



NAIPI NEWS

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Please see the following correspondence from Jessica Molesworth, Associate Vice President at Van Scoyoc Associates.

Warmest regards,

On July 24th the Senate Appropriations Committee released the text of their FY 2015 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill and accompanying report.

The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee marked up their FY 2015 bill on June 10th, but the bill wasn't considered by the full Appropriations Committee due to concerns about potentially contentious amendments.

Normally appropriators don't release bill text and committee reports until the Full Committee markup occurs, but since work has stalled on the appropriations bills in the Senate, this move signals that Senate appropriators are presenting a marker for conference negotiations with the House on a potential omnibus package of FY 2015 appropriations bills after the mid-term election in November.

The House Appropriations Committee hasn't scheduled a markup of their FY 2015 Labor-HHS-Education bill.

It is all but certain that there will be a continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government beyond September 30th, the end of the current fiscal year. There was speculation earlier this week that the House might try to pass a CR before leaving for the August recess next week, but Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) today said that the House will consider a CR when Congress returns from recess in September. The CR will likely run through early December.

Below is the report language for the IDeA program. The Committee recommended an increase for the IDeA program over the President's Budget Request to restore IDeA funding to the pre-sequester level of funding for the program.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will provide you with further updates regarding the IDeA program as the appropriations process unfolds in the fall and winter.

Many thanks as always for all you do on behalf of the IDeA program.

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FY 2015 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Report Language

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GENERAL MEDICAL SCIENCES	
Appropriations, 2014	\$2,358,748,000
Budget estimate, 2015	2,368,877,000
Committee recommendation	2,403,915,000

The Committee recommendation includes \$2,403,915,000 for NIGMS, which includes \$808,200,000 in transfers available under section 241 of the PHS Act.

Institutional Development Award [IDeA].—Consistent with the Committee's full replacement of sequester cuts for NIH as a whole, the Committee provides \$275,406,000 to fully replace the sequester cut to the IDeA program. The Committee directs the Secretary to dedicate the increase above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level toward new Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence awards. Further, the focus of IDeA should continue to be on improving the necessary infrastructure and strengthening the biomedical research capacity and capability of research institutions within the IDeA States. However, many institutions in Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR] qualifying States that could benefit from the IDeA program are ineligible for funding. The Committee directs the IDeA director to develop a plan, including legislative language, to update eligibility criteria, and specifically evaluate whether EPSCoR participation should be a factor in a State's eligibility for the IDeA program. The NIH is directed to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 60 days after enactment of this act.

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