement (LEO) Reimbursement program, the Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response (VIPR) program, and exit lanes staffing. The agreement also sustains the 50 additional canine teams funded in fiscal year 2019 for a total of 1,097 teams. The agreement supports the requested purchase of 320 computed tomography units and includes funding for a new initiative for development of a reduced size CT unit for small and rural airports. Finally, funding is continued to reimburse airports for in-line baggage screening systems built after 9/11.

**Coast Guard.** The agreement provides \$11.966 billion, \$50 million less than fiscal year 2019 and \$847 million more than the President's budget request. When mandatory funding and Overseas Contingency Funding is excluded, the discretionary total is \$9.974 billion. The agreement includes increases for readiness, recruitment, deferred maintenance, and continuation of the enhanced child care subsidy funded in fiscal year 2019. For major acquisitions, the bill includes \$1.773 billion, \$476 million less than the fiscal year 2019 enacted level and \$538 million more than the request. Investments include \$994 million for vessels, \$505 million for aircraft, and \$205 million for construction of shore facilities. Finally, the agreement includes a new provision allowing for death gratuity payments to be made by the Coast Guard in the absence of an appropriation.

**United States Secret Service.** The agreement provides \$2.416 billion, \$168 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$107 million more than the President's budget request. A total of \$155 million is provided for the 2020 presidential campaign and National Security Special Events; \$755 million is for protection of the First Family, other protectees, and associated facilities; \$668 million is provided for domestic and international field operations; and \$6 million is continued as a grant to support missing and exploited children investigations.

**Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection.** The agreement provides \$2.016 billion, \$334 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$407 million more than the President's budget request. Notable increases above fiscal year 2019 include: \$155 million for federal network security; \$105 million to reduce the 12-month backlog in vulnerability assessments and to complete threat evaluations for national risks; \$12 million for supply chain analysis; and \$6.7 million for cybersecurity workforce development. The agreement also includes \$43.5 million, which is \$10.5 million more than fiscal year 2019, to assist state and local governments in enhancing security and providing resilience for elections infrastructure.

**Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention.** The agreement provides \$17.5 million for targeted violence and terrorism prevention. This new funding initiative provides \$10 million for grants to local and nonprofit organizations to determine the most effective terrorism prevention activities, for both international and domestic threats. The remaining \$7.5 million is to support the formation of prevention frameworks and to conduct awareness briefings across the country.

**FEMA Federal Assistance.** The agreement includes \$3.178 billion for grants and training to State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial entities, \$84 million more than fiscal year 2019 and \$698 million more than the President’s budget request. Programs are funded as follows:

- \$560 million for State Homeland Security Grants, of which \$90 million is for Operation Stonegarden, \$40 million is for nonprofit security, and \$15 million is for Tribal security;
- \$665 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative Grants, of which \$50 million is for nonprofit security;
- \$100 million for Public Transportation Security Grants, of which \$10 million is for Amtrak and \$2 million is for Bus Security;
- \$100 million for Port Security Grants;
- \$710 million for Firefighter Assistance Grants;
- \$355 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants;
- \$263 million for Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis Grants;
- \$125 million for Emergency Food and Shelter Grants;
- \$10 million for Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grants;
- \$10 million for Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams; and
- \$280 million for training, including \$46.8 million for the U.S. Fire Administration.

**Disaster Relief.** The agreement provides \$17.863 billion for the Disaster Relief Fund, \$17.352 billion of which is provided pursuant to the Budget Control Act disaster relief cap adjustment.

**Science and Technology.** The agreement provides \$737 million, \$83 million less than fiscal year 2019 and \$155 million more than the President’s budget request. The agreement fully restores funding for laboratory facilities, including the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, which was proposed for elimination in the President’s request. The agreement includes \$40.5 million, the same as fiscal year 2019 and \$18.8 million more than the fiscal year 2020 request for the University Centers of Excellence Program.

**DHS Headquarters Consolidation.** The agreement provides \$224 million associated with the construction of the DHS headquarters consolidation on the St. Elizabeths campus.

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