



# Legislative Update

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# Spring Congressional Agenda Includes

- Gender discrimination in the workplace
- Expedited review of COVID–19 hate crimes
- Statehood for the District of Columbia
- Security supplemental appropriations bill
- Additional nominations – HHS, CMS, DOI
- Unaccompanied children at the U.S.-Mexico border, immigration
- Continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Voting rights
- Gun control, background checks
- Climate change
- Racial injustice and environmental justice
- Infrastructure
- Additional hearings on Administration’s FY 2022 budget request



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# FY 2022 budget request

- The Administration's FY 2022 budget request puts the emphasis on discretionary spending for domestic programs like education, health care and environmental protection, while essentially maintaining funding for defense spending.
- The discretionary request proposes \$769 billion for non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding in FY 2022, which is a 16% increase over the FY 2021 enacted level.
- The discretionary request proposes \$753 billion for national defense programs, which is a 1.7% increase over the FY 2021 enacted level.



## FY 2022 budget request (con't)

- Mandatory funding, tax proposals and details of discretionary spending to be released later.
- Not parity between NDD and defense spending = > Rs not happy
- House Appropriations Subcommittees have actively been holding both oversight hearings on federal agencies and hearings on the FY 2022 budget request.
- Tribal requests and the President's campaign promise to fully fund IHS have resulted in a \$2.2 billion proposed increase to IHS, plus advance appropriations for IHS in FY 2023.



# New for FY 2022 appropriations bills

- Spending caps are gone.
- Expect earmarks, after a ten-year absence, in the FY 2022 appropriations bills.
- Can make up a maximum of 1% of the \$1.4 trillion in annual discretionary spending.
- A House member is limited to submit 10 “congressionally-directed spending” requests per fiscal cycle to the Appropriations Committee, without guarantee of their inclusion; is required to show community support for the request; and must publicly disclose the request.



# Infrastructure proposal – Administration's American Jobs Plan

- Multiple House and Senate committees
- Roads and bridges now, health care, child care, support for caregivers later
- Opportunity: White House interested in ideas for caregiver support
- Republican alternative infrastructure plan
- Senate Appropriations Committee hearing 4/20
- Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States (SCIP) hearing 4/21 on “Infrastructure in Indigenous Communities”
- Opportunity to submit written testimony by 5/5 on recommendations for regional referral specialty care centers and tribal public health infrastructure



# Movement on tribal health-related bills



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