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RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2024

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REPORT

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The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 2127) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

*Amounts in new budget authority*

Total of bill as reported to the Senate .....	\$338,267,114,000
Amount of 2023 appropriations .....	333,860,762,000
Amount of 2024 budget estimate .....	380,539,671,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
2023 appropriations .....	+ 4,406,352,000
2024 budget estimate .....	– 42,272,557,000

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TITLE I  
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

HEARING

The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held one hearing related to the fiscal year 2024 military construction budget request. Witnesses included representatives of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The fiscal year 2024 budget request for military construction and family housing totals \$16,674,944,000. The Committee recommends \$19,070,000,000, which is \$2,395,056,000 above the President's budget request.

REPROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

The following reprogramming guidelines apply for all military construction and family housing projects. A project or account (including the sub-elements of an account) which has been specifically reduced by the Congress in acting on the budget request is considered to be a congressional interest item and as such, prior approval is required. Accordingly, no reprogrammings to an item specifically reduced below the threshold by the Congress are permitted.

Recognizing the increased cost and complexity of military construction projects, the Committee maintains the increased reprogramming threshold to enable the Department to be more agile and reduce delays associated with cost overruns. The reprogramming criteria that apply to military construction projects, as well as new housing construction projects and improvements, is \$6,000,000 or 25 percent of the funded amount, whichever is less. To provide the Services the flexibility to proceed with construction contracts without disruption or delay, the costs associated with environmental hazard remediation such as asbestos removal, radon abatement, lead-based paint removal or abatement, and any other legislated environmental hazard remediation may be excluded, provided that such remediation requirements could not be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submission. This exclusion applies to projects authorized in this budget year, as well as projects authorized in prior years for which construction has not been completed.

Furthermore, in instances where prior approval of a reprogramming request for a project or account has been received from the Committee, the adjusted amount approved becomes the new base for any future increase or decrease via below-threshold

reprogrammings (provided that the project or account is not a congressional interest item as defined above).

In addition to these guidelines, the Services are directed to adhere to the guidance for military construction reprogrammings and notifications, including the pertinent statutory authorities contained in Department of Defense [DoD] Financial Management Regulation 7000.14-R and relevant updates and policy memoranda.

#### REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Committee recommends a continuation of the following general rules for repairing a facility under “Operation and Maintenance” account funding:

- Components of the facility may be repaired by replacement, and such replacement may be up to current standards or code.
- Interior arrangements and restorations may be included as repair, but additions and new facilities must be performed as military construction projects.
- Such projects may be done concurrent with repair projects, as long as the final conjunctively funded project is a complete and usable facility.
- The appropriate Service Secretary shall submit a notification prior to carrying out any repair project with an estimated cost in excess of \$7,500,000.

The Department is directed to continue to report on the real property maintenance backlog at all installations for which there is a requested construction project in future budget requests. This information is to be provided on the form 1390. In addition, for all troop housing requests, the form 1391 is to continue to show all real property maintenance conducted in the past 2 years and all future requirements for unaccompanied housing at that installation.

#### INCREMENTAL FUNDING

In general, the Committee supports full funding for military construction projects. However, it continues to be the practice of the Committee to provide incremental funding for certain large projects to enable the services to more efficiently allocate military construction dollars among projects that can be executed in the year of appropriation. Therefore, the Committee has recommended incremental funding for three projects.

*Strategic Construction in the Indo-Pacific Region.*—The Committee is pleased to see that the Department’s request includes approximately \$2,000,000,000 in military construction investments in direct support of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative. Further, the Committee continues to support efforts to execute emergent requirements and accelerate construction investments in the Indo-Pacific Command [INDOPACOM] region and has provided additional resources above the President’s budget request over the past 4 years for this purpose. The Committee provides an additional \$112,000,000 in planning and design and unspecified minor construction for projects in INDOPACOM that support National Defense Strategy objectives to sustain joint force military advantages, enable allies and partners, and deter adversaries from aggression against our National interest, and encourages the Department to leverage existing authorities to enable rapid execution of emergent

requirements. The Committee notes that the additional unspecified minor construction funds provided are not limited to the Exercise Related Construction program but are available for any unspecified minor construction undertaken by INDOPACOM.

*Military Installation Resilience.*—Since fiscal year 2020, the Committee has provided dedicated planning and design and unspecified minor construction funding to support installation resilience. The primary intent of this funding has been to develop and carry out projects that mitigate climate change risks to military installations. The Committee believes that such investments are critical to installation readiness and therefore provides \$30,000,000 for planning and design and unspecified minor construction in Section 128 to continue to develop projects, conduct studies and analyses, and update Unified Facility Criteria that will directly enhance military installation resilience.

*Child Development Centers [CDCs].*—The Committee continues to recognize the importance of access to childcare in improving both readiness and quality of life for servicemembers and their families. In order to help address the significant capacity shortfall, in addition to providing \$240,820,000 to fully fund the five CDCs included in the President's request, the bill provides an additional \$59,500,000 in planning and design funding to help develop future construction projects. The Committee encourages the Services to continue to focus on improving and replacing aging facilities, especially at underserved installations. Further, the Committee appreciates the information provided in prior reports but notes that outstanding concerns still exist about inadequate infrastructure and the Department's ability to meet demand. Therefore, the Committee directs the Service Secretaries to provide an assessment to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 120 days of enactment of this act on capacity, funding, and infrastructure shortfalls, identified by State, that limit the Department's ability to meet demand for CDCs.

*Defense of Guam Infrastructure.*—The Committee supports the overarching mission of the Enhanced Integrated Air & Missile Defense [EIAMD] system on Guam and recognizes the significant associated environmental, planning, and construction activities that must be undertaken to stand up the program. In addition to bed-down of the missile system, this requires investments in support infrastructure for the personnel that will be operating it. The Committee notes that such base operations construction is not scheduled to be requested until fiscal year 2026 and is concerned that the Department is not adequately synchronizing support infrastructure that complements deployment of the EIAMD system. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, the Secretary of the Army, and other stakeholders as necessary, to ensure that both operational and support infrastructure are adequately prioritized and synchronized within the Defense of Guam program.

*Military Construction Funding Initiatives.*—The bill includes funding to address important unfunded priorities and cost to completes included in DoD's unfunded priority lists provided to Congress. This includes an additional \$38,514,000 for the Army, \$351,100,000 for the Navy and Marine Corps, \$66,000,000 for the

Air Force, \$117,100,000 for Defense-Wide, \$89,500,000 for the Army National Guard, \$5,200,000 for the Air National Guard, and \$23,000,000 for the Army Reserve. This additional funding is reserved for projects that were included in the unfunded priority lists submitted to Congress. Further, the bill includes funding to address rising costs due to inflation.

*Congressionally Directed Spending.*—The Committee includes Congressionally Directed Spending for planning and design, unspecified minor construction, and major construction in accordance with Senate Rule XLIV. DoD is directed to carry out funding for projects as identified in tables under each relevant account header.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$12,989,554,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	14,734,193,000
Committee recommendation .....	16,006,435,000

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS—PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Department of Defense. This appropriation also funds infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$1,553,825,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	1,470,555,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,876,875,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,876,875,000 for Military Construction, Army for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$323,050,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$406,320,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Army, \$376,320,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Adv Individual Training Barracks Complex: Cost to Complete.	41,200
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Aircraft Parts Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,950
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Army Radar Approach Control Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Hazardous Material Storage Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,850
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Ready Building—MEDEVAC: Unspecified Minor Construction.	6,100
Alabama .....	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker) ...	Vehicle Maintenance Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,100
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	Access Control Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,000

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	Airport Runway Extension (Overruns): Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,500
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	Natural Gas Expansion and Meter Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,800
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	Test Area 7 Relocation: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,400
Alaska .....	Fort Wainwright .....	Soldier Performance Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	7,900
Georgia .....	Fort Moore (Fort Benning) ..	Camp Merrill AST Barracks: Planning and Design ..	1,320
Georgia .....	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield.	Combat Aviation Brigade GSAB Hangar: Planning and Design.	6,400
Georgia .....	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield.	Military Intelligence Battalion Hangar: Planning and Design.	2,220
Hawaii .....	Fort Shafter .....	Clearwell and Booster Pump .....	23,000
Hawaii .....	Helemano Military Reservation.	Well and Storage Tanks .....	33,000
Hawaii .....	Schofield Barracks .....	Elevated Tank and Distribution Line .....	16,000
Hawaii .....	Schofield Barracks .....	Water Storage Tank .....	21,000
Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Air Traffic Control Tower: Planning and Design .....	1,600
Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,700
Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Bob Dole Intermodal Railyard Improvements: Planning and Design.	1,110
Louisiana .....	Fort Johnson (Fort Polk) .....	Multipurpose Athletic Field .....	13,400
Michigan .....	Detroit Arsenal .....	Manned/Unmanned Tactical Vehicle Lab: Planning and Design.	2,400
New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range	El Paso Gate Access Control Point: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,600
New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range	Guided Missile Building Expansion: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600
New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range	High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility Fire Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,450
New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range	J-DETC Directed Energy Facility: Planning and Design.	3,060
New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range	Main Post Fire Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,200
Pennsylvania .....	Letterkenny Army Depot .....	Component Rebuild Shop, Depot Level: Unspecified Minor Construction.	2,500
South Carolina .....	Fort Jackson .....	Reception Barracks Complex, Ph2: Cost to Complete.	101,000
Washington .....	Joint Base Lewis-McChord ...	Barracks: Planning and Design .....	7,900
Washington .....	Yakima Training Center .....	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course: Planning and Design.	960
Washington .....	Joint Base Lewis-McChord ...	Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Planning and Design ...	7,500

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

*Army Air Traffic Control Towers.*—The Committee continues to recognize the importance of Army Air Traffic Control Towers, which control aircraft approaching and departing the terminal area and aircraft and vehicular movement on the runways, taxiways, and all other movement areas. They are the nerve center for an air installation complex and are critical to operational success, however, some current Army towers are antiquated and unsafe. The Committee encourages the Army to allocate sufficient funding for these critical facilities in future budget requests.



## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$4,345,320,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	6,022,187,000
Committee recommendation .....	6,046,309,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$6,046,309,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$1,700,989,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$24,122,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, \$282,880,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Arizona .....	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma.	Water Treatment Plant: Planning and Design .....	8,900
California .....	Naval Base Coronado .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design ...	6,200
California .....	Naval Base San Diego .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design ...	5,600
Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.	Dry Dock 3 Replacement .....	90,000
Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.	Waterfront Production Facility: Planning and Design	49,080
Hawaii .....	Marine Corps Base Hawaii ..	Water Reclamation Facility Compliance Upgrade ....	109,000
Maryland .....	Naval Support Activity Bethesda.	Construct Joint Navy/DHA Fire Station: Planning and Design.	3,000
Washington .....	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.	E/A-18G Aircraft Regional Service Facility: Planning and Design.	11,100

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

*Naval Shipyard Modernization.*—The Committee supports the Department's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan [SIOP] and believes the restoration of deferred maintenance availabilities along with the public shipyard dry dock investments recommended by the plan are critical. The Committee urges the Secretary of the Navy to prioritize the timely funding of public shipyard infrastructure, and in particular, the dry dock and shore infrastructure necessary to support critical maintenance of surface and submarine fleets by public shipyards. Recognizing the importance of SIOP and the need to adequately resource the development of future projects, in addition to fully funding the budget request of \$2,285,000,000, the Committee further provides \$164,080,000 above the request to advance design efforts as well as to meet additional construction costs that have been identified.

*Seismic Mitigations.*—In January 2023, after a seismic study concluded that several dry docks in the Pacific Northwest would put submarines at risk of serious damage during earthquakes, the Navy halted all submarine docking at four Puget Sound Naval Shipyard [PSNS] dry docks. With PSNS serving as one of just four public shipyards that maintain the Navy's aircraft carriers and submarines, the material readiness of the Navy's fleet profoundly depends on the ability of these facilities to conduct safe and timely maintenance. Without dry dock seismic mitigations, vital sub-

marine maintenance availability periods will be delayed or abandoned, threatening readiness levels of the Navy's current fleet and potentially impacting the ability of the current ballistic missile submarines to remain in service until the introduction of the Columbia-class submarines. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to move forward expeditiously with long-term solutions for seismic mitigation at PSNS in order to preserve these critical Naval facilities and its workforce.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$2,614,996,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	2,605,314,000
Committee recommendation .....	2,802,924,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$2,802,924,000 for Military Construction, Air Force for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$187,928,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$197,610,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Air Force, \$197,610,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Alabama .....	Maxwell Air Force Base .....	Construct Addition, Air Command and Staff College (Bldg 1402): Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,100
Alabama .....	Maxwell Air Force Base .....	Replace (Construct) Gunter Fitness Center: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,800
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Coal Thaw Shed Addition: Planning and Design .....	1,500
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Consolidated Munitions Complex: Planning and Design.	15,100
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Cryogenics Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction	6,900
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Fire Station: Planning and Design .....	1,700
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Joint Mobility Center Expansion: Planning and Design.	3,000
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex Ops Facility: Planning and Design.	13,500
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	Permanent Party Dorm: Planning and Design .....	9,500
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	Combat Alert Cell: Planning and Design .....	18,100
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	Precision Guided Munitions Complex: Planning and Design.	6,100
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	Sand Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,800
Arizona .....	Luke Air Force Base .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design ....	2,700
Arizona .....	Luke Air Force Base .....	Gila Bend Consolidated Facility: Planning and Design.	2,200
Louisiana .....	Barksdale Air Force Base ....	WGF Dormitory: Planning and Design .....	6,700
Mississippi .....	Columbus Air Force Base ....	T-7A Egress Shop: Unspecified Minor Construction	4,600
Mississippi .....	Columbus Air Force Base ....	T-7A Hush House Pad: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,850
Mississippi .....	Keesler Air Force Base .....	Air Traffic Control Tower: Planning and Design .....	1,960
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	55 CES Maintenance/Warehouse: Planning and Design.	3,500
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Base Operations/Mobility Center: Planning and Design.	3,000
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Logistics Readiness Squadron Transportation Facility: Planning and Design.	2,700

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE—Continued  
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Replace Vehicle Search Area, STRATCOM Gate, B511: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000
Nevada .....	Nellis Air Force Base .....	Dormitory: Planning and Design .....	7,500
New Mexico .....	Cannon Air Force Base .....	Satellite Fire Station: Planning and Design .....	2,000
New Mexico .....	Kirtland Air Force Base .....	Wyoming Gate Project: Cost to Complete .....	24,400
Ohio .....	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.	Acquisition Management Complex Phase V: Planning and Design.	18,000
Oklahoma .....	Vance Air Force Base .....	Undergraduate Pilot Training Center: Planning and Design.	8,400

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

*Addressing Climate Risk in Strategic Basing.*—The Committee notes that the Air Force Climate Action Plan lists modernizing infrastructure and facilities as the prime objective in maintaining air and space dominance. A key metric for this objective is establishing a framework to evaluate the effects of climate change to inform resourcing and basing processes by fiscal year 2024. The Committee seeks to learn about progress made on this metric and notes that Air Force Instruction [AFI] 10–503, which provides procedures for the strategic basing process and guides more than a dozen basing decisions each year, has not been updated since October 2020. This AFI currently does not include an assessment of probabilistic climate threats in the basing criteria or a requirement to incorporate such analysis during site surveys or criteria development, despite the creation of tools to aid in evaluating installation exposure and associated future risks such as the Severe Weather/Climate Hazard Screening and Risk Assessment Playbook. As such, the Committee is concerned that the basing process does not adequately account for risks or potential mitigation requirements when conducting a basing action. The Committee encourages the Department to integrate installation climate assessments into the strategic basing process and directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report on steps taken to develop the framework identified in the climate plan, to include any relevant directives provided to Major Commands tasked with initiating basing action requests and developing criteria, no later than 120 days after enactment of this act.

*Sentinel Program Oversight.*—The Committee supports the Sentinel program and includes \$140,000,000, as requested, for three projects to construct integrated command and training centers, as well as a missile handling complex. The Committee continues to recognize that certain flexibilities will be required for this unique program, as noted in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 116–260. However, the Committee believes the legislative proposal to authorize the use of cost-plus-incentive-fee [CPIF] contracting through a modification to Section 101 is an inappropriate approach and instead supports efforts to authorize the use of CPIF through the National Defense Authorization Act.

*Agile Common Hangars.*—The Committee is aware that agile common hangars may provide more capacity and capability than traditional facilities since they can support multiple platforms and

requirements and eliminate the need to build new and unique facilities for each new aircraft. For example, at Tinker Air Force Base, agile common hangars could support both the legacy B-52 and the forthcoming B-21, replacing multiple facilities that would otherwise need to be built for each platform. This would ultimately lead to time and cost savings and provide flexibility for future programs. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 180 days of enactment of this act on the cost savings that the agile common hangar could provide, as well as which aircraft and which installations are best suited for the agile common hangar.

*Hypersonic Labs.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of Air Force hypersonic test range facilities but notes that investment is needed in testing infrastructure to support critical hypersonic weapons development. Many labs and testing centers are funded with working capital funds, which can make it especially difficult to finance infrastructure projects and improvements. The Committee encourages the Department to make investments in its testing infrastructure, including basic water and energy capacity, turbine propulsion cycles, and laboratory infrastructure, in order to advance existing capabilities and develop a wide range of new capabilities to compete with advanced adversaries.

*Weapons Generation Facilities.*—The Committee continues to recognize the importance of the Weapons Generation Facility [WGF] modernization program but is concerned that execution delays and cost overruns continue to impact the schedule of future projects. The Committee directs the Department to continue to provide quarterly updates on projects associated with the WGF modernization program, including the status of planning and estimated timelines for projects not yet in the design phase, and urges the Department to accelerate the WGF schedule wherever possible.

*Global Strike Command Security Gates.*—The Committee remains concerned about deficient security gates at Air Force Global Strike Command installations, particularly as the Air Force plans to make significant investments in strategic weapons systems and weapons generation facilities at these bases. The Committee urges the Air Force to plan and program sufficient funding to address security gate deficiencies at these installations in its future years defense program.

*U.S. Space Command Headquarters.*—The Committee is concerned that the Department has not finalized a permanent location for the United States Space Command headquarters after nearly 5 years of consideration and with the associated impact on national security. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary to provide a report within 90 days of enactment of this act regarding any funds that have been obligated or expended in all previous fiscal years for the construction, renovation, or improvement of facilities, including all leases, for Space Command Headquarters.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$2,626,078,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	2,984,682,000
Committee recommendation .....	3,132,782,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$3,132,782,000 for projects considered within the Military Construction, Defense-Wide account for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$506,704,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$148,100,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Defense-Wide, \$36,100,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Delaware .....	Dover Air Force Base .....	Blood Processing Center Replacement .....	30,600
Georgia .....	Fort Moore (Fort Benning) ...	Dexter Elementary School: Planning and Design .....	500
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	DPAA Laboratory: Planning and Design .....	5,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

*Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program [ERCIP].*—The Committee supports DoD's investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, and energy resilience, including through ERCIP, and fully funds the budget request of \$634,250,000. Recognizing the complexity of and cost increases for ERCIP projects, the Committee provides an additional \$38,000,000 for cost-to-completes as appropriated in Section 124. The Committee believes that DoD should leverage all available authorities to best plan and execute ERCIP projects and that third-party financing can serve as a valuable tool for addressing DoD energy requirements, especially when leveraged in concert with ERCIP. In particular, the Committee notes that Areawide Contracts [AWC] can help facilitate a project's timely development, planning, and execution and encourages its use, as appropriate, where AWC help facilitate ERCIP's goals.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$459,018,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	340,186,000
Committee recommendation .....	598,572,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$598,572,000 for Military Construction, Army National Guard for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$139,554,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$258,386,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Army National Guard, \$251,386,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
California .....	Camp Roberts .....	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range: Cost to Complete.	5,000
Illinois .....	Bloomington .....	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete.	5,250
Illinois .....	Chicago, Jones Armory .....	General Jones National Guard Readiness Center Alteration: Planning and Design.	5,000
Illinois .....	North Riverside .....	Access Control Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,400
Illinois .....	Peoria .....	Readiness Center: Planning and Design .....	2,400
Kansas .....	Topeka .....	National Guard/Reserve Center Building: Cost to Complete.	5,856
Maine .....	Saco .....	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete.	7,420
Minnesota .....	Camp Ripley .....	Access Control Facility: Planning and Design .....	1,530
Mississippi .....	Meridian .....	Army Aviation Support Facility 3: Planning and Design.	2,160
Mississippi .....	Southaven .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	22,000
Nebraska .....	Mead Training Site .....	Unaccompanied Housing: Planning and Design .....	1,440
Nevada .....	Floyd Edsall Training Center	Combined Support Maintenance Shop: Planning and Design.	2,700
Nevada .....	Floyd Edsall Training Center	General Instruction Facility: Planning and Design ..	5,490
Nevada .....	Harry Reid Training Center ..	Ready Building: Planning and Design .....	590
New Hampshire .....	Center Strafford .....	Physical Fitness Center: Unspecified Minor Construction.	9,000
New Hampshire .....	Pembroke .....	Vehicle Storage Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,000
New Jersey .....	Newark .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	1,900
New Mexico .....	De Bremond Training Site ...	Soldier Performance, ACFT Support Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,300
New York .....	Lexington Armory .....	National Guard Readiness Center Addition/Alteration.	90,000
Pennsylvania .....	Moon Township .....	Combined Support Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete.	3,100
Pennsylvania .....	New Castle .....	Vehicle Maintenance Shop Addition: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,650
Rhode Island .....	North Kingstown .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	30,000
South Carolina .....	Joint Base Charleston .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Cost to Complete.	6,500
Vermont .....	Ethan Allen Firing Range ....	National Guard Readiness Center Add/Alt: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,750
Washington .....	Camp Murray .....	National Guard/Reserve Center: Planning and Design.	3,600
West Virginia .....	Bluefield .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	1,950
West Virginia .....	Camp Dawson-Kingwood ....	Covered Training Area: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,300
West Virginia .....	Charleston .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	4,800
West Virginia .....	Parkersburg .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	3,300

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

**Defense Access Roads.**—The Defense Access Road [DAR] program is a valuable tool available to the Department to provide for public roadway improvements resulting from defense generated traffic, including increasing unit travel, military vehicle traffic and heavy haul trucks. The Committee encourages the Army National Guard to use authorities under the DAR program to protect and enhance

roadways that are critical to national defense, including in rural States where DAR certified primary access roads currently do not meet safety standards.

*Readiness Centers.*—The Committee continues to note that many Army National Guard units utilize outdated and substandard facilities which can negatively impact the unit's ability to meet readiness, recruiting and retention, and training objectives. Facilities with physical shortfalls of greater than 50 percent of authorized space, such as those in Jamestown, North Dakota, are particularly concerning. The Committee encourages the Army National Guard to allocate sufficient funding to address such facilities in future budget requests.

*Lodging Facilities.*—The Committee continues to highlight lodging shortfalls near Army National Guard training centers that support training and readiness activities as well as support training for outside agencies. The Committee encourages the Army National Guard to allocate appropriate funding towards lodging requirements in future budget requests, particularly for installations with new training and readiness requirements.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$279,353,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	178,722,000
Committee recommendation .....	304,426,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$304,426,000 for Military Construction, Air National Guard for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$25,073,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$125,704,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Air National Guard, \$125,704,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	AMC Standard Dual Bay Hangar: Planning and Design.	25,000
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	ADAL Alert Crew Facility Hangar 18: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	HC-130J Simulator Facility: Planning and Design ..	2,000
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.	North Campus Electrical Loop: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600
Maine .....	Bangor International Airport	Repair Hangar Access Apron (Light Duty Ramp): Planning and Design.	1,450
Maine .....	Bangor International Airport	Repair Whiskey Apron: Planning and Design .....	704
Mississippi .....	Jackson International Airport	Fire Crash and Rescue Station: Cost to Complete ..	8,000
New Hampshire .....	Pease Air National Guard Base.	Ground Product Service Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,000
New Jersey .....	Atlantic City International Airport.	Consolidated Dining, Services, and Fitness Center: Planning and Design.	2,000
New Jersey .....	Atlantic City International Airport.	F-16 Mission Training Center: Planning and Design.	1,100
Oregon .....	Portland International Airport.	Special Tactics Complex Phase 3 .....	20,000

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Oregon .....	Portland International Airport.	Special Tactics Complex Phase 4 .....	11,000
Pennsylvania .....	Pittsburgh International Airport.	Entry Control Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,000
West Virginia .....	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base.	Renovate Building 107 for Small Air Terminal/Gym: Unspecified Minor Construction.	2,500
West Virginia .....	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base.	Renovate Building 109 for Aerospace Support Equipment: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,000
West Virginia .....	Shepherd Field .....	Indoor Small Arms Range: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000
West Virginia .....	Shepherd Field .....	Main Gate Entry Control Point Renovation: Unspecified Minor Construction.	6,000
Wisconsin .....	General Mitchell International Airport.	Indoor Small Arms Range: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,100
Wisconsin .....	General Mitchell International Airport.	POL Pipeline: Unspecified Minor Construction .....	4,250

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$193,878,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	107,076,000
Committee recommendation .....	151,076,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$151,076,000 for Military Construction, Army Reserve for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$44,000,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Army Reserve, \$44,000,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
California .....	Fort Hunter Liggett .....	Network Enterprise Center .....	40,000
Virginia .....	Richmond .....	Army Reserve Center: Planning and Design .....	4,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$36,837,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	51,291,000
Committee recommendation .....	51,291,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$51,291,000 for Military Construction, Navy Reserve for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$14,454,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.



### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$85,423,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	291,572,000
Committee recommendation .....	309,572,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$309,572,000 for Military Construction, Air Force Reserve for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$224,149,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and \$18,000,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Air Force Reserve, \$18,000,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

[In thousands of dollars]

State	Location	Project	Amount
Arizona .....	Davis Monthan Air Force Base.	Guardian Angel POTFF Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,500
Louisiana .....	Barksdale Air Force Base ....	307 Bomb Wing Medical Facility Addition: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000
Ohio .....	Youngstown Air Reserve Station.	Fire Station: Planning and Design .....	2,500

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

### NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

#### SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$220,139,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	293,434,000
Committee recommendation .....	293,434,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] appropriation provides for the U.S. cost share of the NATO Security Investment Program for the acquisition and construction of military facilities and installations (including international military headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective defense of the NATO Treaty area.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$293,434,000 for the NATO Security Investment Program for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$574,687,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	389,174,000
Committee recommendation .....	439,174,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Section 2711 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 112-239) consolidated the Base Closure Ac-

count 1990 and the Base Closure Account 2005 into a single Department of Defense Base Closure Account. The Base Closure Account provides for cleanup and disposal of property consistent with the four closure rounds required by the base closure acts of 1988 and 1990, and with the 2005 closure round required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of \$439,174,000 for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$50,000,000 above the budget request.

*Environmental Remediation.*—The Committee continues to recognize that the Services have active costs associated with ordnance disposal and environmental clean-up, to include per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination at dozens of realigned or closed installations. Therefore, the Committee provides an additional \$50,000,000 to help remediate hazardous environmental sites at installations closed under previous Base Closure and Realignment rounds. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Service Secretaries to provide a spend plan for these additional funds to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days after enactment of this act.

#### FAMILY HOUSING OVERVIEW

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$1,985,836,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	1,940,255,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,940,255,000

#### FAMILY HOUSING ACCOUNTS—PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Family Housing appropriation provides funds for military family housing construction activities, operation and maintenance, the Family Housing Improvement Fund, and the Homeowners Assistance Program. Construction accounts provide funding for new construction, improvements and the Federal Government share of housing privatization. Operation and maintenance accounts fund costs associated with the maintenance and leasing of military family housing, including utilities, services, management, and furnishings.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,940,255,000 for Family Housing Construction, Operation and Maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request.

*Dispute Resolution.*—In order to provide additional transparency and accountability within the privatized housing program, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 120 days of enactment of this act on the dispute process and outcomes since implementation of dispute resolution mechanisms. At a minimum, the report shall include the following: (1) the number of informal disputes filed versus number of formal disputes; (2)

the number of disputes per installation, per project, and per unit by project; (3) the average timeline for concluding the informal and formal dispute resolution processes by installation; and (4) the percentage of claims that are determined to be founded versus unfounded.

#### FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$169,339,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	304,895,000
Committee recommendation .....	304,895,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$304,895,000 for Family Housing Construction, Army for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$135,556,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

#### FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$446,411,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	385,485,000
Committee recommendation .....	385,485,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$385,485,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army, for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request.

#### FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$337,297,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	277,142,000
Committee recommendation .....	277,142,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$277,142,000 for Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

#### FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$378,224,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	363,854,000
Committee recommendation .....	363,854,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$363,854,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request.

## FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$232,788,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	237,097,000
Committee recommendation .....	237,097,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$237,097,000 for Family Housing Construction, Air Force for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$4,309,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

## FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$365,222,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	314,386,000
Committee recommendation .....	314,386,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$314,386,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force for fiscal year 2024. This amount is equal to the budget request.

## FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$50,113,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	50,785,000
Committee recommendation .....	50,785,000

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$50,785,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$672,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$6,442,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	6,611,000
Committee recommendation .....	6,611,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Family Housing Improvement Fund appropriation provides for the Department of Defense to undertake housing initiatives and to provide an alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing and supporting facilities. This account provides seed money for housing privatization initiatives.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$6,611,000 for the Family Housing Improvement Fund for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$169,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

*Navy Privatized Housing.*—The Committee is aware that the Navy is undertaking a privatized housing project that will furnish 88 new housing units at Naval Station Everett and requires a

transfer of credited funds from land conveyances in the Family Housing Improvement Fund. Therefore, the Committee includes Section 133 allowing the transfer of \$18,800,000 by the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Navy to address this requirement.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$494,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	496,000
Committee recommendation .....	496,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund appropriation provides for the Department of Defense to undertake housing initiatives and to provide an alternative means of acquiring and improving military unaccompanied housing and supporting facilities. This account provides seed money for housing privatization initiatives.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$496,000 for the Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund for fiscal year 2024. This amount is \$2,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. The Committee includes a provision that restricts payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for work, except in cases of contracts for environmental restoration at base closure sites.

Sec. 102. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of funds for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Sec. 103. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of funds for defense access roads.

Sec. 104. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases inside the continental United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

Sec. 105. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of funds for purchase of land or land easements.

Sec. 106. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds to acquire land, prepare a site, or install utilities for any family housing except housing for which funds have been made available.

Sec. 107. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of minor construction funds to transfer or relocate activities among installations.

Sec. 108. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the procurement of steel unless American producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been allowed to compete.

Sec. 109. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits payments of real property taxes in foreign nations.

Sec. 110. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases overseas without prior notification.

Sec. 111. The Committee includes a provision that establishes a threshold for American preference of \$500,000 relating to architect and engineering services for overseas projects.

Sec. 112. The Committee includes a provision that establishes preference for American contractors for military construction in the United States territories and possessions in the Pacific, and on Kwajalein Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf.

Sec. 113. The Committee includes a provision that requires notification of military exercises involving construction in excess of \$100,000.

Sec. 114. The Committee includes a provision that permits funds appropriated in prior years to be available for construction authorized during the current session of Congress.

Sec. 115. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of expired or lapsed funds to pay the cost of supervision for any project being completed with lapsed funds.

Sec. 116. The Committee includes a provision that permits obligation of funds from more than one fiscal year to execute a construction project, provided that the total obligation for such project is consistent with the total amount appropriated for the project.

Sec. 117. The Committee includes a provision that permits the transfer of funds from Family Housing Construction accounts to the DoD Family Housing Improvement Fund and from Military Construction accounts to the DoD Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund.

Sec. 118. The Committee includes a provision that provides transfer authority to the Homeowners Assistance Fund.

Sec. 119. The Committee includes a provision that requires all acts making appropriations for military construction be the sole funding source of all operation and maintenance for family housing, including flag and general officer quarters, and limits the repair on flag and general officer quarters to \$35,000 per unit per year without prior notification to the congressional defense committees.

Sec. 120. The Committee includes a provision that provides authority to expend funds from the "Ford Island Improvement" account.

Sec. 121. The Committee includes a provision that allows the transfer of expired funds to the Foreign Currency Fluctuation, Construction, Defense Account.

Sec. 122. The Committee includes a provision that allows the reprogramming of military construction and family housing construction funds among projects and activities within the account in which they are funded.

Sec. 123. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds in this title for planning and design and construction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sec. 124. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funds for unfunded military construction priorities.

Sec. 125. The Committee includes a provision directing all amounts appropriated to military construction accounts be immediately available and allotted for the full scope of authorized projects.

Sec. 126. The Committee includes a provision permitting the obligation of funds for fiscal year 2017, fiscal year 2018, and fiscal year 2019 projects for which the project authorization has not lapsed or has been extended.

Sec. 127. The Committee includes a provision defining the congressional defense committees.

Sec. 128. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funding for Military Installation Resilience.

Sec. 129. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funding for Air Force natural disaster recovery.

Sec. 130. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funding for planning and design of child development centers.

Sec. 131. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funding for planning and design and authorized major construction projects at future foreign military training sites.

Sec. 132. The Committee includes a provision providing funds to address cost increases for authorized major construction projects.

Sec. 133. The Committee includes a provision allowing the transfer of funds to the Secretary of the Navy from the Family Housing Improvement Fund.

Sec. 134. The Committee includes a provision providing funding for unfunded authorized major construction projects.

Sec. 135. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

TITLE II  
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
HEARING

The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held one hearing related to the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget request for fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025 advance appropriations. The subcommittee heard testimony from the Honorable Denis R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommendation includes \$296,551,032,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] for fiscal year 2024, including \$161,740,342,000 in mandatory spending and \$134,810,690,000 in discretionary spending. The Committee also recommends \$193,048,534,000 in advance appropriations for mandatory benefits and \$112,582,000,000 in advance appropriations for veterans medical care for fiscal year 2025.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Veterans Administration was established on July 21, 1930, as an independent agency by Executive Order 5398, in accordance with the act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1016). This act authorized the President to consolidate and coordinate Federal agencies specially created for or concerned with the administration of laws providing benefits to veterans, including the Veterans' Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. On March 15, 1989, the Veterans Administration was elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA's mission is to serve America's veterans and their families as their principal advocate in ensuring they receive the care, support, and recognition they have earned in service to the Nation. As of September 30, 2022, there were an estimated 18.5 million living veterans residing in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There were an estimated 21.9 million dependents (spouses and dependent children) of living veterans, and there were about 600,000 survivors of deceased veterans receiving VA survivor benefits. Thus, approximately 41.0 million people, or 12.2 percent of the total estimated resident population of the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas and U.S. citizens living abroad were recipients or potential recipients of veterans benefits from the Federal Government. VA's operating units include the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and staff support offices.



The Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA] provides an integrated program of nonmedical veterans benefits. VBA administers a broad range of benefits to veterans and other eligible beneficiaries through 56 regional offices; 4 district offices; 3 Pension Management Centers; 6 Fiduciary Hubs; 2 Regional Education Processing Offices; 8 Regional Loan Centers; 1 Insurance Center; 10 National Contact Centers; 1 Education Contact Center; 3 Decision Review Operations Centers; and 1 Records Management Center. The benefits provided include compensation for service-connected disabilities; non-service-connected pensions for veterans who meet certain wartime service, income and net worth, age and/or disability requirements; vocational rehabilitation assistance; educational and training assistance; home buying assistance; estate protection services for veterans under legal disability; information and assistance through personalized contacts; and 11 life insurance programs.

The Veterans Health Administration [VHA] develops, maintains, and operates a national healthcare delivery system for eligible veterans; carries out a program of education and training of healthcare personnel; conducts medical research and development; and furnishes health services to members of the Armed Forces during periods of war or national emergency. A system consisting of 18 Veterans Integrated Service Networks [VISN]; 145 VA Hospitals; 12 Health Care Centers; 289 Multi-Specialty Community-Based Outpatient Clinics; 414 Primary Care Community-Based Outpatient Clinics; 415 Outpatient Services Sites; 135 Community Living Centers; 124 Mental Health Residential rehabilitation treatment programs; 300 readjustment counseling Vet Centers; and 83 Mobile Vet Centers is maintained to meet VA's medical mission.

The National Cemetery Administration [NCA] provides for the interment of the remains of eligible deceased servicemembers and discharged veterans in any national cemetery with available grave space; permanently maintains these graves; provides headstones and markers for the graves of eligible persons in national and private cemeteries; administers the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries; and provides certificates to families of deceased veterans recognizing their contributions and service to the Nation. In 2024, cemetery activities will encompass 158 national cemeteries and 34 soldiers' lots and monuments and their maintenance as national shrines.

Staff support offices include the Office of Inspector General, Board of Veterans Appeals, and General Administration offices, which support the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary for Benefits, Under Secretary for Health, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and General Counsel.

#### VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$167,704,472,000
Advance Appropriations, 2024 .....	155,351,762,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	10,607,580,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	10,607,580,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	193,048,534,422
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	193,048,534,422

## ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Veterans Benefits Administration is responsible for the payment of compensation and pension benefits to eligible service-connected disabled veterans, as well as education benefits and housing loan guarantees.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided \$155,351,762,000 in advance appropriations for VBA for fiscal year 2024. This included \$146,778,136,000 for Compensation and Pensions; \$8,452,500,000 for Readjustment Benefits; and \$121,126,000 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities.

For fiscal year 2024, the Committee's recommendation includes an additional \$4,655,879,000 for Compensations and Pensions; an additional \$12,701,000 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities; \$316,742,419 for the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund administrative expenses; \$78,337 for the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account, with \$460,698 for administrative expenses; \$2,718,546 for the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program account; and \$3,899,000,000 for the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account.

The Committee recommendation also provides \$193,048,534,422 in advance appropriations for the Veterans Benefits Administration's mandatory accounts for fiscal year 2025. This level may be adjusted based on the results of the administration's mid-session review.

## COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$152,016,542,000
Advance Appropriations, 2024 .....	146,778,136,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	4,655,879,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	4,655,879,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	181,390,281,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	181,390,281,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Compensation is payable to living veterans who have suffered impairment of earning power from service-connected disabilities. The amount of compensation is based upon the impact of disabilities on a veteran's earning capacity. Death compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation is payable to the surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths occur while on active duty or result from service-connected disabilities. A clothing allowance may also be provided for veterans with a service-connected disability who use a prosthetic or orthopedic device. In fiscal year 2024, the Department estimates it will obligate \$161,455,646,000 for compensation payments to 6,094,446 veterans, 562,448 survivors, and 1,049 children receiving special benefits.

Pensions are an income security benefit payable to needy wartime veterans who are precluded from gainful employment due to non-service-connected disabilities that render them permanently

and totally disabled. The Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–103), restored the automatic presumption of permanent and total non-service-connected disability for purposes of awarding a pension to veterans age 65 and older, subject to the income limitations that apply to all pensioners. Death pensions are payable to needy surviving spouses and children of deceased wartime veterans. The rate payable for both disability and death pensions is determined on the basis of the annual income of the veteran or their survivors. In fiscal year 2024, the Department estimates that the pensions program will provide benefits to 150,678 veterans and 112,179 survivors totaling \$3,370,179,000.

The Compensation and Pensions program funds certain burial benefits on behalf of eligible deceased veterans. These benefits provide the purchase and transportation costs for headstones and markers, graveliners, and pre-placed crypts; and provide partial reimbursement for privately purchased outer burial receptacles. In fiscal year 2024, the Department estimates the Compensation and Pensions program will obligate \$426,420,000 providing burial benefits. This funding will provide 45,196 burial allowances, 55,545 burial plot allowances, 57,936 service-connected death awards, 450,848 burial flags, 334,080 headstones or markers, 43,222 graveliners or reimbursement for privately purchased outer burial receptacles, 326 caskets and urns for the internment of the remains of veterans without next of kin, and 1,684 cremation urns and commemorative plaques in lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker for an eligible deceased individual not already buried who served in the Armed Forces.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$146,778,136,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Compensation and Pensions account.

The Committee recommendation includes an additional \$4,655,879,000 for fiscal year 2024 and an advance appropriation of \$181,390,281,000 for the Compensation and Pensions account for fiscal year 2025, as requested.

*Evaluate Survivor Benefits Compensation.*—The Committee directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after enactment of this act on how VA’s survivor benefits programs may be modernized to keep up with the cost of living and to meet the needs of modern survivors, who tend to be younger and more diverse than previous populations of survivors.

#### READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$8,906,851,000
Advance Appropriations, 2024 .....	8,452,500,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	11,523,134,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	11,523,134,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Readjustment Benefits appropriation finances the education and training of veterans and servicemembers under chapters 21,

30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code. These benefits include the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI bill) and the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, including changes through the Forever GI bill. Basic benefits are funded through appropriations made to the readjustment benefits account and by transfers from the Department of Defense [DoD]. This account also finances vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, specially adapted automobile grants for certain disabled veterans, and educational assistance allowances for eligible dependents of those veterans who died from service-connected causes or who have a total permanent service-connected disability, as well as dependents of servicemembers who were captured or missing in action.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$8,452,500,000 for the Readjustment Benefits account for fiscal year 2024.

The Committee recommendation includes an advance appropriation of \$11,523,134,000 for Readjustment Benefits for fiscal year 2025, as requested.

*Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses [VET TEC].*—The VET TEC program provides veterans with training to start or advance a career in the high-technology industry. The Committee continues to support this initiative and encourages the Department to expand the program to address increased demand among veterans, including adding additional providers, particularly in areas of the country where the initiative is not currently available.

*Student Veterans Transparency and Protection.*—The Department should ensure that historical data reported via the G.I. Bill Comparison Tool remains easily and prominently accessible on the [benefits.va.gov](https://benefits.va.gov) website, or successor website, for a period of not less than 7 years from the date of initial publication. The Department is further encouraged to collaborate with the Secretary of Education to ensure that the tool contains robust and updated education data, and to train personnel employed or contracted by the Department to provide education benefits counseling, vocational or transition assistance, or similar functions, including those who provide such counseling or assistance as part of the Transition Assistance Program, on how to properly use the tool and provide appropriate educational counseling services to individuals eligible to use Post-9/11 G.I. bill benefits.

#### VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$109,865,000
Advance Appropriations, 2024 .....	121,126,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	12,701,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	12,701,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	135,119,422
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	135,119,422

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriation consists of the former appropriations for military and naval insurance, applicable to World War I veterans; National Service Life Insurance, applicable to certain World War II veterans; servicemen's indemnities, applicable to Korean conflict veterans; and veterans mortgage life insurance to individuals who have received a grant for specially adapted housing.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$121,126,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Veterans Insurance and Indemnities account. In addition, the Committee recommendation includes an additional \$12,701,000 for fiscal year 2024 and an advance appropriation of \$135,119,422 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities for fiscal year 2025, as requested.

## VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

	Program account <sup>1</sup>	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2023 .....	SSAN	\$282,361,131
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	SSAN	316,742,419
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	SSAN	316,742,419

<sup>1</sup> Such sums as may be necessary [SSAN]

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund provides for all costs associated with VA's direct and guaranteed housing loan programs, with the exception of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program.

VA loan guaranties are made to servicemembers, veterans, reservists, and unremarried surviving spouses for the purchase of homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes, and for refinancing loans. VA guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate, even without a downpayment, if the lender agrees. VA requires a downpayment be made for a manufactured home. With a VA guaranty, the lender is protected against loss up to the amount of the guaranty if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends such sums as may be necessary, currently estimated to be \$1,720,000,000, for funding subsidy payments, and \$316,742,419 for administrative expenses for fiscal year 2024. Bill language limits gross obligations for direct loans for specially adapted housing to \$500,000.

*Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program.*—The Committee encourages VA to coordinate with the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] to develop an outreach plan to increase awareness about this program among veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, and other eligible entities.

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$7,171	\$445,698
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	78,337	460,698
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	78,337	460,698

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account covers the cost of direct loans for vocational rehabilitation of eligible veterans and, in addition, includes administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program. Loans of up to \$1,447 (based on the indexed chapter 31 subsistence allowance rate) are currently available to service-connected disabled veterans enrolled in vocational rehabilitation programs, as provided under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, when the veteran is temporarily in need of additional assistance. Repayment is made in monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retirement pay. Virtually all loans are repaid in full and most in less than 1 year.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$78,337 for program costs and \$460,698 for administrative expenses for the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account. The administrative expenses may be paid to the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account. Bill language is included limiting program direct loans to \$2,026,000. It is estimated VA will make 1,559 loans in fiscal year 2024, with an average amount of \$1,300.

### NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$1,400,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	2,718,546
Committee recommendation .....	2,718,546

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program is authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, section 3761 to provide direct loans to Native American veterans living on trust lands. The loans are available to purchase, construct, or improve homes to be occupied as veteran residences or to refinance a loan previously made under this program in order to lower the interest rate.

Veterans pay a funding fee of 1.25 percent of the loan amount, although veterans with a service-connected disability are exempt from paying the fee. Before a direct loan can be made, the veteran's Tribal organization must sign a memorandum of understanding with VA regarding the terms and conditions of the loan. The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program began as a pilot program in 1993 and was made permanent by the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-233).

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$2,718,546 for administrative expenses associated with this program, as requested.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS  
ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$3,863,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	3,899,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	3,899,000,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Operating Expenses [GOE], VBA account provides funding for VBA to administer entitlement programs such as service-connected disability compensation, education benefits, and vocational rehabilitation services.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$3,899,000,000 for the GOE, VBA account, which is \$36,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee included bill language to make available through September 30, 2025, up to 10 percent of the GOE, VBA account.

In addition, VA estimates to use \$1,769,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support GOE, VBA-related activities in fiscal year 2024.

*Contract Providers for Exams.*—The Committee is concerned about VBA’s increased reliance on outside providers to conduct compensation and pension exams, which are necessary for veterans to receive the benefits that they have earned through their military service. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 1 year after enactment of this act regarding contract examination vendors, by District, and individual contract vendor. The report shall include (1) the average distance traveled by an individual for an exam, and (2) the average wait time for an individual to receive an exam. The Committee continues to urge VA to ensure that compensation and pension exams are available at VA facilities with the capability to conduct them in a safe and thorough manner.

*Oversight of Compensation and Pension Exams.*—The Committee strongly encourages VBA to maintain statistics regarding the rate and frequency with which VA and contract providers render negative opinions regarding compensation and pension exams. At a minimum, such statistics should contain provider name, facility, contractor or Federal employee status, and list of conditions (with corresponding rate of diagnosis) for which the provider performs compensation and pension exams.

*Support to County, Tribal and Equivalent Governmental Veterans Service Officers.*—The Committee recognizes the crucial role of county, Tribal and equivalent governmental Veterans Service Officers in ensuring veterans receive the benefits and care they deserve. Accordingly, the Department is encouraged to support county, Tribal and equivalent governmental Veterans Service Officers in their assistance to the Nation’s veterans. The Department is di-

rected to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act detailing a systemic method for facilitating collaboration between county, state, and Tribal Veterans Service Officers, VHA facilities and VBA offices in their respective geographic areas. The proposed approach should identify ways to enhance existing resources to support county, Tribal and equivalent governmental Veterans Service Officers, designate Department staff to serve as regional liaisons, and provide a timeline to implement across the enterprise. Furthermore, the Committee encourages the Department to track what benefits veterans are filing for by county. The goal of such collaboration should be to improve services to all veterans, to proactively identify barriers to delivering high quality care, ensuring veterans who need assistance are able to access support, and to share data and observations that indicate substandard quality of care.

*Wrongfully Discharged LGBTQ Veterans.*—The Committee supports the Department’s decision to allow eligible discharged veterans to receive their due benefits through the Secretary’s September 17, 2021 memorandum regarding “Benefits Eligibility for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer [LGBTQ+] Former Service Members (VIEWS 5810856).” In supporting the goals of this memorandum, the Committee directs the Department to submit a report no later than 270 days after enactment of this act on the number of eligible veterans who have received their due benefits after this memorandum’s release as well as efforts by the Department to conduct outreach towards these eligible veterans to ensure they are aware of the processes to receive their benefits.

*National Training Curriculum.*—The Department is encouraged to improve the training of VA personnel who are responsible for processing disability claims to help ensure benefits are being correctly determined so veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder have access to the healthcare, treatment, and compensation to which they are entitled.

*GI Bill Apprenticeships and On-the-Job-Training.*—The Committee directs VA to take additional actions to promote awareness and increased utilization of apprenticeships and on-the-job training [OJT] programs, including continued coordination and support to State Approving Agencies [SAAs] and programs which may incentivize increased participation by employers. The Committee recommends additional support and resources be provided to SAAs for the purpose of increasing awareness and utilization of apprenticeships and OJT. The Department is encouraged to explore options to expand the program in the future, while ensuring proper oversight of SAA contracts.

*VetSuccess on Campus.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of the VetSuccess on Campus program’s role in ensuring success in post-secondary education, and understands that while 104 schools are currently supported through the program, more than 250 additional schools are waiting for support. The Committee strongly encourages VA to continue to support this program with additional resources, and to expand to additional schools, including locations that serve multiple institutions and in States that currently do not benefit from the program. The Department is directed



to submit a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on how VA plans to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program over the next 5 years to meet the high demand. The plan should outline barriers to expansion and options to address them.

*Veteran Benefit Counselors Minimum Ratio.*—The Committee is aware that many veterans require a “Navigator” or “Counselor,” often known as Veteran Benefit Counselors, to successfully access VA benefits. These Counselors are generally supported and funded through a State agency, and the number of Counselors available to veterans varies widely. The Committee encourages the Department to create a recommended minimum standard ratio for the number of state-funded Veteran Benefit Counselors using a National Standard Ratio based upon the State’s veteran population.

*Outreach to Remote Areas.*—The Committee encourages the Department to improve outreach, including travel to villages, to reach veterans not connected to the major metropolitan areas of the United States by a road system.

*Legal Clinic Grant Program Accountability.*—Within 1 year of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the current United States Code, title 38 authorities to provide grants to legal clinics providing pro bono legal services to veterans, and the status of their implementation. The report should include an analysis of any current regulations and proposed regulations establishing pilot programs and if VA can combine any of these authorities into one program to serve each veteran population while simplifying the grant application process.

*Unaccredited Assistance.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the Department’s plan to track how many veterans assisted by unaccredited claims agents and the outcomes of those claims, including whether the claims required a higher level review or an appeal to the Board of Veterans Appeals. This report should address steps VA will take to ask veterans when they file an initial claim for benefits whether they were assisted by a third party and if they contracted with any outside group for assistance, including the name of the individual or group that provided assistance, and the outcome of the claim. The report should further assess how improved information collection could be used to better protect veterans.

#### VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$119,664,000,000
Advance appropriations, 2024 .....	128,104,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	–6,154,697,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	–6,154,697,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	112,582,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	112,582,000,000

<sup>1</sup>The budget request proposed to rescind unobligated balances to lower the funds available in fiscal year 2024. The Committee recommendation adjusts the previously enacted advance appropriation for fiscal year 2024 to be consistent with the revised request.

## ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Veterans Health Administration [VHA] is home to the United States' largest integrated healthcare system.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund [MCCF] was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108–199) allowed the Department to deposit first-party and pharmaceutical co-payments, third-party insurance payments and enhanced-use collections, long-term care co-payments, Compensated Work Therapy Program collections, Compensation and Pension Living Expenses Program collections, and Parking Program fees into the MCCF.

The Parking Program provides funds for the construction, alteration, and acquisition (by purchase or lease) of parking garages at VA medical facilities authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8109. The Secretary is required under certain circumstances to establish and collect fees for the use of such garages and parking facilities. Receipts from the parking fees are to be deposited into the MCCF and are used for medical services activities.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided \$128,104,000,000 in advance appropriations for VA's medical care accounts for fiscal year 2024. This included \$74,004,000,000 for Medical Services, \$33,000,000,000 for Medical Community Care, \$12,300,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance, and \$8,800,000,000 for Medical Facilities.

The President's Budget Request submitted for fiscal year 2024 included revised requests for these accounts totaling \$121,011,303,000. This included \$69,070,887,000 for Medical Services, \$31,090,931,000 for Medical Community Care, \$12,300,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance, and \$8,549,485,000 for Medical Facilities.

For fiscal year 2024, the Committee provides a total of \$121,011,303,000 for VA medical care, in accordance with agreements related to the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5). The Committee adjusts the amounts previously advance appropriated for fiscal year 2024 to provide \$69,070,887,000 for Medical Services, \$29,840,416,000 for Medical Community Care, \$12,300,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance, and \$9,800,000,000 for Medical Facilities. Additionally, the Committee recommendation includes \$938,000,000 for Medical and Prosthetic Research. Medical Care Collections are estimated to be \$3,991,000,000 in fiscal year 2024. The Committee recommendation also provides \$112,582,000,000 in advance appropriations for VA's medical care accounts for fiscal year 2025, consistent with the request.

The Fiscal Responsibility Act (Public Law 118–5) directly appropriated \$20,268,000,000 for the Toxic Exposures Fund, of which \$17,116,000,000 is estimated to be for medical care, for a total of \$138,126,995,000 in medical care funding in fiscal year 2024, consistent with the request.

The Committee recognizes the invaluable role of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Nation's largest integrated healthcare system, in serving the unique needs of veterans. The Committee recognizes that a strong and fully resourced VHA is necessary to effectively serve our Nation's veterans.

*Scheduling Data for In-House and Community Care.*—The Department is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 30 days after enactment of this act and monthly thereafter, updates, by facility, on the average number of days it takes for veterans to receive appointments at VA and in the community, from file entry date to first scheduled and file entry date to appointment.

*VA Infrastructure Requirements.*—The Committee acknowledges the need for substantial investments in facilities within the Department to address aging infrastructure. The Committee reminds VA of the annual reporting requirement included in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 116–94 related to women's healthcare facilities improvements, and is directed to allocate appropriate funding to undertake such improvements.

*Child Care Assistance.*—The Committee supports the Department's planned efforts to expand child care assistance to veterans receiving healthcare at all VA medical facilities by January 5, 2026, as required by the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–315). The Department is strongly encouraged to allocate appropriate funding for this effort, including to publish regulations and initiate and complete the necessary information technology systems as soon as possible.

*Opioid Use Disorder/Alternative Treatments.*—Alternative treatments for pain management have been shown to be effective in reducing pain and reliance on prescription opioids. The Committee notes the directive language in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–38 requiring the Department to track the use of osteopathic manipulative treatment to treat back and other pain. The Committee continues to encourage VA to expand the use of alternative treatments to pain management, such as acupuncture, in its delivery of healthcare services. The Committee also urges VA to integrate alternative treatments into VA medical centers and clinics through licensed professionals or on a contract basis.

*Access to Care for Rural and Tribal Veterans.*—The Committee remains concerned about the closure of facilities based on the quadrennial market area assessments required under the VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182). For any future infrastructure changes, the Department is urged to focus on maintaining or improving veterans' access to medical care nationwide, including in dense urban and rural areas. The Committee retains a provision prohibiting the Department from taking steps towards closing facilities or diminishing healthcare services at facilities, absent a report to the Committee including an analysis of how the action would impact access to care for veterans living in rural or highly rural areas, including Tribal areas.

*Pharmacogenomics Analysis.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both

Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the feasibility, advisability, and cost estimate of undertaking a study to record patient responses to pharmaceuticals based on their genetic profile. The study could take the results from a patient's pharmacogenomics test and map those results against the patient's medical condition(s), currently prescribed medications, and different therapeutics/medications which are widely prescribed to treat these conditions, and provide the treating physician with easily understood, actionable information to utilize in making a decision about the course of medication(s) which will yield the greatest benefit to a patient and limit the risk of potential harm/adverse events based upon identified drug-to-gene and drug-to-drug interactions.

*National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.*—The Committee continues to support the mission and work of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [NCPTSD] and provides \$42,000,000 to continue the center's advancement of the clinical care and social welfare of America's veterans who have experienced trauma or suffer from PTSD through research, education, and training in the science, diagnosis, and treatment of PTSD and stress-related disorders. The Committee supports the priorities for NCPTSD as described in the Congressional budget submission, and urges it to consider academic and interagency collaborations to investigate novel combinatorial forms of intervention for PTSD, including multifactor approaches.

*CHAMPVA Electronic Application Filing.*—The Committee is concerned VA only receives applications for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs [CHAMPVA] by mail or fax, while veterans may apply for healthcare benefits through an online application. Within 90 days of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the Department's plans to allow CHAMPVA applicants to submit their applications electronically and view the status of their application online. The report should include an estimated timeline for the Department's full implementation of an electronic application option for CHAMPVA applicants.

*Strategic Partnerships to Increase Access to Care.*—The Committee encourages VA to consider preexisting or shovel-ready infrastructure projects, as well as opportunities to work with strategic partners, to expand inpatient medical services, inpatient mental health services or joint VA/DoD services for veterans and servicemembers, particularly in areas with anticipated high enrollee growth.

*Veterans Exposed to Open Burn Pits and Airborne Hazards.*—The Committee is supportive of the efforts of VA to research and study the health effects of open-air burn pits on veterans. In order to provide full and effective medical care, it is essential for the Department to better understand the impacts exposure during service has had on the health of veterans, including linkages to rare cancer not yet identified by VA as presumptive to military service. Therefore, the Committee includes \$15,000,000 to carry out responsibilities and activities of the Airborne Hazards and Burn Pits Center of Excellence.

*Center for Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islander Health.*—In fiscal year 2023, funds were allocated for the Department to establish a Center for Native Hawaiian [NH], Pacific Islander [PI], and U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islander [USAPI] Health to focus on research, service, and education to improve the lives of NH, PI, and USAPI veterans. As part of this continuing effort, the Department is encouraged to allocate sufficient funding for the Center and to partner with non-government institutions and universities to examine telehealth and telepharmacy; models of interprofessional primary care, including the integration of pharmacists and behavioral health; electronic health records and data analytics; health workforce; and indigenous people innovation.

*Third-Party Administrators.*—The Committee encourages all third party administrators partnering with VA to process veteran health claims to possess a congressional liaison to ensure oversight and communication among congressional offices and caseworkers.

*Falls Prevention.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after enactment of this act assessing the effectiveness of actions taken to address falls prevention and providing a strategic plan to prevent falls in the future. Specifically, the assessment should address the Department's efforts related to: (1) the use of Specially Adapted Housing Program grants or Home Improvements and Structural Alterations grants; (2) falls prevention education efforts for veterans, caregivers, and long-term support services institutional and non-institutional staff; and (3) collaborations with the Department of Health and Human Services National Institute on Disability Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research to prevent falls in VA and VA-affiliated facilities and home and community-based settings. The report should include data on the specific number of falls that have occurred among veterans (including those covered by VHA) over the past 5 years and the cost of such falls to the Department.

#### MEDICAL SERVICES

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$70,584,116,000
Advance appropriations, 2024 .....	74,004,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	– 4,933,113,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	– 4,933,113,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	71,000,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	71,000,000,000

<sup>1</sup> The budget request proposed to rescind unobligated balances to lower the funds available in fiscal year 2024. The Committee recommendation adjusts the previously enacted advance appropriation for fiscal year 2024 to be consistent with the revised request.

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Services account provides for medical services for eligible enrolled veterans and other beneficiaries in VA healthcare facilities, including VA medical centers and VA outpatient clinics.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$74,004,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Medical

Services account. The recommendation for fiscal year 2024 includes a negative adjustment of \$4,933,113,000, which provides the Department with total budget authority of \$69,070,887,000, consistent with the revised request. In addition, VA estimates to use \$9,525,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical services in fiscal year 2024. VA also has the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of \$71,000,000,000 for Medical Services for fiscal year 2025, equal to the budget request.

#### PREVENTING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

The Committee remains strongly supportive of VA's homelessness prevention programs. As such the recommendation includes \$3,113,530,000 to support these programs, \$2,382,000 more than the request. This total includes \$774,744,000 for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families [SSVF] Program; \$620,000,000 for Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing [HUD-VASH] Program case management, \$306,161,000 for the Grant and Per Diem [GPD] Program; and \$109,721,000 for the Veterans Justice Outreach [VJO] Program and Legal Services for Veterans grants.

The Committee recognizes the Department's efforts to reduce the number of veterans experiencing homelessness, and the goal of putting 38,000 veterans experiencing homelessness into long term housing in calendar year 2023. While VA increased supports to veterans at risk of homelessness during the pandemic, the Committee is concerned the number of veterans experiencing homelessness will increase as homelessness assistance, including debt relief programs, enacted at the Federal, State, and local levels during the pandemic end.

*SSVF.*—SSVF is a critical program designed to help reach the goal of ending homelessness among veterans. In reviewing and scoring grant applications, the Committee urges the Department to ensure it includes reviewers familiar with the unique needs of rural and underserved geographic areas. VA is encouraged to support grantees who meet the minimum scoring threshold and have familiarity working with VA, as they are more likely to have a well-rounded understanding of what a veteran may be experiencing.

*HUD-VASH Case Management.*—The Committee supports the expansion of caseworkers hired in order to reach the Department's goal of 90 percent of caseworker positions filled. The Committee therefore provides additional funding to address the case manager shortage. The Committee encourages the Department to expand the program to reach as many veterans as possible as part of the broader national effort to reduce the number of veterans experiencing homelessness and to prevent veteran suicide.

Collaborative case management models allow the Department to designate a third party to support HUD-VASH veterans and can be effective in increasing the accessibility of case management services. The Committee reminds the Department of the direction in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117-328 for VA and HUD to coordinate to establish pathways that

would allow for temporary, transitional case management by Public Housing Authorities [PHAs], and to finalize its guidance related to approving a PHA to be a designated service provider. The Committee directs VA and HUD to brief the Senate Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 30 days of enactment of this act on the status of the guidance and outreach efforts to inform communities of these flexibilities.

*HUD-VASH Provision of Furniture and Household Items.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act regarding the feasibility and advisability of creating a new program to secure necessary household furnishings, such as furniture, towels, and kitchenware, to help veterans participating in HUD-VASH to successfully transition to a new home to ensure a comfortable, stable living space. As part of this analysis, the Department should consider how to secure bulk purchase pricing and shipment of items at best cost, and determine best practices for administering the program, including through partnership or agreement with local veteran organizations, State agencies, or a VA/HUD consortium.

*GPD Program.*—The Committee recognizes that service-intensive transitional housing provided through VA's GPD Program is an important programmatic option, particularly in areas with low vacancy rates, limited housing stock, and high market rates, and that substance-free and service-intensive housing may be a critical step for veterans at risk of relapse into substance abuse. The Department should continue to make funding available for GPD beds based on a collaborative process with local housing partners, the local VA Medical Centers and the Continuums of Care.

*Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program.*—The Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program [HCHV] performs valuable outreach to identify veterans experiencing homelessness who are eligible for VA services and assist these veterans in accessing appropriate healthcare and benefits. The Committee urges the Department to provide additional funds for the planned expansion to veterans with Other Than Honorable Discharges and to expand outreach regarding the housing, healthcare, and mental healthcare resources that VA offers in order to reach as many at-risk veterans as possible and strengthen their relationship with VA to improve long-term outcomes.

*Rural, American Indian [AI]/Alaska Native [AN], Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Veterans Homelessness Assessment.*—The Department is directed to conduct a study and provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 1 year of enactment of this act regarding access to and utilization of VA's homelessness programs by rural, AI/AN, NH, and PI veterans. This study should evaluate the availability of HUD-VASH vouchers and case managers, SSVF providers, GPD providers, HCHV providers, and any other programs relevant to veteran homelessness as the Secretary deems prudent. The study should also collect data, where available, on chronic homelessness, substance use disorder, and severe mental illness amongst rural, AI/AN, NH, and PI populations experiencing, at-risk-of, or having recently experienced homelessness. The data in the report should

be separated by the homelessness program, the categories listed above, and location, with an accounting for circumstances where categories may overlap.

#### TELEHEALTH SERVICES

The Committee recommendation includes \$5,165,336,000, equal to the request, to sustain and increase telehealth capacity, including in rural and highly rural areas. VA and DoD have long been leaders in the field of emerging technology and medicine. For VA, telehealth creates a bridge between rural and urban centers, allowing the Department to expand access to care in areas where services are limited. Telehealth also allows care to be provided more effectively and efficiently for veterans closer to home and through direct in-home access to providers. While VA continues to lead the healthcare industry in the expansion of in-home telehealth and remote patient monitoring services, these services are often limited by the lack of broadband service in remote and rural areas.

*Virtual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.*—The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–328 encouraged VA to expand access to mental health services for all eligible veterans through partnerships with virtual programs and platforms with accredited therapist-guided, cognitive behavioral therapy programs. However, the Committee is concerned VA has not taken steps to establish such partnerships. As such, the Committee encourages VA to utilize available funding to establish partnerships and furnish VA-accredited clinicians with commercially available platforms offering cognitive behavioral therapy in rural service areas struggling with broadband operability. The Department is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report, no later than 90 days after enactment of this act, on the status of such partnerships to expand access to mental health services for all eligible veterans.

#### MENTAL HEALTH/PREVENTING VETERANS SUICIDE

The Committee provides \$16,243,469,000 for mental health programs, equal to the request, including \$3,034,423,000 for suicide prevention outreach and treatment programs, of which \$558,794,000 is for suicide prevention outreach.

*Suicide Prevention Coordinators.*—VA Medical Centers may benefit from the latest real-time technologies that complement the existing retrospective reporting tools from the VA Central Office. Specifically, Suicide Prevention Coordinators should have real-time case monitoring and management tools that improve situational awareness, patient safety and compliance with VA Risk ID policies. The Committee directs the Secretary to continue to implement the recommendations from the report included in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–328 to improve access to Suicide Prevention Coordinators for veterans.

*Veterans Crisis Line.*—The Committee supports the request of \$300,500,000 for the Veterans Crisis Line [VCL]. VCL provides 24-hours per day suicide prevention and crisis intervention services for veterans in crisis and their families and friends. The Department is directed to enable VCL to utilize geolocation capabilities in order to facilitate accurate emergency dispatch to persons at risk



of imminent harm to self or others, similar to those of 911 call centers.

*Improving Depression Treatment with Precision Medicine.*—The Committee recognizes that depression is one of the most common conditions associated with military service and combat exposure. The Department is encouraged to partner with clinical laboratories providing pharmacogenomic tests to inform treatments for clinical depression if they have been shown to improve health outcomes of veterans in clinical trials.

*Use of Ketamine.*—The Department is directed to perform a review of whether its national protocol guidance for the prescription of ketamine is consistent with current scientific opinion and evidence-based practice, and report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days after enactment of this act.

*Utilization of Benefits.*—In preparing the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, the Committee directs VHA to review VBA data on the rates of usage of veterans benefits programs.

#### OPIOID SAFETY INITIATIVES AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE

To continue to build upon opioid reduction efforts and safety initiatives, the Committee recommendation includes \$715,365,000 for Opioid Prevention and Treatment programs at VA, equal to the budget request. This includes \$460,878,000 for treatment programs and \$254,487,000 to continue implementation of the Jason Simcakoski Memorial and Promise Act, as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–198).

*Alcohol Use Disorder Medication Assisted Treatment.*—The Committee encourages VA to increase education among its primary care practitioners on the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol use disorders with Food and Drug Administration [FDA]-approved medication assisted treatments and counseling, as clinically indicated.

#### LONG-TERM CARE

The Committee provides \$12,940,784,000 for institutional and non-institutional care, equal to the budget request. The Committee is aware of the aging veteran population and supports long-term care that focuses on facilitating veteran independence, enhancing quality of life, and supporting the family members of veterans. As such, the Committee supports the Department's efforts to broaden veterans' options regarding non-institutional long-term care support and services, and to accommodate veterans' preferences in how and where they receive care and other services.

*Rural Access to Home and Community-Based Services.*—The Committee looks forward to receiving the report on rural access to Home and Community-Based Services requested in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–328.

*Domiciliary Care Claims for Veterans with Early-Stage Dementia.*—The Committee directs the Secretary to expeditiously complete the rulemaking process to implement section 3007 of Public Law 116–315. The Department is further directed to delegate the authority to waive certain eligibility requirements for domiciliary care for veterans with early stage dementia, when in the veteran's

best interest, to regional VISNs and local VA hospital systems so that newly eligible veterans may begin to receive this crucial support.

*Nursing Home, Long-Term, and Hospice Care.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the feasibility and advisability of alternate payment structures for providers within the Homemaker and Home Health Aide program. This analysis should outline a system where a single provider agency would be responsible for adhering to all home care agency licensing and labor law requirements in the States in which they operate and would be the employer of record; the veteran would be the managing employer for the caregiver. The Department would reimburse the provider agency the same rate it reimburses home health agencies under the current Homemaker and Home Health Aide program and a majority of the rate would go to compensating caregivers. The provider agency would be responsible for offering a self-directed model that provides administrative supports for veterans, conducting background checks for every caregiver and verifying any other caregiver qualification requirements based on state home care agency licensing statutes and regulations.

#### RURAL HEALTHCARE

Veterans residing in rural and remote areas face unique barriers to receiving high-quality mental health, primary healthcare, and specialty care services. While enhanced community care programs offer veterans increased flexibility to obtain care close to home, there are often gaps in services in rural and remote communities, even among private providers. The Office of Rural Health [ORH] and its Rural Health Initiative has played a critical role in assisting VA in its efforts to increase access to care. Therefore the Committee recommendation includes \$347,455,000 for ORH and the Rural Health Initiative. This is \$10,000,000 more than fiscal year 2023 enacted and \$10,000,000 above the budget request.

*Transportation for Rural Veterans.*—The Committee recognizes the need to address the care needs of veterans living in rural communities across the United States. Such veterans frequently lack access to the type of medical facilities and medical care found in urban areas which may lead to disparities in health outcomes in the long term. The Committee urges the Department to expand and improve transportation access to and from facilities that serve rural veterans, and recommends up to \$15,000,000 in funding for the Office of Rural Health be dedicated to the Highly Rural Transportation Grants Program that helps veterans in rural areas travel to VA or VA-authorized care facilities.

*Veterans Affairs Health Navigator Platform.*—The Department is encouraged to consider allocating funding for Health Management Platforms and a health navigator system, focused on improving patient access and beneficiary experiences for veterans in rural and/or low population density areas. This rural veterans' program could parallel the ongoing Defense Health Agency's healthcare management pilot program and further harmonize the healthcare systems of DoD and VA.

## CAREGIVERS

The Committee recommendation includes \$2,422,410,000 for VA's Caregivers Program, which is equal to the budget request.

The Caregivers Program was enhanced as part of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks [MISSION] Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182). VA was not able to implement the program consistent with statutory timelines or Congressional intent.

*Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.*—The Committee strongly encourages the Department to suspend all reassessments and discharges for legacy Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers [PCAFC] participants until full completion of the ongoing review. The Committee further urges the Department to work collaboratively with the Committee during this process.

*Expediting Appeals for Legacy Caregivers.*—The Committee again encourages the Secretary to permit recently disqualified and denied applicants with a history in the program to have their applications automatically reconsidered under the current requirements, rather than go through the appeals process. Additionally, the Committee requests VA consider creating an expedited review for PCAFC appeals to ensure timely decisions and requests a briefing within 30 days of enactment of this act on what actions VA is taking to address these denials.

*PCAFC Expansion.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the feasibility and advisability, including a cost estimate, of expanding eligibility for PCAFC services to all veterans who served before 2001 with a disability rating greater than 0 percent.

## WOMEN VETERANS HEALTHCARE

Today, women make up 16.9 percent of the active-duty military forces and 19 percent of National Guard and Reserves. The number of women veterans using VA healthcare has continued to rise, with women accounting for over 30 percent of the increase in veterans enrolled over the past 5 years. VA must enhance its services and access to gender-specific care, including primary care providers, gynecologists, maternity care, mammography services, and mental health providers, including care related to experiences of military sexual trauma. Enhancing capacity to support pregnant and postpartum women veterans must also be a priority, which should include expansion of maternity care and lactation support for women veterans.

Toward this end, the Committee recommendation includes \$1,279,096,000 for fiscal year 2024, equal to the request, to support gender-specific healthcare services, as well as the program office and initiatives. VA is encouraged to use this funding to continue to expand this care so that all women veterans, including those in rural areas, have the access to care they deserve. The Committee also urges the Department to ensure that there are dedicated entrances, security, and women providers at all VA sites of care.

## CLINICAL WORKFORCE

The Committee appreciates the Department's efforts to address challenges in recruiting and retaining physicians, physician assistants, nurses, mental health providers, other healthcare professionals, and related support staff. The Committee reminds the Department of the annual requirement for a report on workforce issues outlined in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 116-260.

*Respiratory Therapists.*—Respiratory therapists are a critical part of the care team and the Committee encourages VA to ensure that respiratory therapists are available to veterans where they are most needed. The Department is directed to evaluate staffing needs for respiratory therapists using a validated data system, and to report back to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 180 days of the publication of this report on gaps in staffing for respiratory therapists.

*VA Rural Hiring Comparison.*—The Department is directed to assess and compare hiring for rural and highly rural facilities versus urban facilities and to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 1 year of enactment of this act. This should include a comparison of time-to-fill averages for rural facilities against more urban facilities, an assessment of VA's ability to conduct market salary surveys in rural areas with limited private sector competition, and overall salary comparison amongst rural physicians and as compared to their urban counterparts.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

*Neurology Centers of Excellence.*—The Committee recognizes the increasing number of veterans affected by neurologic conditions, including but not limited to: epilepsy, headache, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease. The Neurology Centers of Excellence provide essential innovative clinical care, education, and research efforts focused on these conditions. The Committee applauds the Department for recent investments into the headache, multiple sclerosis, and Parkinson's disease centers and encourages further investment in, and collaboration between the Centers across disciplines and directs the Department to allocate \$70,000,000 for the Neurology Centers of Excellence for maintenance and expansion. The Department is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act with an outline of how this funding will be allocated, as well as an estimate of any savings projected to be realized due to collaboration.

*Drug-Resistant Epilepsy.*—The Committee encourages the Department to ensure that all veterans with epilepsy have the opportunity to be comprehensively evaluated at a VHA Epilepsy Center of Excellence to identify drug-resistant epilepsy patients who may be candidates for FDA-approved non-drug therapies.

*Helping Heroes.*—The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after enactment of this act assessing the needs of disabled veterans and their families, including the types

and quality of support disabled veterans receive from the children living with them, and the unmet needs of these children. These supportive services should include, but are not limited to, wellness services (e.g., mental, emotional, behavioral, and nutritional); peer-support programs; and assistance accessing veterans' education benefits and workforce development programs. The Department should solicit input from veterans and their families in completing this assessment. In addition, the Department is strongly encouraged to include information on mental health and other services for children in its Transitional Assistance Program curriculum and resources provided to families through VHA.

*Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.*—The VA Intimate Partner Violence [IPV] Assistance Program addresses the identification of IPV and access to services for veterans with the aim of maintaining or establishing the physical, emotional and psychological safety and well-being of veterans and their families. Program expansions should include screening, prevention, and intervention services to veterans while strengthening collaboration with community partners as well as with the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers and VA programs to address homelessness. The focus should be on developing a culture of safety and adopting a holistic, trauma-informed, veteran-centered approach to services and support for those veterans experiencing intimate partner violence. The Committee supports IPV Coordinator positions at each VA medical facility, and supports the request of \$36,879,000 to fully fund the program, and directs the Department to continue to include it as a program of interest with budget detail in the justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2025 budget submission.

*Veterans Transportation Service.*—The Committee encourages the Department to utilize shared-ride on-demand transportation software at some facilities, to measure its impact on providing veterans with reliable transportation services and study whether tech-enablement of the on-demand shared ride model will benefit the broader Veterans Transportation Program.

*Continued Support and Expansion for Whole Health.*—The Committee is pleased by data in the budget request regarding the Whole Health Program. Given evidence of the program's success for patients struggling with opioid use disorder and chronic pain, the Committee supports the proposed increase and expanding the Whole Health model to all VA health facilities nationwide.

*Adaptive Sports.*—The Committee provides \$30,414,000 for National Veterans Sports Programs, including \$16,000,000 for the adaptive sports programs. Veterans have shown marked improvements in mental and physical health from participating in adaptive sports and recreational therapy, and have expressed the need for these activities to be included in the healthcare services VA offers. The Committee also recognizes that adaptive sports and recreational therapy provide a low-cost alternative to other healthcare services that produce similar health outcomes, and applauds the efforts of community providers of these grants, especially in rural areas, who have been able to utilize this key program in successfully reintegrating veterans back into their communities. The Committee is acutely aware that community providers of adaptive

sports grants spend considerable time and effort in planning and implementing their veteran service programs. The Committee, therefore, encourages the Department to assess how the treatment of “administrative expenses and personnel expenses” under current law may restrict program outcomes and recommend changes, if appropriate.

*Dental Services.*—The Committee encourages the Department to offer veterans robust support to address their oral health needs using a whole-person approach, especially for veterans with additional medical needs including diabetes and heart disease. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days from the enactment of this act assessing the state of veterans’ oral healthcare programs and these programs’ ability to adequately serve the current and future oral health needs of veterans. Specifically, this report should include an assessment of the Department’s infrastructure for serving the oral health needs of current VHA-enrolled veterans, the availability of providers, and what additional investments or policies would be needed to expand eligibility, particularly to veterans with heart diseases and diabetes. In addition, the report should assess the feasibility of expanding services in order to furnish dental care to all veterans diagnosed with heart disease or diabetes and who are enrolled to receive VHA care, and include a cost estimate for a period of 10 years.

*Vet Centers.*—The Committee supports the request for Vet Centers and urges the Department to increase access to Vet Centers by ensuring adequate staffing and evaluating whether additional centers may be needed. Additionally, the Committee expects the Department to fully implement Section 5126, Improvement of Vet Centers at Department of Veterans Affairs, of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263).

*Mobile Vet Centers.*—The Department is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 120 days after enactment of this act, outlining a plan, with a cost estimate, to provide at least two additional mobile vet centers per VISN, specifically in rural areas throughout the country.

*Vet Center Scholarship Program.*—The Committee is concerned VA did not conduct a robust outreach and communications campaign to advertise the launch of the VA Readjustment Counseling Service [RCS] Scholarship Program in March 2023. This scholarship program was established by the Commander Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–171) to provide educational assistance to students pursuing graduate degrees in mental health disciplines, in exchange for a service commitment at a Vet Center. No later than 180 days after enactment of this act, the Department is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report on lessons learned from the first year of the RCS Scholarship Program, including plans for improving communications and marketing to attract more program applicants and participants, thereby bolstering VA’s Vet Center workforce.

*Air Ambulance Reimbursement.*—The Committee remains concerned that changes to the reimbursement rates for ground and air ambulance services may negatively impact the ability of veterans to access emergency medical services, particularly in rural and underserved areas. The Department should facilitate individual medical centers or VISNs contracting with providers of these services, including the provision of technical assistance to providers on the contract process, and consider further delay of the rule if necessary.

*Pilot Programs for Agritherapy.*—The Committee includes \$5,000,000 to continue a pilot program to train veterans in agricultural vocations, while also tending to behavioral and mental health needs with behavioral healthcare services and treatments by licensed providers.

*Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.*—The Committee encourages the Department to continue to research the efficacy of hyperbaric oxygen therapy [HBOT] as a treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, and permit case-by-case referrals for HBOT in the community.

*Domestic Procurement of Medical Isotope Molybdenum-99.*—The Committee encourages the Department to use domestically produced Molybdenum-99 in order to reduce the reliance on foreign imports of Molybdenum-99, to the extent practicable without having a detrimental impact on patient care.

*Medical Cannabis.*—In implementing VHA Directive 1315, Access to VHA Clinical Programs for Veterans Participating in State-Approved Marijuana Programs, the Committee directs the Department to make appropriate recommendations, complete forms, or take other actions to facilitate a veteran's decision to participate in such programs approved by a State and document it appropriately, to the extent allowable under Federal law.

*On-Dose Pharmaceutical Authentication to Protect Veterans.*—The Committee is concerned with the ongoing counterfeit pharmaceutical and fentanyl crisis facing our Nation and leaving our veterans vulnerable. The Committee encourages the Department to consider the use of on-dose physical chemical identification authentication technologies to help secure the supply chain of pharmaceutical products. The Committee looks forward to receiving the On-Dose Pharmaceutical Authentication Study and Report requested in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–328.

*Integration of Veteran and Tribal Partners in Applicable Areas.*—The Committee directs the Secretary to appoint a single point of contact to coordinate Federal Tribal and veteran healthcare in areas where it may be difficult for a veteran to find proper representation due to limited presence of VA facilities.

*Nuclear Medicine Quality Improvements.*—The Committee notes the Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently began a rulemaking process to require reporting of some nuclear medicine extravasations. The Committee encourages all VA health facilities to monitor injection quality, as well as image extravasations and perform dosimetry and notify patients when such monitoring occurs, and urges the Department to adopt regulatory requirements to improve safety, quality, and transparency for patients.

*Obstructive Sleep Apnea.*—The Committee encourages the Department to explore a range of treatments for veterans suffering from obstructive sleep apnea, including the use of innovative appliances.

*Food Service Guidelines Implementation.*—The Committee supports the goal set forth in the National Strategy on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health to update and implement government-wide the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities. The Committee strongly encourages VHA to implement the Food Service Guidelines across its food service facilities.

*Hospital Acquired Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections.*—The Committee urges VA to build and sustain conventional infection prevention and control strategies to reduce the significant increase in central-line-associated bloodstream infections [CLABSIs], which were documented during the pandemic, and any other hospital acquired infections. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of this act detailing a timeline with steps, accomplished and planned, to reduce the percentage of CLABSI and other hospital acquired infection to less than pre-pandemic rates.

*Anti-Privatization.*—The Committee opposes any effort that would weaken the VA medical system or put it on a path toward privatization.

*Eligibility Requirements for Veterans.*—Currently, veterans face a complex set of eligibility requirements to determine if they can receive healthcare from VA. Not least of which are the six subcategories of Priority Group 8. The Department is encouraged to work with Congress to streamline eligibility requirements.

*Compact of Free Association Veterans.*—The Department is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act, a cost estimate for providing hospital care, medical services, and extended care services to veterans residing in the freely associated States.

*Autonomous Mobile Robots.*—The Committee is aware of the Department's use of autonomous mobile robots at a growing number of VA hospitals, resulting in a variety of efficiencies. The Department is encouraged to consider the utilization of autonomous mobile robots when planning and designing new construction or renovations of medical facilities. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the cost savings and efficiencies realized by the use of autonomous mobile robots at Department medical facilities.

*Veterans Health Administration Interoperable Technologies.*—The security of VA facilities is a top priority for the Committee. Effective security requires interoperable communications between VA police, employees and local police and first responders. The Committee encourages the Department to seek opportunities to use interoperable technologies to eliminate communication silos between VA security, local police and fire, DoD force protection, and medical technicians to include access to real-time video and sensor data during normal and incident operations.



## MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$28,456,659,000
Advance appropriations, 2024 .....	33,000,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	- 1,909,069,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	- 3,159,584,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	20,382,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	20,382,000,000

<sup>1</sup>The budget request proposed to rescind unobligated balances to lower the funds available in fiscal year 2024. The Committee recommendation adjusts the previously enacted advance appropriation for fiscal year 2024 to reflect a reduction in the amount requested.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Community Care account provides for medical services for eligible enrolled veterans and other beneficiaries that is purchased from and provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities and providers, including contract hospitals, State homes, and outpatient services.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$33,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Medical Community Care account. The recommendation for fiscal year 2024 includes a negative adjustment of \$3,159,584,000, which provides the Department with a total budget authority of \$29,840,416,000. In addition, VA estimates to use \$6,740,264,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical community care in fiscal year 2024, for a total of \$36,580,680,000.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of \$20,382,000,000 for Medical Community Care for fiscal year 2025.

*MISSION Act Reporting.*—The Committee continues to be interested in data relating to utilization of MISSION Act authorities and expenditure estimates, as well as the number of veterans served based on each authority for care outlined in section 1703(d) of title 38, United States Code. The Department is encouraged to continue tracking this information.

*Dialysis Services.*—The Committee encourages the Department to utilize a pay-for-performance value-based dialysis payment model, including performance metrics that are highly correlated with improved health outcomes and lower cost. The Department is directed to submit the expanded feasibility report, including a pay-for-performance value-based dialysis payment model, as indicated in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 117–328, no later than September 30, 2023.

*State Veterans Homes Per Diem.*—The Committee understands the Department intends to revise the formula used for determining per diem rates at state veterans homes, and supports this effort.

*Veterans Access to Long-Term Care.*—The Committee is aware of the Department's support for extending exemptions to providers, including long-term care, operating pursuant to an agreement with VA in order to improve veterans' access to care. The Committee is concerned that any additional requirements imposed on the Department's community care providers will make it more difficult to recruit and retain these vital partners. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to work with the Department of Labor

to seek exemptions for Veterans Affairs Health Benefits Providers from its authority, similar to TRICARE providers, as appropriate.

*Care to Veterans in the Republic of the Philippines.*—The Department is directed to perform an analysis of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a community care network in the Philippines and report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on its findings within 1 year of the enactment of this act.

#### MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$11,073,409,000
Advance appropriations, 2024 .....	12,300,000,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	11,800,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	11,800,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Support and Compliance account provides funds for management, security, and administrative expenses within the VA healthcare system, in addition to providing costs associated with the operation of VA medical centers and clinics, VISN offices, and the VHA Central Office in Washington, DC. This appropriation also covers Chief of Staff and Facility Director operations, quality of care oversight, legal services, billing and coding activities, procurement, financial management, security, and human resource management.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$12,300,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Medical Support and Compliance account. In addition, VA estimates to use \$850,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund for medical support and compliance activities in fiscal year 2024.

The Committee recommendation includes an advance appropriation of \$11,800,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance for fiscal year 2025, consistent with the request.

#### MEDICAL FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$8,633,816,000
Advance appropriations, 2024 .....	8,800,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	– 250,515,000
Committee recommendation, 2024 .....	1,000,000,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	9,400,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2025 .....	9,400,000,000

<sup>1</sup>The budget request proposed to rescind unobligated balances to lower the funds available in fiscal year 2024.

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Facilities account provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the VA healthcare system's vast capital infrastructure. This appropriation provides for costs associated with utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry, groundskeeping, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2023, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of \$8,800,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 for the Medical Facilities account. The recommendation for fiscal year 2024 includes an additional \$1,000,000,000, which coupled with the advance appropriation provided for fiscal year 2024 provides the Department with total budget authority of \$9,800,000,000.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of \$9,400,000,000 for Medical Facilities for fiscal year 2025.

*Prohibition on Smoking.*—The Committee supports the Department's efforts to make VA facilities smoke-free and encourages full implementation and enforcement of VHA Directives 1085 and 1085.1, which prohibit the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and any other combustion or heating of tobacco, and the use of any electronic nicotine delivery system, including electronic or e-cigarettes, vape pens, and e-cigars by any person on the premises of any VHA facility.

## MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$916,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	938,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	938,000,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical and Prosthetic Research account provides funds for medical, rehabilitative, and health services research. Medical research supports basic and clinical studies that advance knowledge leading to improvements in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disabilities. Rehabilitation research focuses on rehabilitation engineering problems in the fields of prosthetics, orthotics, adaptive equipment for vehicles, sensory aids, and related areas. Health services research focuses on improving the effectiveness and economy of the delivery of health services.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$938,000,000 for the Medical and Prosthetic Research account. This is \$22,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. In addition, VA estimates to use \$46,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical research in fiscal year 2024, for a total of \$984,000,000.

The Committee remains highly supportive of this program, and recognizes its importance both in improving healthcare services to veterans and recruiting and retaining high quality medical professionals in the Veterans Health Administration.

*Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Exposure.*—The Committee understands the Department continues to review recommendations by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, including the utility of blood testing, and to actively collaborate with Federal and academic partners to better understand the health implications of per- and polyfluoroalkyl [PFAS] exposure related to military service. The Department is directed to report to

the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on its recommended guidance for blood testing, including for military firefighters who were exposed to aqueous firefighting foam [AFFF]. The Committee continues to encourage VA to establish and maintain a registry for veterans who may have been exposed to PFAS due to exposure to AFFF during their military service and to develop a public information campaign to inform eligible individuals about the registry.

*PFAS Research.*—The Department, in coordination with DoD and in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 1 year after enactment of this act regarding the ability of the Department to (1) create distinct PFAS exposure cohorts based on location and date of PFAS exposure, including related to AFFF; (2) create a longitudinal record of service-related PFAS exposures per individual, including all current and former service members potentially exposed in such cohorts; (3) conduct appropriate medical surveillance to detect emerging health conditions among such personnel potentially exposed to PFAS; (4) support epidemiological research to determine which health outcomes have greater rates of prevalence or incidence among such personnel potentially exposed to PFAS; and, (5) support clinical care and public health activities by providing clinical care providers the ability to search such longitudinal records for individuals under their care and associate them to such exposure events.

*Opiate-Free Pain Therapy for Veterans.*—The Department is encouraged to implement a research project in various VA facilities/VISNs evaluating the efficacy of thermal, shortwave diathermy on patients with chronic pain for non-opioid pain relief. This research should include real world evidence collected by VHA researchers in collaboration with veteran patients and private providers and researchers.

*Non-Invasive Lung Function Screening.*—The Committee notes that the Department has increased its research into veterans with deployment-related respiratory disease and strongly encourages the Department to continue its efforts to identify and use in clinical practice non-invasive FDA-approved screening technologies that save veterans from invasive procedures such as surgical lung biopsies that are often required to establish a diagnosis. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on their efforts relating to such implementation no later than 90 days after the enactment of this act.

*Advanced Platform Technology [APT] Center.*—The Committee applauds VHA for the progress being made to provide our Nation's veterans with new assistive and restorative technologies that address sensory, motor, or cognitive deficits, as well as limb loss. The APT Center has effectively utilized a partnership model to leverage local and national research expertise to drive dramatic progress in diverse areas including artificial lung development, wound healing, and neurally-connected sensory prosthesis.

*Access to Clinical Oncology Trials.*—The Committee continues to support the ongoing collaborative efforts between VA medical cen-

ters and National Cancer Institute [NCI]-designated comprehensive cancer centers, but notes the lack of infrastructure for clinical trials in other areas of the country. Expanding access to clinical oncology trials remains a priority and as such the Committee directs that not less than \$10,000,000 be allocated to support partnerships between VA medical centers and NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers, with an emphasis on expanding to new sites outside the current NAVIGATE structure.

*PhytoNutrient Strategy for Brain and Mental Health.*—The Committee encourages the Department to conduct research on phytonutrient complexes as therapeutic countermeasures against adverse mental status and decline in veteran populations.

*Focused Ultrasound Therapy.*—The Committee encourages VA to conduct a study into the feasibility and advisability of utilizing non-invasive Focus Ultrasound Therapy to treat certain conditions such as Parkinson's disease, essential tremors, prostate cancer, fibroids and other medical conditions. Within 1 year of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the findings of this study, which should consider clinical and other stakeholder partnerships and detail any barriers or obstacles the Department might face in conducting proactive research on focused ultrasound therapy.

*Point-of-Care Ultrasound Technologies.*—The Committee encourages the continued use of proven Point-Of-Care-Ultrasound [POCUS] technologies across VHA, as appropriate. The Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the current and planned use of POCUS, including a cost estimate of expansion across the wide variety of VHA clinical environments, and any barriers to scaling.

*Psychedelic Research.*—The Committee recognizes the increased interest in studying psychedelic therapies and their potential therapeutic effects for veterans. The Committee encourages VA to explore opportunities to assist with privately-funded research programs to evaluate the efficacy of psychedelic therapies in treating PTSD, major depressive disorder, and other serious mental health conditions.

*Stomach Cancer.*—The Committee recognizes that stomach cancer is a concern for veterans who experienced hazardous exposure to ionizing radiation and have been diagnosed with *Helicobacter pylori* [*H. pylori*]. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to conduct a study on the prevalence of stomach cancer diagnoses in veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation and who were also diagnosed with *H. pylori*. The study should include any preventative measures and advice given to these veterans as a result of their diagnosis.

#### MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY COLLECTIONS

##### MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$3,910,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	3,991,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	3,991,000,000

## MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND—REVENUES APPLIED

Appropriations, 2023 .....	—\$3,910,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	—3,991,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	—3,991,000,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Care Collection Fund [MCCF] was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, Public Law 108–199 allowed the Department of Veterans Affairs to deposit first-party and pharmacy co-payments; third-party insurance payments and enhanced-use collections; long-term care co-payments; Compensated Work Therapy Program collections; and Parking Program fees into the MCCF. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has the authority to transfer funds from the MCCF to the Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommendation includes the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections, estimated to total \$3,991,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

## NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$430,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	480,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	480,000,000

## ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The National Cemetery Administration [NCA] was established in accordance with the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–43). It has a four-fold mission: to provide for the interment in any national cemetery of the remains of eligible deceased servicemembers and discharged veterans, together with their spouses and certain dependents, and permanently maintain their graves; to provide headstones for, and to mark graves of, eligible persons in national, State, and private cemeteries; to administer the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries; and to administer the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$480,000,000 for the National Cemetery Administration. This is an increase of \$50,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The appropriated funding for NCA should be used to maintain existing cemeteries and to activate newly completed cemeteries.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2025, up to 10 percent of the National Cemetery Administration appropriation.

*Rural Initiative National Cemetery Grants Program.*—The Committee supports the National Cemetery Administration’s efforts to construct additional infrastructure at its Rural Initiative national cemeteries. In order to ensure that these infrastructure projects are

meeting the needs of veterans, volunteers, and visitors, the Department should conduct an assessment at each Rural Initiative national cemetery site, with feedback from community stakeholders—to include veterans, veterans service organizations, volunteers, local leadership, adjacent landowners, and visitors, to determine if it is advisable to construct permanent support infrastructure. The Committee strongly encourages the Department to work with State and local entities interested in constructing and donating facilities to help meet location-specific needs, as appropriate.

*Honorable Flag Disposal Program.*—The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after the enactment of this act on (1) reasons for the lack of capacity to destroy flags made of synthetic materials; (2) potential health hazards of the destruction of synthetic flags in open air burn pits; and (3) what options exist for NCA to provide environmentally safe and acceptable options for honorably disposing of flags made of synthetic materials. Additionally, the report shall include a section on the feasibility, advisability and projected costs of creating a program to provide at least one State Veterans Cemetery in every State with the capacity to offer environmentally safe and acceptable options for honorably disposing of flags made of synthetic materials.

*Hmong and Laotian Veterans.*—The Committee strongly encourages VA to update any necessary Federal regulations to ensure that State Veterans Cemeteries are aware of and comply with section 6601 of Public Law 117–81, which authorized certain special guerrilla unit veterans who operated from a base in Laos for interment in national cemeteries, to ensure that State Veterans Cemeteries remain eligible for the VA Cemetery Grants Program.

*Unclaimed Veteran Burials.*—The Committee encourages the Department to coordinate with state cemeteries to update forms to ensure cemeteries are being reimbursed for assisting with unclaimed veteran burials. The Committee directs VA to clearly define the unclaimed veteran burial financial obligation and explain the payout procedure in the instructions. Further, the Committee strongly encourages VBA to establish a point of contact for funeral homes to make inquiries regarding the form.

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$10,806,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	11,107,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	10,578,142,000

#### ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

Departmental Administration provides for the administration of veterans benefits through VBA, the executive direction of the Department, several top level supporting offices, and the Board of Veterans Appeals.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$10,578,142,000 for Departmental Administration. The amount is composed of \$475,000,000 for General Administration; \$287,000,000 for the Board of Veterans Ap-

peals; \$6,401,000,000 for Information Technology Systems; \$1,334,142,000 for the Veterans Electronic Health Record; \$296,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General; \$881,000,000 for Construction, Major Projects; \$680,000,000 for Construction, Minor Projects; \$164,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities; and \$60,000,000 for Grants for the Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries.

In addition, funds are available from the Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund [Transformational Fund]. Established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–113), the Transformational Fund consists of unobligated balances of expired discretionary appropriations, following the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal year funds were originally available. These funds shall be available until expended for facilities infrastructure improvements, including nonrecurring maintenance, at existing VA hospitals and clinics, and for information technology systems improvements and sustainment. For fiscal year 2024, VA proposed to allocate \$600,000,000 of the anticipated Transformational Fund balance for major construction projects.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$433,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	475,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	475,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Administration account provides funding for the Office of the Secretary, six assistant secretaries, and three independent staff offices.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$475,000,000 for General Administration. This amount is \$42,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2025, up to 10 percent of the General Administration appropriation.

The Committee provides funding for General Administration in the amounts specified below:

[In thousands of dollars]

Office <sup>1</sup>	Fiscal year 2024 budget request	Committee recommendation
Office of the Secretary .....	19,165	19,165
Office of General Counsel .....	149,283	149,283
Office of Management .....	88,424	88,424
Office of Human Resources & Administration/Operations, Security & Preparedness .....	120,900	120,900
Office of Enterprise Integration .....	38,941	38,941
Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs .....	17,985	17,985
Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs .....	9,975	9,975
Office of Accountability & Whistleblower Protection .....	30,327	30,327



[In thousands of dollars]

Office <sup>1</sup>	Fiscal year 2024 budget request	Committee recommendation
Total .....	475,000	475,000

<sup>1</sup>The Office of Acquisition, Logistics & Construction and the Veterans Experience Office are funded solely with reimbursable authority.

The Secretary may alter these allocations if the Committees have been notified and written approval is provided.

*Unobligated Balances of Expired Discretionary Funds.*—The Committee directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports detailing all unobligated balances of expired discretionary funds by fiscal year.

*Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Data Disaggregation.*—To improve data on our Nation's veteran population, the Committee directs the Department to disaggregate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander demographic data into the race categories used in the 2020 U.S. Census.

*Improving Personal Cybersecurity for Veterans.*—The Department is encouraged to help improve personal cybersecurity among veterans by increasing digital and media literacy through education and resources, including protection against cyber threats and influence campaigns.

*Improving the Accessibility of VA Services and the Workplace for People with Disabilities.*—The Committee recognizes a need to ensure the Department meets the accessibility needs of disabled veterans and employees. As information technology responsibilities fall to the VISNs, the Committee strongly encourages the Department to include in all job descriptions for VISN Directors, all legal accessibility requirements, including legal requirements from the following pieces of legislation: Sections 501, 504, and 508 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Plain Writing Act of 2010, the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act, and the VA Website Accessibility Act of 2019. The Committee also strongly encourages the Department, in coordination with relevant groups representing people with disabilities, including groups representing disabled veterans, and the U.S. Access Board, to establish and implement quantitative and qualitative criteria for VISN Directors' performance in meeting legal accessibility requirements and to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 180 days after enactment of this act detailing these criteria and implementation progress as well as confirming the inclusion of accessibility requirements in all job descriptions for VISN Directors.

The Committee also strongly encourages the Secretary to consider establishing an Advisory Committee on Equal Access to ensure the Department's compliance with disability laws, including representatives of people with disabilities, including veterans, as well as technical and policy experts. The Department should provide a report to the Committees on the feasibility and advisability of the creation of such an Advisory Committee.

*Acquisition and Logistics.*—The Department's Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses [SDVOSBs] contract awards and obligations often fall short of targets, and SDVOSBs remain an un-

derutilized agency partner. The VETS 2 Governmentwide Acquisition Contract [GWAC] may be an opportunity for VA to increase its partnerships with SDVOSBs, while ensuring compliance; reducing protest risks, procurement lead times and associated costs; and providing for customized IT services-based solutions that are tailored to meet agency needs. Within 60 days of enactment of this act, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress detailing a plan for increasing SDVOSB utilization through the VETS 2 GWAC.

*Predatory Representational Services to Veterans.*—The Committee remains concerned about individuals and organizations aggressively marketing representational services to veterans using predatory tactics, often resulting in veterans having to pay exorbitant fees for representation for disability compensation claims, appeals, and Camp Lejeune related lawsuits. The VA Office of General Counsel is strongly encouraged to increase efforts to properly oversee claims representative accreditation, as well as ensure veterans are fully aware of their due process rights, VA’s duty to assist, and the free representational services offered by accredited veterans service organizations.

*Assessment of VA Accountability Measures.*—The Committee believes the Department must be allowed to terminate bad employees to ensure veterans have the best possible experience from the Department. No later than 120 days after enactment of this act, the Secretary shall provide a report to Congress that includes an assessment of current authorities used to terminate or otherwise discipline bad employees, and to identify any needed authorities to address misconduct or poor performance.

*Voting-Related Activities.*—The Committee directs the Secretary to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a briefing, no later than 90 days after enactment of this act, regarding any strategic plans developed by the Department since January 20, 2021 outlining the ways that the Department has promoted voter registration, and voter participation.

#### BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$285,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	287,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	287,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As set forth in section 7101(a) of title 38 United States Code, the Board of Veterans Appeals [BVA] is responsible for making final decisions on claims for veterans benefits presented to the Board for appellate review. The vast majority of the Board’s workload derives from benefit claims initiated by the Veterans Benefits Administration’s Regional Offices. The appellate process has multiple steps, most of which occur at the local Regional Office level. If a veteran is not satisfied with the Regional Office determination, he or she may appeal to the Board for a final agency decision. The Board adjudicates appeals covering all areas of veterans benefits, including service connection, increased disability ratings, total disability ratings, pensions, insurance benefits, educational benefits, home loan

guaranties, vocational rehabilitation, waivers of indebtedness, fee basis medical care, and dependency and indemnity compensation.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$287,000,000 for the Board of Veterans Appeals, which is \$2,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2025, up to 10 percent of BVA's appropriation. In addition, VA estimates to use \$4,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support BVA activities related to toxic exposures in fiscal year 2024.

*BVA Hearings.*—The Department is directed to make public on its website (1) the number of compensation and pension appeals pending at the Board by month for the past 3 years; (2) the average number days for compensation and pension appeals pending at the Board; and (3) the greatest number of days of currently pending compensation and pension appeals before the Board. Additionally, the Department is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act a report including (1) detailed information on the reason for a claim being “backlogged”; and (2) whether additional resources or authorities are needed to reduce the backlog or adjudicate the claims that have been pending the longest.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$5,782,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	6,401,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	6,401,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Information Technology [IT] Systems appropriation, along with reimbursements, funds the costs of all IT staff salaries and expenses, the operations and maintenance of all existing information technology systems, and the development of new projects and programs designed to improve the delivery of service to veterans. This appropriation also funds the costs associated with the Office of Information and Technology which oversees the functions highlighted above.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$6,401,000,000 for the Information Technology Systems account. This amount is equal to the budget request. The Committee recommendation includes \$1,606,977,000 for staff salaries and expenses, \$4,668,373,000 for operation and maintenance of existing programs, including \$75,288,000 for activations, and \$125,650,000 for program development. In addition, VA estimates to use \$1,243,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support the information technology systems activities related to toxic exposures in fiscal year 2024.

The Committee has appropriated the Information Technology Systems account as three subaccounts. This funding structure enhances the Committee's ability to ensure funds are executed in a manner consistent with the Department's budget submission. The Committee has provided sufficient flexibility within the sub-

accounts by way of authorized carryover amounts and reprogramming authority to give the Office of Information Technology as much flexibility as possible to accomplish its mission and goals, while ensuring proper accountability and oversight.

The Committee is aware that an aging IT infrastructure and antiquated systems have contributed to issues affecting veterans, their families, and third parties with whom VA has agreements; and that the Department continues to identify significant costs to support new and critical initiatives. Additionally, the Department has reported its inability to comply with requirements that have been passed into law due to lack of appropriate IT systems. The Committee will continue to work with the Department to ensure IT projects are appropriately resourced, and continues to be interested in data related to IT projects across the Department that are required but awaiting funding.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Project	Fiscal year 2024 budget request	Committee recommendation
Clinical Enabling Capabilities		
Health Delivery Support .....	23,599	23,599
Operational Support .....	23,137	23,137
Health Administration .....	6,920	6,920
Subtotal Clinical Enabling Capabilities .....	53,656	53,656
Health Business Services		
Common Health Care Workflows .....	7,594	7,594
Common Health Care Specific Services .....	7,100	7,100
Subtotal Health Business Services .....	14,694	14,694
Care Coverage Capabilities		
Care Coverage Services .....	13,608	13,608
Subtotal Care Coverage Capabilities .....	13,608	13,608
Clinical Care Capabilities		
Clinical Care Services .....	7,949	7,949
Subtotal Clinical Care Capabilities .....	7,949	7,949
Health IT Services		
Enterprise IT Infrastructure .....	2,000	2,000
Subtotal Health IT Services .....	2,000	2,000
Patient Management Capabilities		
Patient Management Services .....	559	559
Subtotal Patient Management Capabilities .....	559	559
Benefits Services		
Loan Guaranty .....	16,000	16,000
Subtotal Benefits Services .....	16,000	16,000
Veterans Experience Services		
Digital Experience .....	9,511	9,511
Customer Data Management Experience .....	4,673	4,673

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS—Continued  
[In thousands of dollars]

Project	Fiscal year 2024 budget request	Committee recommendation
Subtotal Veterans Experience Services .....	14,184	14,184
Corporate Services		
Financial Management Services .....	3,000	3,000
Subtotal Corporate Services .....	3,000	3,000
Total IT Development .....	125,650	125,650

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$1,759,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	1,863,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	1,334,142,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Electronic Health Record [EHR] account funds all activities related to the acquisition, implementation, preparation, development, interface, management, rollout, and maintenance of a new EHR. The EHR solution and implementation will include program management; an enterprise-wide EHR system; change management; training; testing; deployment services; sustainment; and other solutions encompassing the entire range of EHR requirements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,334,142,000 for the Veterans EHR, which is \$528,858,000 below the budget request, but equal to the revised estimate provided by the Department based on the decision to pause future deployments. The Committee remains supportive of replacing VA's current EHR with the same system being acquired by DoD, and supports the Department's current effort to "reset" the initiative and hold future rollouts until performance in the sites currently using the new EHR has improved.

Given the schedules and costs associated with any acquisition of this size and magnitude, it is important for the Department to provide regular implementation updates. Therefore, the bill continues the strict quarterly reporting requirements of obligations, expenditures, and any upcoming deployment schedule by facility. The Department is directed to continue quarterly briefings to review timelines, performance milestones, costs, implementation, and change management progress. In addition, the Committee included a statutory proviso that makes 25 percent of funding contingent upon the Secretary (1) providing a report outlining the measureable operational metrics that will be used to determine when it is appropriate to re-start deployments; (2) providing a report on the reset process as of March 1, 2024, including progress on achieving the necessary targets and the current performance at all Department facilities using the new electronic health record compared to pre-deployment baselines; and (3) certifying whether the system is stable, ready, and optimized for further deployment

at VA sites, and if not, an estimate of the timeline required for further deployment.

The Committee continues to direct GAO to perform quarterly performance reviews of the VA EHR deployment to keep the Committees on Appropriations and Veteran's Affairs of both Houses of Congress apprised of VA's progress.

*Support for Operations at Sites Utilizing the New EHR.*—For each site using the new EHR, the Committee directs the Department to ensure that implementation of the new EHR has not had negative impacts on the relevant facilities, especially with respect to any formulaic funding or staffing models. The Department is directed to periodically report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on changes to staffing levels, productivity compared to pre-implementation levels, and wait times for access to VA care and care in the community. The Committee also discourages the Department from retaliation against employees who raise patient safety concerns related to the EHR Modernization activities.

*Veterans Electronic Health Record Modernization.*—It is vital the Department demonstrates it has learned from the lessons of the fraught rollout of the electronic health record at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, specifically lessons learned with the super user program and the training, medication management, patient record flags, and overall patient safety. The Department should make every effort to leverage the electronic health record modernization contract to address ongoing concerns and issues with Oracle's patient safety, productivity, and usability record.

*Medical Image Exchange.*—The Committee supports VA efforts to move away from hand-carried or couriered CD-and DVD-ROMs to implement a modern medical image exchange software. The Committee directs the Department to ensure this type of software solution is integrated in the future Veterans EHR system and enable its deployment in VA Enterprise Cloud.

*Improved Scheduling.*—No later than 90 days after enactment of this act, the Committee directs the Department to brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the timeframe for implementing the scheduling solution for medical appointments throughout the enterprise.

#### OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$273,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	296,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	296,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of Inspector General [OIG] was established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 and is responsible for the audit, investigation, and inspection of all Department of Veterans Affairs programs and operations.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$296,000,000 for OIG. This is \$23,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee has included bill language to

make available through September 30, 2025, up to 10 percent of the OIG appropriation.

OIG continues to sustain an extremely high performance level, and the Committee continues to support OIG's essential oversight of VA's programs and operations, and maintains a provision to support timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the Department. Similarly, the Committee strongly encourages OIG to undertake and complete investigations in a timely manner, including sharing information with the Department, the Department of Justice, or other entities as appropriate.

#### CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$1,447,890,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	881,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	881,000,000

#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Construction, Major Projects account provides funds for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking projects) under the jurisdiction or for the use of VA, including planning, architectural and engineering services, needs assessment, and site acquisition where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in 38 U.S.C. 8104(a)(3)(A). Proceeds realized from enhanced use lease activities may be deposited into the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$881,000,000 for the construction of major projects. This is equal to the budget request. In addition, the Committee supports the Department's allocation of \$600,000,000 from the Transformational Fund to support the construction of major projects bringing the Department's total resources for Major Construction to \$1,481,000,000.

The following table reflects the President's budget request for major construction projects and the corresponding Committee recommendations.

#### MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location and description	Fiscal year 2024 budget request		Committee recommendation	
	Appropriation	RETF	Appropriation	RETF
Veterans Health Administration [VHA]:				
San Juan, PR: Seismic Corrections Building 1, New Administrative Building, Expansion of Outpatient Clinic and Parking Structure .....		41,370		41,370
Portland, OR: Upgrade Building 100 and 101 for Seismic Retrofit and Renovation, Roadway and Site Improvements, New Specialty Care Facility, Demolition and Expansion of Parking Facilities .....		90,000		90,000
American Lake, WA: Construction of New Specialty Care Building 201, Renovation of Building 18 and Expansion of Parking Facilities .....		45,000		45,000

## MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Location and description	Fiscal year 2024 budget request		Committee recommendation	
	Appropriation	RETF	Appropriation	RETF
San Francisco, CA: New Research Facility, Parking Structure and Demolition .....		9,620		9,620
San Diego, CA: Spinal Cord Injury and Seismic Building 11 .....		49,600		49,600
Perry Point, MD: Replacement Community Living Center and Parking Expansion .....		181,610		181,610
El Paso, TX: Construct New Health Care Center and Utility Plant .....		59,200		59,200
West Haven, CT: New Surgical and Clinical Space Tower, Renovation of Buildings 1 and 2 and Demolition .....	153,128		153,128	
Dallas, TX: Clinical Expansion for Mental Health, Expansion of Parking Facilities and Land Acquisition .....		77,460		77,460
Advance Planning and Design Fund—Various Stations ....	196,872	46,140	196,872	46,140
Asbestos—Various Stations .....	8,000		8,000	
Construction & Facilities Management Staff—Various Stations .....	153,000		153,000	
Hazardous Waste—Various Stations .....	1,000		1,000	
Judgment Fund—Various Stations .....	25,000		25,000	
Non-Departmental Federal Entity Project Management Support—Various Stations .....	112,000		112,000	
Seismic Corrections—Various Stations .....	110,000		110,000	
Total, VHA .....	759,000	600,000	759,000	600,000
National Cemetery Administration (NCA):				
St. Louis, MO: Jefferson Barracks NC—Phase 1 Gravesite Development (New Land) .....	28,800		28,800	
Tahoma, WA: Tahoma NC—Gravesite Expansion .....	78,200		78,200	
Advance Planning and Design Fund—Various Stations ....	5,000		5,000	
Total, NCA .....	112,000		112,000	
General Administration/Staff Offices				
Department Advance Planning and Design Fund for Major Construction .....	10,000		10,000	
Total Construction, Major Projects .....	881,000	600,000	881,000	600,000

*Facilities with Insufficient Beds to Meet Patient Demand.*—The Committee urges the Department to add projects to the SCIP lists that would address instances where in-patient care demand regularly exceeds in-patient care bed availability, causing VA to rely on bed space in the Emergency Department for overflow bed capacity.

*Extreme Weather Preparation.*—The Committee directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 120 days after enactment of this act on the state of buildings and infrastructure in light of historic extreme weather and a plan on how the Department will retrofit and replace vulnerable components such as pipes, windows, insulation, and related items.

## CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$626,110,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	680,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	680,000,000



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Construction, Minor Projects account provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking) under the jurisdiction or for the use of VA, including planning, assessment of needs, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than \$20,000,000. The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106–117) gave VA authority to make capital contributions from minor construction in enhanced-use leases. Proceeds realized from enhanced-use lease activities may be deposited into the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$680,000,000 for minor construction. This is \$53,890,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

The recommendation includes \$334,150,000 for the Veterans Health Administration, \$182,560,000 for the National Cemetery Administration, \$62,070,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, and \$101,220,000 for staff offices and the Office of Information and Technology. The Department is directed to provide an expenditure plan to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 30 days after enactment of this act for the amount appropriated for minor construction.

*Permanent Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Unit.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of long-term beds for veterans suffering from substance use disorders, particularly in rural areas. The Committee is concerned that VA does not appear to have prioritized these projects in its construction planning and budgeting, and is encouraged to include necessary projects in future budget requests to ensure veterans are able to receive adequate mental health and substance use treatment.

## GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$150,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	164,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	164,000,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This account is used to provide grants to assist States in acquiring or constructing State home facilities for furnishing domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and to expand, remodel, or alter existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home, or hospital care to veterans in State homes. The grant may not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project. Public Law 102–585 granted permanent authority for this program, and Public Law 106–117 provided greater specificity in directing VA to prescribe regulations for the number of beds for which grant assistance may be furnished. This program has been a successful partnership between States and VA in meeting the long-term care needs of elderly veterans for decades.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$164,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities. This is \$14,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

The Committee recognizes the important role that State Veterans Homes play in providing nursing home, domiciliary or adult day care to veterans around the country.

*Program Demand.*—The Committee encourages VA to request sufficient funding in future years to better meet demand and to increase the number of long term care beds available for veterans.

*Prioritization Process Review.*—As required under section 8134(a) of title 38, United States Code, when the Secretary reviews and revises regulations prescribed under paragraphs (2) and (3) for grant applications submitted in fiscal year 2024 for assistance under grants for construction of State extended care facilities program, the Secretary is urged to consider supplementing established prioritization criteria to take into account: (1) geographic diversity among grant recipients, including the need for a balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural areas; (2) age and condition of the facility, to prioritize facilities over 80 years with an industry-standard Facility Condition Index maximum rating of poor; and (3) access to other providers who can appropriately meet the veterans' extended care facilities' needs, to prioritize facilities with limited access to other such providers. The Department also is encouraged to prioritize funding to facilities that have only one State Extended Care Facility.

## GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$50,000,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	60,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	60,000,000

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Public Law 105–368 amended title 38 U.S.C. 2408 and established authority to provide aid to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans cemeteries, which are operated and permanently maintained by the States. This statutory change increased the maximum Federal share from 50 percent to 100 percent in order to fund construction costs and initial equipment expenses when the cemetery is established. States remain responsible for providing the land and for paying all costs related to operation and maintenance of the cemeteries, including the costs for subsequent equipment purchases.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$60,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries. This is \$10,000,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

## COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$5,000,000,000
Appropriations, 2024 <sup>1</sup> .....	20,268,000,000
Appropriations, 2025 <sup>1</sup> .....	24,455,000,000

<sup>1</sup>Funds for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 were appropriated in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5); no additional funds are provided in this act.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund [Toxic Exposures Fund] was established in order to fully fund the new costs related to providing veterans and their families the benefits and care associated with eligibility expansion included in the Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–168) [PACT Act].

The Committee supports the Department’s implementation efforts to date, and notes that veterans will benefit from the Department’s decision not to phase-in PACT Act benefits over the next several years, and instead to make all new eligibilities effective as of August 10, 2022. The latest report shows that VA has completed claims of over 276,000 veterans or survivors applying for benefits related to the expanded eligibilities included in the PACT Act.

The Department may allocate funds from the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund for investment in the delivery of veterans healthcare associated with exposure to environmental hazards in service, expenses incident to the delivery of veterans healthcare and benefits associated with exposure to environmental hazards in service, and medical and other research related to exposures to environmental hazards in service.

The intent of this fund is to cover the costs associated with implementing the PACT Act, including additional future eligibilities that result from the process changes enacted. This fund is not intended to be used to cover costs of healthcare or providing other benefits that VA had authority for prior to passage, or care and benefits that are not related to toxic exposure.

The Committee supports the appropriations provided for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5), and includes a provision with a new quarterly reporting requirement on the status of the Toxic Exposures Fund. Further, the Committee expects a consolidated section in future budget requests outlining the proposed spending from the Toxic Exposures Fund, consistent with requirements in Public Law 117–168.

*PACT Act Outreach Study.*—The Committee encourages the Department to utilize all available means to ensure veterans are receiving the care they are entitled to under the PACT Act. No later than 120 days after enactment of this act, the Department is directed to provide a report to Congress on outreach efforts to veterans on the law, and training that has been provided to VA staff when advising veterans of their new benefits under the law. As part of the report, the Department shall identify any shortfalls in both of these efforts.

*Colorectal Cancer Research.*—The Committee encourages the Department to conduct a study on the prevalence of colorectal cancer diagnoses in veterans who were exposed to burn pits and other environmental hazards while serving overseas.

*Kosovo Veterans Toxic Exposures.*—Air samples taken on Camp Nothing Hill in Kosovo between 2018 and 2020 have exceeded both the Military Exposure Guidelines and the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Ambient Air Quality Standards for long-term particulate matter exposure caused by a nearby open-air burn pit. As thousands of military personnel have served there, the Department should consider if Kosovo should be added to the list of covered countries for the purposes of determining presumptive eligibility, specifically service in the NATO Kosovo Force since June 1999, as “covered service.”

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS AND RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

Sec. 201. The Committee includes a provision which outlines transfer authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Benefits Administration.

Sec. 202. The Committee includes a provision which outlines transfer authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Health Administration.

Sec. 203. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of funds appropriated for salaries and expenses.

Sec. 204. The Committee includes a provision mandating that only construction funds may be used for land procurement or the construction of any new hospital or home.

Sec. 205. The Committee includes a provision allowing for reimbursements to the Medical Services account.

Sec. 206. The Committee includes a provision allowing for payments of prior year obligations.

Sec. 207. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the use of funds for prior year obligations.

Sec. 208. The Committee includes a provision which allows for payments from the National Service Life Insurance Fund.

Sec. 209. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of funds from enhanced-use lease proceeds.

Sec. 210. The Committee includes a provision which provides funds for the Office of Resolution Management, Diversity and Inclusion, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alternate Dispute Resolution function within the Office of Human Resources and Administration.

Sec. 211. The Committee includes a provision which requires disclosure of third-party reimbursement information.

Sec. 212. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of revenue derived from enhanced-use leases into the construction accounts.

Sec. 213. The Committee includes a provision which outlines authorized uses for Medical Services account funds.

Sec. 214. The Committee includes a provision which allows funds in the Medical Care Collection Fund to be transferred into the Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts.

Sec. 215. The Committee includes a provision which allows eligible veterans in the State of Alaska to obtain medical care services.

Sec. 216. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of funds into the construction accounts.

Sec. 217. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit quarterly financial reports.

Sec. 218. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority for the Information Technology Systems account.

Sec. 219. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of funds from certain accounts to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

Sec. 220. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of funds from certain advance appropriation accounts to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

Sec. 221. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of certain funds deposited in the Medical Care Collections Fund to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

Sec. 222. The Committee includes a provision directing a minimum of \$15,000,000 be transferred from Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, and Medical Facilities to the Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 223. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funds available to the Department in this or any other act from being used to replace the current system by which VISNs select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

Sec. 224. The Committee includes a provision requiring notification of all bid savings for major construction projects.

Sec. 225. The Committee includes a provision restricting scope increases for major construction projects above that specified in the original project justification.

Sec. 226. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Department to submit reports relating to the Veterans Benefits Administration on claims processing at Regional Offices.

Sec. 227. The Committee includes a provision requiring VA to notify the Committee 15 days prior to any organizational changes within VA of 25 or more FTE.

Sec. 228. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary to report to the Committees each quarter about any single national outreach and awareness marketing campaign exceeding \$1,000,000.

Sec. 229. The Committee includes a provision permitting the transfer to the Medical Services account of fiscal year discretionary 2023 appropriated funds.

Sec. 230. The Committee includes a provision permitting the transfer of funds between GOE, VBA and BVA.

Sec. 231. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the re-programming of funds in excess of \$7,000,000 among major construction projects or programs.

Sec. 232. The Committee includes a provision mandating certain professional standards for the veterans crisis hotline.

Sec. 233. The Committee includes a provision requiring VA to use the mammography screening guidelines announced by the Secretary on May 10, 2017.

Sec. 234. The Committee includes a provision allowing the use of Medical Services funding for assisted reproductive technology treatment and adoption reimbursement for veterans and their spouses if the veteran has a service-connected disability that results in being unable to procreate without such fertility treatment.

Sec. 235. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting any funds to be used to contract out any functions performed by more than 10 employees without a fair competition process.

Sec. 236. The Committee includes a provision pertaining to Native Hawaiian small businesses.

Sec. 237. The Committee includes a provision directing the discontinuation of the usage of Social Security numbers within VA.

Sec. 238. The Committee includes a provision pertaining to the certification of marriage and family therapists.

Sec. 239. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the transfer of funds from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other VA account.

Sec. 240. The Committee includes a provision regarding a childcare program.

Sec. 241. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funds to be used to restrict an individual's ability to speak with a Member of Congress or his or her staff.

Sec. 242. The Committee includes a provision requiring certain data to be included in the budget justifications for the Construction, Major account.

Sec. 243. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to deny the Inspector General timely access to information, unless a provision of law expressly refers to the Inspector General and expressly limits such access.

Sec. 244. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funding from being used in a manner that would increase wait times for veterans at medical facilities.

Sec. 245. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in fiscal year 2024 to convert any program which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year 2023 to a general purpose-funded program without the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to any such action.

Sec. 246. The Committee includes a reference to a provision in the 2017 appropriations act identifying information which may be used to verify the status of coastwise merchant seamen who served during World War II for the purposes of eligibility for medals, ribbons, or other military decorations.

Sec. 247. The Committee includes a provision addressing animal research at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sec. 248. The Committee includes a provision ensuring particular ratios of veterans to FTE position within any VA program of rehabilitation.

Sec. 249. The Committee includes a provision to allow fiscal year 2024 and 2025 "Medical Community Care" funds to be used to

cover obligations that otherwise would be paid by the Veterans Choice Fund, if necessary.

Sec. 250. The Committee includes a provision to allow obligations and expenditures applicable to the “Medical Services” account in fiscal years 2017 through 2019 for aid to State homes to remain in the “Medical Community Care” account.

Sec. 251. The Committee includes a provision specifying an amount from the four medical care accounts for gender-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women veterans.

Sec. 252. The Committee includes a provision allocating funds from the “Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund” for specific purposes.

Sec. 253. The Committee includes a provision requiring quarterly reports on obligations from the “Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund”.

Sec. 254. The Committee includes a provision to address contributions from other Federal agencies to VA Non-Profit Corporations for research.

Sec. 255. The Committee includes a provision to rescind previously appropriated funding.

Sec. 256. The Committee includes a provision to rescind previously appropriated funding.

Sec. 257. The Committee includes a provision to restrict funds from being used to close medical facilities.

Sec. 258. The Committee includes a provision to allow use of unobligated balances to support construction projects in the CHIP-IN program.

Sec. 259. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds for certain information technology equipment and software.

Sec. 260. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to interfere with the ability of veterans to participate in State-approved medicinal cannabis programs or deny service to such veterans.

TITLE III  
RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

OVERVIEW

The American Battle Monuments Commission [ABMC] was established by Congress in 1923 and is responsible for the following: designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining permanent American cemeteries in foreign countries; establishing and maintaining U.S. military memorials, monuments, and markers where American Armed Forces have served overseas since April 6, 1917, the date of the United States entry into World War I, and within the United States when directed by public law; and controlling the design and construction of permanent U.S. military monuments and markers by other U.S. citizens and organizations, both public and private, and encouraging their maintenance. ABMC administers, operates, and maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries and 32 Federal memorials, monuments, and markers, located in 17 foreign countries, the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Midway Atoll, the British Dependency of Gibraltar, and the United States of America.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$87,500,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	158,630,000
Committee recommendation .....	158,630,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$158,630,000 for the Salaries and Expenses account. This amount is \$71,130,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

The Committee includes in the accompanying act, as proposed by the administration, such sums as necessary for the Foreign Currency Fluctuations account. Funding the account in this manner allows the Commission to maintain cemeteries regardless of the volatility of foreign currency fluctuations.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

OVERVIEW

The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims was established by the Veterans' Judicial Review Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-687). The Court is an independent judicial tribunal with exclu-



sive jurisdiction to review decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals. It has the authority to decide all relevant questions of law; interpret constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions; and determine the meaning or applicability of the terms of an action by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. It is authorized to compel action by the Secretary. It is authorized to hold unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful and set aside decisions, findings, conclusions, rules, and regulations issued or adopted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Board of Veterans Appeals, or the Chairman of the Board that are found to be arbitrary or capricious. The Court's principal office location is Washington, DC; however, it is a national court, empowered to sit anywhere in the United States.

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$46,900,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	47,200,000
Committee recommendation .....	47,200,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$47,200,000 for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. This amount is \$300,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

*Staffing.*—The Committee is concerned that projected increases in appeals due to enactment of the Honoring our PACT Act (Public Law 117–168) will lead to an additional demand for which the Court may not be adequately staffed. The Committee directs the Court to provide a report within 90 days of enactment of this act identifying any anticipated increases in the Court's workload resulting from PACT Act appeals and any resources necessary to bridge that gap.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

#### CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

#### OVERVIEW

The Secretary of the Army is responsible for the administration, operation, and maintenance of Arlington National Cemetery [ANC] and the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. In addition to its principal function as a national cemetery, Arlington hosts more than 3,000 public wreath laying ceremonies, and approximately 3 million visitors annually.

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$93,400,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	99,880,000
Committee recommendation .....	99,880,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$99,880,000 for the Salaries and Expenses account. This amount is \$6,480,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

ANC historically performs over 7,000 burial services each year for veterans and family members and an average of 27–30 each

weekday. The Committee remains unwavering in its support for the Cemetery and the successful completion of the Cemetery's truly unique and honored mission.

#### CONSTRUCTION

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$62,500,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	88,600,000
Committee recommendation .....	88,600,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$88,600,000 for the Construction account. This amount is equal to the budget request and includes funding for construction of the Southern Expansion project. When complete, this project will provide approximately 80,000 additional burial opportunities across 38 acres and extend the service life of the cemetery into the 2060s.

#### ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

##### TRUST FUND

##### OVERVIEW

The Armed Forces Retirement Home [AFRH] is an independent agency that was created in 1991 by the merging of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington D.C. and the United States Naval Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. AFRH operates and maintains the two communities to provide affordable resident services and care to retired and former enlisted servicemembers and their spouses.

##### TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2023 .....	\$75,360,000
Budget estimate, 2024 .....	77,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	77,000,000

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends authority to expend \$77,000,000 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Washington, DC, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Gulfport, Mississippi. This amount is \$1,640,000 above the fiscal year 2023 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

The Committee recognizes the critical role of AFRH operations and the importance of delivering uninterrupted healthcare to its residents. Therefore, the Committee continues to support the 2-year availability of funds.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Sec. 301. The Committee includes a provision making available funds as authorized by 10 U.S.C. 7727.

## TITLE IV

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 401. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the obligation of funds beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided.

Sec. 402. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds for programs, projects, or activities not in compliance with Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

Sec. 403. The Committee includes a provision that encourages the expansion of E-commerce technologies and procedures.

Sec. 404. The Committee includes a provision that specifies the congressional committees that are to receive all reports and notifications.

Sec. 405. The Committee includes a provision that limits funds from being transferred from this appropriations measure to any instrumentality of the United States Government without authority from an appropriations act.

Sec. 406. The Committee includes a provision regarding the posting of congressional reports on agency Web sites.

Sec. 407. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to establish or maintain a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, except for law enforcement investigation, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

Sec. 408. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds for the payment of first-class travel by an employee of the executive branch.

Sec. 409. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act for any contract where the contractor has not complied with E-Verify requirements.

Sec. 410. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act to construct facilities on military installations that do not meet resiliency standards.

Sec. 411. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act for the renovation, expansion, or construction of any facility in the continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## PROGRAM, PROJECT, AND ACTIVITY

In fiscal year 2021, for purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–177) or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100–119), the following information provides the definition of the term “program, project, and activity” for departments, agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies subcommittee. The term “program, project, and activity” shall include the most specific level of budget items identified in the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021, the House and Senate Committee reports, and the conference report and accompanying joint explanatory statement of managers of the committee of conference.

If a sequestration order is necessary, in implementing the Presidential order, departments, and agencies shall apply any percentage reduction required for fiscal year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–177 or Public Law 100–119 to all items specified in the justifications submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives in support of the fiscal year 2021 budget estimates, as amended, for such departments and agencies, as modified by congressional action, and in addition, for the Department of Defense, Military Construction, the definition shall include specific construction locations as identified in the explanatory notes.

## COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports accompanying general appropriations bills identify each recommended amendment which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.

The Committee recommends funding for the following programs which currently lack authorization:

### *Title I: Department of Defense*

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program

Department of Defense Base Closure Account

Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army

Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps

Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force

Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide

Family Housing Construction, Army

Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps

Family Housing Construction, Air Force

Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund

Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund

*Title II: Department of Veterans Affairs*

Veterans Benefits Administration

Veterans Health Administration

National Cemetery Administration

Departmental Administration

*Title III: Related Agencies*

American Battle Monuments Commission

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

Cemeterial Expenses, Army

Armed Forces Retirement Home

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(c), RULE XXVI OF THE  
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on June 22, 2023, the Committee ordered favorably reported a bill (S. 2127) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, provided, that the bill be subject to amendment and that any amendment increasing budget authority be offset by a reduction of equal or greater budget authority, by a recorded vote of 28–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chair Murray	
Mrs. Feinstein	
Mr. Durbin	
Mr. Reed	
Mr. Tester	
Mrs. Shaheen	
Mr. Merkley	
Mr. Coons	
Mr. Schatz	
Ms. Baldwin	
Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Manchin	
Mr. Van Hollen	
Mr. Heinrich	
Mr. Peters	
Ms. Collins	
Mr. McConnell	
Ms. Murkowski	
Mr. Graham	
Mr. Moran	
Mr. Hoeven	
Mr. Boozman	
Mrs. Capito	
Mr. Kennedy	
Mrs. Hyde-Smith	
Mr. Hagerty	
Mrs. Britt	
Mrs. Fischer	

**COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI OF THE  
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE**

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee.”

The Committee bill as recommended contains no such provisions.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL**

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO  
SEC. 308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93–344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount in bill	Committee allocation	Amount in bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with the subcommittee allocation for 2024: Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies:				
Mandatory .....	209,944	209,944	195,630	<sup>1</sup> 195,630
Discretionary .....	154,352	154,352	150,863	<sup>1</sup> 150,863
Defense .....	19,070	19,070	15,344	15,344
Non-defense .....	135,282	135,282	135,519	135,519
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2024 .....				<sup>2</sup> 161,119
2025 .....				105,966
2026 .....				18,628
2027 .....				5,851
2028 and future years .....				5,637
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2024 .....	NA	190	NA	<sup>2</sup> (22)

<sup>1</sup> Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
ALABAMA			
ARMY:			
FORT NOVOSHEL (FORT RUCKER):			
ADV INDIVIDUAL TRAINING BARRACKS COMPLEX: COST TO COMPLETE .....		41,200	+ 41,200
AIRCRAFT PARTS STORAGE FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,950	+ 4,950
ARMY RADAR APPROACH CONTROL FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		7,000	+ 7,000
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE BUILDING: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		3,850	+ 3,850
READY BUILDING—MEDEVAC: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		6,100	+ 6,100
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE STORAGE FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,100	+ 5,100
REDSTONE ARSENAL:			
ACCESS CONTROL BUILDING: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,000	+ 4,000
AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,600	+ 5,600
AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION (OVERRUNS): UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,500	+ 5,500
NATURAL GAS EXPANSION AND METER STATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,800	+ 4,800
SUBSTATION .....	50,000	50,000	.....
TEST AREA 7 RELOCATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,400	+ 5,400
AIR FORCE:			
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE:			
CONSTRUCT ADDITION, AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE (BLDG 1402): UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,100	+ 5,100
REPLACE (CONSTRUCT) GUNTER FITNESS CENTER: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		8,800	+ 8,800
DEFENSE—WIDE:			
REDSTONE ARSENAL:			
GROUND TEST FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE .....	147,975	147,975	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
MONTGOMERY REGIONAL AIRPORT:			
F-35 ADAL SQ OPS BLDG 1303 .....	7,000	7,000	.....
ARMY RESERVE:			
BIRMINGHAM:			
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/AMSA/LAND .....	57,000	57,000	.....
TOTAL, ALABAMA .....	261,975	369,375	+ 107,400
ALASKA			
ARMY:			
FORT WAINWRIGHT:			
ENLISTED UNACCOMPANIED PERS HSG: COST TO COMPLETE SOLDIER PERFORMANCE READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	34,000	34,000	.....
.....		7,900	+ 7,900
AIR FORCE:			
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE:			
COAL THAW SHED ADDITION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,500	+ 1,500
CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS COMPLEX: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		15,100	+ 15,100
CRYOGENICS FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		6,900	+ 6,900
FIRE STATION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,700	+ 1,700



## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
JOINT MOBILITY CENTER EXPANSION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	3,000	+ 3,000
JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX OPS FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	13,500	+ 13,500
PERMANENT PARTY DORM: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	9,500	+ 9,500
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON: COMBAT ALERT CELL: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	18,100	+ 18,100
EXTEND RUNWAY 16/34 (INC 3) .....	107,500	107,500	.....
PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS COMPLEX: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	6,100	+ 6,100
SAND STORAGE FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	.....	8,800	+ 8,800
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE: AMC STANDARD DUAL BAY HANGAR: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	25,000	+ 25,000
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON: ADAL ALERT CREW FACILITY HANGAR 18: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	.....	7,000	+ 7,000
HC-130J SIMULATOR FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	2,000	+ 2,000
NORTH CAMPUS ELECTRICAL LOOP: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	.....	5,600	+ 5,600
TOTAL, ALASKA .....	141,500	273,200	+ 131,700
ARIZONA			
NAVY: MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA: WATER TREATMENT PLANT: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	8,900	+ 8,900
AIR FORCE: LUKE AIR FORCE BASE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	2,700	+ 2,700
GILA BEND CONSOLIDATED FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	2,200	+ 2,200
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: SURPRISE READINESS CENTER: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	15,000	15,000	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: TUCSON IAP: MCCA: AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM (NEW RWY) .....	11,600	11,600	.....
ARMY RESERVE: SAN TAN VALLEY: AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY .....	12,000	12,000	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE: DAVIS MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE: GUARDIAN ANGEL POTFF FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	.....	8,500	+ 8,500
TOTAL, ARIZONA .....	38,600	60,900	+ 22,300
CALIFORNIA			
NAVY: NAVAL BASE CORONADO: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	6,200	+ 6,200
NAVAL BASE SAN DIEGO: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	.....	5,600	+ 5,600
PORT HUENEME: LABORATORY COMPOUND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS .....	110,000	110,000	.....
TWENTYNINE PALMS: COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS .....	42,100	42,100	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
DEFENSE—WIDE:			
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR:			
AMBULATORY CARE CNTR—DENTAL CLINIC ADD/ALT .....	103,000	103,000	.....
MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO:			
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER—DENTAL CLINIC REPLMT .....	101,644	101,644	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP ROBERTS:			
AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE: COST TO COMPLETE .....	.....	5,000	+ 5,000
ARMY RESERVE:			
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT:			
NETWORK ENTERPRISE CENTER .....	.....	40,000	+ 40,000
AIR FORCE RESERVE:			
MARCH AIR RESERVE BASE:			
KC-46 ADD/ALTER B1244 FUT/CARGO PALLET STORAGE .....	17,000	17,000	.....
KC-46 ADD/ALTER B6000 SIMULATOR FACILITY .....	8,500	8,500	.....
KC-46 TWO BAY MAINTENANCE/FUEL HANGAR .....	201,000	201,000	.....
TOTAL, CALIFORNIA .....	583,244	640,044	+ 56,800
COLORADO			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
BUCKLEY SPACE FORCE BASE:			
AIRCRAFT CORROSION CONTROL .....	12,000	12,000	.....
TOTAL, COLORADO .....	12,000	12,000	.....
CONNECTICUT			
NAVY:			
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON:			
SUBMARINE PIER 31 EXTENSION .....	112,518	112,518	.....
WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FAC .....	219,200	219,200	.....
TOTAL, CONNECTICUT .....	331,718	331,718	.....
DELAWARE			
DEFENSE—WIDE:			
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE:			
BLOOD PROCESSING CENTER REPLACEMENT .....	.....	30,600	+ 30,600
TOTAL, DELAWARE .....	.....	30,600	+ 30,600
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
NAVY:			
MARINE BARRACKS 8TH AND I:			
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS & SUPPORT FACILITY .....	131,800	131,800	.....
TOTAL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....	131,800	131,800	.....
FLORIDA			
AIR FORCE:			
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE:			
KC-46A ADAL FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK .....	18,000	18,000	.....
KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT CORROSION CONTROL .....	25,000	25,000	.....
KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR .....	27,000	27,000	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
KC-46A ADAL APRON & HYDRANT FUELING PITS .....	61,000	61,000	.....
PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE:			
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION .....	15,000	15,000	.....
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: COST TO COMPLETE .....	15,000	15,000	.....
FINAL DENIAL BARRIERS, SOUTH GATE .....	12,000	12,000	.....
TOTAL, FLORIDA .....	173,000	173,000	.....
GEORGIA			
ARMY:			
FORT GORDON:			
CYBER INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY (CLASSROOMS) .....	163,000	163,000	.....
FORT MOORE (FORT BENNING):			
CAMP MERRILL AST BARRACKS: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,320	+ 1,320
FORT STEWART/HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD:			
COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE GSAB HANGAR: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		6,400	+ 6,400
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HANGAR: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,220	+ 2,220
AIR FORCE:			
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE:			
BATTLE MANAGEMENT COMBINED OPERATIONS COMPLEX .....	115,000	115,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
FORT MOORE (FORT BENNING):			
DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		500	+ 500
TOTAL, GEORGIA .....	278,000	288,440	+ 10,440
HAWAII			
ARMY:			
ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION:			
WATER STORAGE TANK .....	20,000	20,000	.....
FORT SHAFTER:			
CLEARWELL AND BOOSTER PUMP .....		23,000	+ 23,000
HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION:			
WELL AND STORAGE TANKS .....		33,000	+ 33,000
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS:			
ELEVATED TANK AND DISTRIBUTION LINE .....		16,000	+ 16,000
WATER STORAGE TANK .....		21,000	+ 21,000
NAVY:			
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM:			
DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC) .....	1,318,711	1,318,711	.....
DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT .....		90,000	+ 90,000
WATERFRONT PRODUCTION FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		49,080	+ 49,080
MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII:			
WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COMPLIANCE UPGRADE .....		109,000	+ 109,000
TOTAL, HAWAII .....	1,338,711	1,679,791	+ 341,080
IDAHO			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
JEROME COUNTY REGIONAL SITE:			
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP .....	17,000	17,000	.....
TOTAL, IDAHO .....	17,000	17,000	.....

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
ILLINOIS			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
BLOOMINGTON:			
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP: COST TO COMPLETE .....		5,250	+ 5,250
CHICAGO, JONES ARMORY:			
GENERAL JONES NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ALTERATION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		5,000	+ 5,000
NORTH RIVERSIDE:			
ACCESS CONTROL BUILDING: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		3,400	+ 3,400
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP .....	24,000	24,000	
PEORIA:			
READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,400	+ 2,400
TOTAL, ILLINOIS .....	24,000	40,050	+ 16,050
INDIANA			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
FORT WAYNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
FIRE STATION .....	8,900	8,900	
TOTAL, INDIANA .....	8,900	8,900	
KANSAS			
ARMY:			
FORT RILEY:			
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,600	+ 1,600
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGER .....	105,000	105,000	
AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		8,700	+ 8,700
BOB DOLE INTERMODAL RAILYARD IMPROVEMENTS: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,110	+ 1,110
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
TOPEKA:			
NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE CENTER BUILDING: COST TO COMPLETE .....		5,856	+ 5,856
TOTAL, KANSAS .....	105,000	122,266	+ 17,266
KENTUCKY			
ARMY:			
FORT CAMPBELL:			
MULTIPURPOSE TRAINING RANGE .....	38,000	38,000	
TOTAL, KENTUCKY .....	38,000	38,000	
LOUISIANA			
ARMY:			
FORT JOHNSON (FORT POLK):			
MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD .....		13,400	+ 13,400
AIR FORCE:			
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE:			
WGF DORMITORY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		6,700	+ 6,700
WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITY (INC) .....	112,000	112,000	

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
AIR FORCE RESERVE: BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE: 307 BOMB WING MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		7,000	+ 7,000
TOTAL, LOUISIANA .....	112,000	139,100	+ 27,100
MAINE			
NAVY: KITTERY: MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTENSION (INC) .....	544,808	544,808	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: SACO: NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP: COST TO COMPLETE .....		7,420	+ 7,420
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: BANGOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: REPAIR HANGAR ACCESS APRON (LIGHT DUTY RAMP): PLAN- NING AND DESIGN .....		1,450	+ 1,450
REPAIR WHISKEY APRON: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		704	+ 704
TOTAL, MAINE .....	544,808	554,382	+ 9,574
MARYLAND			
NAVY: FORT MEADE: CYBERSECURITY OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	186,480	100,000	— 86,480
NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER: AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES .....	141,700	141,700	.....
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA: CONSTRUCT JOINT NAVY/DHA FIRE STATION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		3,000	+ 3,000
DEFENSE-WIDE: BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL: MEDICAL CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION (INC 7) .....	101,816	101,816	.....
FORT MEADE: NSAW MISSION OPS AND RECORDS CENTER (INC) .....	105,000	105,000	.....
NSAW RECAP BUILDING 4 (INC) .....	315,000	315,000	.....
NSAW RECAP BUILDING 5 (ECB 5) (INC) .....	65,000	65,000	.....
JOINT BASE ANDREWS: HYDRANT FUELING SYSTEM .....	38,300	38,300	.....
TOTAL, MARYLAND .....	953,296	869,816	— 83,480
MASSACHUSETTS			
ARMY: SOLDIER SYSTEMS CENTER NATICK: BARRACKS ADDITION .....	18,500	18,500	.....
AIR FORCE: HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	37,000	37,000	.....
MIT-LINCOLN LAB (WEST LAB CSL/MIF) (INC) .....	70,000	70,000	.....
TOTAL, MASSACHUSETTS .....	125,500	125,500	.....

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
<b>MICHIGAN</b>			
ARMY:			
DETROIT ARSENAL:			
GROUND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT BUILDING .....	72,000	72,000	.....
MANNED/UNMANNED TACTICAL VEHICLE LAB: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,400	+ 2,400
NAVY RESERVE:			
BATTLE CREEK:			
ORGANIC SUPPLY FACILITIES .....	24,549	24,549	.....
TOTAL, MICHIGAN .....	96,549	98,949	+ 2,400
<b>MINNESOTA</b>			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP RIPLEY:			
ACCESS CONTROL FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,530	+ 1,530
TOTAL, MINNESOTA .....		1,530	+ 1,530
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>			
AIR FORCE:			
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE:			
T-7A GROUND BASED TRAINING SYSTEM FACILITY .....	30,000	30,000	.....
T-7A UNIT MAINTENANCE TRAINING FACILITY .....	9,500	9,500	.....
T-7A EGRESS SHOP: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,600	+ 4,600
T-7A HUSH HOUSE PAD: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,850	+ 4,850
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE:			
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,960	+ 1,960
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
MERIDIAN:			
ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY 3: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,160	+ 2,160
SOUTHAVEN:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....		22,000	+ 22,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
FIRE CRASH AND RESCUE STATION: COST TO COMPLETE .....		8,000	+ 8,000
TOTAL, MISSISSIPPI .....	39,500	83,070	+ 43,570
<b>MISSOURI</b>			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
BELLEFONTAINE:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	28,000	28,000	.....
TOTAL, MISSOURI .....	28,000	28,000	.....
<b>MONTANA</b>			
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
GREAT FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
FUEL FACILITIES .....	30,000	30,000	.....
TOTAL, MONTANA .....	30,000	30,000	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
NEBRASKA			
AIR FORCE:			
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE:			
55 CES MAINTENANCE/WAREHOUSE: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	3,500		+ 3,500
BASE OPERATIONS/MOBILITY CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	3,000		+ 3,000
LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON TRANSPORTATION FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	2,700		+ 2,700
REPLACE VEHICLE SEARCH AREA, STRATCOM GATE, B511: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	7,000		+ 7,000
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE:			
DPAA LABORATORY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	5,000		+ 5,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
MEAD TRAINING SITE:			
UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	1,440		+ 1,440
TOTAL, NEBRASKA .....	22,640		+ 22,640
NEVADA			
AIR FORCE:			
NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE:			
DORMITORY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	7,500		+ 7,500
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
FLOYD EDSALL TRAINING CENTER:			
COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	2,700		+ 2,700
GENERAL INSTRUCTION FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	5,490		+ 5,490
HARRY REID TRAINING CENTER:			
READY BUILDING: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	590		+ 590
TOTAL, NEVADA .....	16,280		+ 16,280
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CENTER STRAFFORD:			
PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	9,000		+ 9,000
LITTLETON:			
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP ADD .....	23,000	23,000	
PEMBROKE:			
VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	5,000		+ 5,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE:			
GROUND PRODUCT SERVICE STATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	4,000		+ 4,000
TOTAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	23,000	41,000	+ 18,000
NEW JERSEY			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
NEWARK:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	1,900		+ 1,900

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AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
ATLANTIC CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
CONSOLIDATED DINING, SERVICES, AND FITNESS CENTER:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,000	+ 2,000
F-16 MISSION TRAINING CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN ....		1,100	+ 1,100
TOTAL, NEW JERSEY .....		5,000	+ 5,000
NEW MEXICO			
ARMY:			
WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE:			
EL PASO GATE ACCESS CONTROL POINT: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		3,600	+ 3,600
GUIDED MISSILE BUILDING EXPANSION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		5,600	+ 5,600
HIGH ENERGY LASER SYSTEMS TEST FACILITY FIRE STATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,450	+ 4,450
J-DETC DIRECTED ENERGY FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		3,060	+ 3,060
MAIN POST FIRE STATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		8,200	+ 8,200
AIR FORCE:			
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE:			
SATELLITE FIRE STATION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,000	+ 2,000
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE:			
WYOMING GATE PROJECT: COST TO COMPLETE .....		24,400	+ 24,400
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
DE BREMOND TRAINING SITE:			
SOLDIER PERFORMANCE, ACFT SUPPORT BUILDING: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,300	+ 4,300
RIO RANCHO TRAINING SITE:			
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP ADD .....	11,000	11,000	
TOTAL, NEW MEXICO .....	11,000	66,610	+ 55,610
NEW YORK			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
LEXINGTON ARMORY:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION .....		90,000	+ 90,000
TOTAL, NEW YORK .....		90,000	+ 90,000
NORTH CAROLINA			
ARMY:			
FORT LIBERTY (FORT BRAGG):			
AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE RANGE .....	19,500	19,500	
BARRACKS .....	50,000	50,000	
BARRACKS (FACILITY PROTOTYPING) .....	85,000	85,000	
NAVY:			
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT:			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC) .....	19,529	19,529	
MAINTENANCE FACILITY & MARINE AIR GROUP HQS .....	125,150	125,150	
TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA .....	299,179	299,179	



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OHIO			
AIR FORCE:			
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE:			
ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT COMPLEX PHASE V: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		18,000	+ 18,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP PERRY JOINT TRAINING CENTER:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	19,200	19,200	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE:			
YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE STATION:			
FIRE STATION: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		2,500	+ 2,500
TOTAL, OHIO .....	19,200	39,700	+ 20,500
OKLAHOMA			
AIR FORCE:			
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE:			
KC-46A 3-BAY DEPOT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC 3) .....	78,000	78,000	.....
VANCE AIR FORCE BASE:			
UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		8,400	+ 8,400
TOTAL, OKLAHOMA .....	78,000	86,400	+ 8,400
OREGON			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
WASHINGTON COUNTY READINESS CENTER:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	26,000	26,000	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 1 .....	22,000	22,000	.....
SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 2 .....	18,500	18,500	.....
SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 3 .....		20,000	+ 20,000
SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 4 .....		11,000	+ 11,000
TOTAL, OREGON .....	66,500	97,500	+ 31,000
PENNSYLVANIA			
ARMY:			
LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT:			
COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP, DEPOT LEVEL: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		2,500	+ 2,500
GUIDED MISSILE MAINTENANCE BUILDING .....	89,000	89,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
HERMITAGE READINESS CENTER:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	13,600	13,600	.....
MOON TOWNSHIP:			
COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP: COST TO COMPLETE .....		3,100	+ 3,100
NEW CASTLE:			
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP ADDITION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,650	+ 4,650
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
ENTRY CONTROL FACILITY: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		8,000	+ 8,000

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TOTAL, PENNSYLVANIA .....	102,600	120,850	+ 18,250
RHODE ISLAND			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
NORTH KINGSTOWN:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....		30,000	+ 30,000
TOTAL, RHODE ISLAND .....		30,000	+ 30,000
SOUTH CAROLINA			
ARMY:			
FORT JACKSON:			
RECEPTION BARRACKS COMPLEX, PH2: COST TO COMPLETE .....		101,000	+ 101,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
AIKEN COUNTY READINESS CENTER:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	20,000	20,000	.....
JOINT BASE CHARLESTON:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: COST TO COMPLETE .....		6,500	+ 6,500
MCCRADY TRAINING CENTER:			
AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE .....	7,900	7,900	.....
TOTAL, SOUTH CAROLINA .....	27,900	135,400	+ 107,500
SOUTH DAKOTA			
AIR FORCE:			
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE:			
B-21 WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITY (INC) .....	160,000	160,000	.....
B-21 FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK .....	75,000	75,000	.....
B-21 PHASE HANGAR .....	160,000	160,000	.....
TOTAL, SOUTH DAKOTA .....	395,000	395,000	.....
TEXAS			
ARMY:			
FORT BLISS:			
RAIL YARD .....	74,000	74,000	.....
RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT:			
COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP .....	113,000	113,000	.....
AIR FORCE:			
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND:			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: COST TO COMPLETE .....	20,000	20,000	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE:			
NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH:			
LRS WAREHOUSE .....	16,000	16,000	.....
TOTAL, TEXAS .....	223,000	223,000	.....
UTAH			
AIR FORCE:			
HILL AIR FORCE BASE:			
F-35 T-7A EAST CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE .....	82,000	82,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
HILL AIR FORCE BASE:			
OPEN STORAGE .....	14,200	14,200	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
TOTAL, UTAH .....	96,200	96,200	.....
VERMONT			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
ETHAN ALLEN FIRING RANGE:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT: UNSPEC- IFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,750	+ 4,750
TOTAL, VERMONT .....		4,750	+ 4,750
VIRGINIA			
NAVY:			
DAM NECK:			
MARITIME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FACILITY .....	109,680	109,680	.....
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK—STORY:			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	35,000	35,000	.....
MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO:			
WATER TREATMENT PLANT .....	127,120	127,120	.....
NAVAL STATION NORFOLK:			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	43,600	43,600	.....
MQ-25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILITIES .....	114,495	114,495	.....
SUBMARINE PIER 3 (INC) .....	99,077	99,077	.....
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN:			
WEAPONS MAGAZINES .....	221,920	137,472	— 84,448
PORTSMOUTH:			
DRY DOCK SALTWATER SYSTEM FOR CVN-78 (INC) .....	81,082	81,082	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
FORT BELVOIR:			
DIA HEADQUARTERS ANNEX .....	185,000	185,000	.....
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK—STORY:			
SOF SDVT2 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY .....	61,000	61,000	.....
PENTAGON:			
SEC OPS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FACS .....	30,600	30,600	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
SANDSTON RC & FMS 1:			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR .....	20,000	20,000	.....
ARMY RESERVE:			
RICHMOND:			
ARMY RESERVE CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		4,000	+ 4,000
NAVY RESERVE:			
DAM NECK:			
G/ATOR SUPPORT FACILITIES .....	12,400	12,400	.....
TOTAL, VIRGINIA .....	1,140,974	1,060,526	— 80,448
WASHINGTON			
ARMY:			
JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD:			
BARRACKS .....	100,000	100,000	.....
BARRACKS: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		7,900	+ 7,900
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		7,500	+ 7,500
YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER:			
AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		960	+ 960

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
NAVY:			
NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND:			
E/A-18G AIRCRAFT REGIONAL SERVICE FACILITY: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		11,100	+ 11,100
NAVAL BASE KITSAP:			
SHIPYARD ELECTRICAL BACKBONE .....	195,000	195,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD:			
SOF CONSOLIDATED RIGGING FACILITY .....	62,000	62,000	.....
MANCHESTER:			
BULK STORAGE TANKS, PHASE 2 .....	71,000	71,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP MURRAY:			
NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		3,600	+ 3,600
TOTAL, WASHINGTON .....	428,000	459,060	+ 31,060
WEST VIRGINIA			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
BLUEFIELD:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		1,950	+ 1,950
CAMP DAWSON-KINGWOOD:			
COVERED TRAINING AREA: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		8,300	+ 8,300
CHARLESTON:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		4,800	+ 4,800
PARKERSBURG:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....		3,300	+ 3,300
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
MCLAUGHLIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE:			
RENOVATE BUILDING 107 FOR SMALL AIR TERMINAL/GYM: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		2,500	+ 2,500
RENOVATE BUILDING 109 FOR AEROSPACE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		3,000	+ 3,000
SHEPHERD FIELD:			
INDOOR SMALL ARMS RANGE: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		7,000	+ 7,000
MAIN GATE ENTRY CONTROL POINT RENOVATION: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		6,000	+ 6,000
TOTAL, WEST VIRGINIA .....		36,850	+ 36,850
WISCONSIN			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
VIROQUA:			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER .....	18,200	18,200	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:			
INDOOR SMALL ARMS RANGE: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		7,100	+ 7,100
POL UNDERGROUND PIPELINE: UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....		4,250	+ 4,250
TOTAL, WISCONSIN .....	18,200	29,550	+ 11,350

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
<b>WYOMING</b>			
AIR FORCE:			
FE WARREN AIR FORCE BASE:			
GBSD INTEGRATED COMMAND CENTER (INC 2) .....	27,000	27,000	.....
GBSD INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER .....	85,000	85,000	.....
GBSD MISSILE HANDLING COMPLEX (INC 2) .....	28,000	28,000	.....
TOTAL, WYOMING .....	140,000	140,000	.....
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>			
NAVY:			
DARWIN:			
PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (INC) .....	134,624	134,624	.....
AIR FORCE:			
DARWIN:			
PDI: SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	26,000	26,000	.....
TINDAL:			
PDI: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FACILITY .....	17,500	17,500	.....
PDI: BOMBER APRON .....	93,000	93,000	.....
PDI: SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	20,000	20,000	.....
TOTAL, AUSTRALIA .....	291,124	291,124	.....
<b>CUBA</b>			
DEFENSE—WIDE:			
NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY:			
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER (INC 1) .....	60,000	60,000	.....
TOTAL, CUBA .....	60,000	60,000	.....
<b>GERMANY</b>			
ARMY:			
GRAFENWOEHR:			
AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE .....	10,400	10,400	.....
HOHENFELS:			
SIMULATIONS CENTER .....	56,000	56,000	.....
DEFENSE—WIDE:			
BAUMHOLDER:			
SOF COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	41,000	41,000	.....
SOF JOINT PARACHUTE RIGGING FACILITY .....	23,000	23,000	.....
KAISERSLAUTERN AIR BASE:			
KAISERSLAUTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL .....	21,275	21,275	.....
RAMSTEIN AIR BASE:			
RAMSTEIN MIDDLE SCHOOL .....	181,764	181,764	.....
RHINE ORDNANCE BARRACKS:			
MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 11) .....	77,210	77,210	.....
STUTTGART:			
ROBINSON BARRACKS ELEM SCHOOL REPLACEMENT .....	8,000	8,000	.....
TOTAL, GERMANY .....	418,649	418,649	.....
<b>GUAM</b>			
NAVY:			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS:			
PDI: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	105,220	105,220	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
PDI: JOINT CONSOL COMM CENTER (INC) .....	107,000	107,000	.....
PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC) .....	292,830	180,000	— 112,830
PDI: MISSILE INTEGRATION TEST FACILITY .....	174,540	174,540	.....
FINEGAYAN:			
PDI: 9TH ESB TRAINING COMPLEX .....	23,380	23,380	.....
PDI: ARTILLERY BATTERY FACILITIES .....	137,550	137,550	.....
PDI: CONSOLIDATED MEB HQ/NCIS PHII .....	19,740	19,740	.....
PDI: RECREATION CENTER .....	34,740	34,740	.....
PDI: RELIGIOUS MINISTRY SERVICES FACILITY .....	46,350	46,350	.....
PDI: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (INC) .....	166,159	166,159	.....
PDI: TRAINING CENTER .....	89,640	89,640	.....
AIR FORCE:			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS:			
PDI: NORTH AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP (INC) .....	109,000	109,000	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE:			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS:			
AERIAL PORT FACILITY .....	27,000	27,000	.....
TOTAL, GUAM .....	1,333,149	1,220,319	— 112,830
HONDURAS			
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
SOTO CANO AIR BASE:			
FUEL FACILITIES .....	41,300	41,300	.....
TOTAL, HONDURAS .....	41,300	41,300	.....
ITALY			
NAVY:			
NAVAL AIR STATION SIGONELLA:			
EDI: ORDNANCE MAGAZINES .....	77,072	77,072	.....
TOTAL, ITALY .....	77,072	77,072	.....
JAPAN			
AIR FORCE:			
KADENA AIR BASE:			
PDI: HELO RESCUE OPS MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC) .....	46,000	46,000	.....
PDI: THEATER A/C CORROSION CONTROL CTR (INC) .....	42,000	42,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA:			
KINNICK HIGH SCHOOL (INC) .....	70,000	70,000	.....
KADENA AIR BASE:			
PDI: SOF COMPOSITE MAINTENANCE FACILITY .....	11,400	11,400	.....
PDI: SOF MAINTENANCE HANGAR .....	88,900	88,900	.....
TOTAL, JAPAN .....	258,300	258,300	.....
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS			
AIR FORCE:			
TINIAN:			
PDI: AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT, PHASE 1 (INC 3) .....	26,000	26,000	.....
PDI: FUEL TANKS W/PIPELN & HYDRANT (INC 3) .....	20,000	20,000	.....
PDI: PARKING APRON (INC 3) .....	32,000	32,000	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
TOTAL, MARIANA ISLANDS .....	78,000	78,000	.....
NORWAY			
AIR FORCE:			
RYGGE:			
EDI: DABS-FEV STORAGE .....	88,000	88,000	.....
EDI: MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA .....	31,000	31,000	.....
TOTAL, NORWAY .....	119,000	119,000	.....
PHILIPPINES			
AIR FORCE:			
BASA AIR BASE:			
PDI: TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON .....	35,000	35,000	.....
TOTAL, PHILIPPINES .....	35,000	35,000	.....
SPAIN			
AIR FORCE:			
MORON AIR BASE:			
EDI: MUNITIONS STORAGE .....	26,000	26,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
NAVAL STATION ROTA:			
BULK TANK FARM, PHASE 1 .....	80,000	80,000	.....
TOTAL, SPAIN .....	106,000	106,000	.....
UNITED KINGDOM			
AIR FORCE:			
ROYAL AIR FORCE FAIRFORD:			
EDI: RADR STORAGE FACILITY .....	47,000	47,000	.....
ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH:			
EDI: RADR STORAGE FACILITY .....	28,000	28,000	.....
SURETY DORMITORY .....	50,000	50,000	.....
TOTAL, UNITED KINGDOM .....	125,000	125,000	.....
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM .....	293,434	293,434	.....
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED			
ARMY:			
HOST NATION SUPPORT .....	26,000	26,000	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	270,875	280,875	+ 10,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	76,280	96,280	+ 20,000
SUBTOTAL, ARMY .....	373,155	403,155	+ 30,000
NAVY:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	599,942	624,942	+ 25,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	34,430	34,430	.....
SUBTOTAL, NAVY .....	634,372	659,372	+ 25,000
AIR FORCE:			
EDI: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	5,648	5,648	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	338,985	338,985	.....

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
SPACE FORCE: PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	90,281	90,281	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	64,900	64,900	.....
SUBTOTAL, AIR FORCE .....	499,814	499,814	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	548,000	548,000	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN:			
DEFENSE-WIDE .....	32,579	32,579	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE ERCIP .....	86,250	86,250	.....
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY .....	1,035	1,035	.....
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY .....	24,000	24,000	.....
DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY .....	49,610	49,610	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION AGENCY .....	8,568	8,568	.....
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY .....	3,068	3,068	.....
US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND .....	25,130	25,130	.....
THE JOINT STAFF .....	2,000	2,000	.....
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICE .....	590	590	.....
US CYBER COMMAND .....	30,215	30,215	.....
INDOPACOM .....	.....	50,000	+ 50,000
SUBTOTAL, DEFENSE-WIDE .....	811,045	861,045	+ 50,000
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION			
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
DEFENSE-WIDE .....	3,000	3,000	.....
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY .....	4,875	4,875	.....
THE JOINT STAFF .....	11,107	11,107	.....
US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND .....	19,271	19,271	.....
INDOPACOM .....	.....	62,000	+ 62,000
SUBTOTAL, UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	38,253	100,253	+ 62,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	34,286	34,286	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	63,000	70,000	+ 7,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	35,600	35,600	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	63,122	63,122	.....
ARMY RESERVE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	23,389	23,389	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	14,687	14,687	.....
NAVY RESERVE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	6,495	6,495	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	7,847	7,847	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	12,146	12,146	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION .....	9,926	9,926	.....
SUBTOTAL, WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED .....	2,627,137	2,801,137	+ 174,000
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY			
GEORGIA:			
FORT GORDON:			
FORT GORDON MHPI EQUITY INVESTMENT .....	(50,000)	(50,000)	.....
MISSOURI:			
FORT LEONARD WOOD:			
FORT LEONARD WOOD MHPI EQUITY INVESTMENT .....	(50,000)	(50,000)	.....



## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
GERMANY:			
BAUMHOLDER:			
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION .....	(78,746)	(78,746)	.....
KWAJALEIN:			
KWAJALEIN ATOLL:			
FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION .....	(98,600)	(98,600)	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	(27,549)	(27,549)	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION .....	304,895	304,895	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
UTILITIES .....	(38,951)	(38,951)	.....
SERVICES .....	(7,037)	(7,037)	.....
MANAGEMENT .....	(41,121)	(41,121)	.....
MISCELLANEOUS .....	(554)	(554)	.....
FURNISHINGS .....	(12,121)	(12,121)	.....
LEASING .....	(112,976)	(112,976)	.....
MAINTENANCE .....	(86,706)	(86,706)	.....
HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT .....	(86,019)	(86,019)	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE .....	385,485	385,485	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
GUAM:			
NSA ANDERSEN:			
REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING (AF) PH7 .....	(83,126)	(83,126)	.....
REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PH 8 .....	(121,906)	(121,906)	.....
IMPROVEMENTS, WASHINGTON DC .....	(57,740)	(57,740)	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN, WASHINGTON DC .....	(4,782)	(4,782)	.....
PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR DPR/GUAM .....	(9,588)	(9,588)	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION .....	277,142	277,142	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
UTILITIES .....	(43,320)	(43,320)	.....
SERVICES .....	(13,250)	(13,250)	.....
MANAGEMENT .....	(61,896)	(61,896)	.....
MISCELLANEOUS .....	(419)	(419)	.....
FURNISHINGS .....	(17,744)	(17,744)	.....
LEASING .....	(60,214)	(60,214)	.....
MAINTENANCE .....	(101,356)	(101,356)	.....
HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT .....	(65,655)	(65,655)	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	363,854	363,854	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE			
ALABAMA:			
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE:			
MHPI RESTRUCTURE—AETC GROUP II .....	(65,000)	(65,000)	.....
COLORADO:			
US AIR FORCE ACADEMY:			
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT—CARLTON HOUSE .....	(9,282)	(9,282)	.....
HAWAII:			
HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE:			
MHPI RESTRUCTURE—JB PEARL HARBOR—HICKAM .....	(75,000)	(75,000)	.....
MISSISSIPPI:			
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE:			
MHPI RESTRUCTURE—SOUTHERN GROUP .....	(80,000)	(80,000)	.....

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
PLANNING AND DESIGN .....	(7,815)	(7,815)	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION .....	237,097	237,097	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
UTILITIES .....	(48,054)	(48,054)	.....
MANAGEMENT .....	(68,023)	(68,023)	.....
SERVICES .....	(10,692)	(10,692)	.....
FURNISHINGS .....	(12,884)	(23,884)	( + 11,000)
MISCELLANEOUS .....	(2,377)	(2,377)	.....
LEASING .....	(5,143)	(5,143)	.....
MAINTENANCE .....	(135,410)	(124,410)	( – 11,000)
HOUSING PRIVATIZATION .....	(31,803)	(31,803)	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	314,386	314,386	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE			
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY:			
UTILITIES .....	(15)	(15)	.....
FURNISHINGS .....	(89)	(89)	.....
LEASING .....	(13,658)	(13,658)	.....
MAINTENANCE .....	(35)	(35)	.....
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:			
UTILITIES .....	(4,273)	(4,273)	.....
FURNISHINGS .....	(673)	(673)	.....
LEASING .....	(32,042)	(32,042)	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	50,785	50,785	.....
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND .....	(6,611)	(6,611)	.....
DOD MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND .....	(496)	(496)	.....
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE			
ARMY .....	150,640	170,640	+ 20,000
NAVY .....	108,818	118,818	+ 10,000
AIR FORCE .....	123,990	143,990	+ 20,000
DEFENSE-WIDE .....	5,726	5,726	.....
TOTAL, BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE .....	389,174	439,174	+ 50,000
UNFUNDED REQUIREMENTS (SEC 124):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY .....		38,514	+ 38,514
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS .....		351,100	+ 351,100
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE .....		66,000	+ 66,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE .....		117,100	+ 117,100
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD .....		89,500	+ 89,500
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD .....		5,200	+ 5,200
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE .....		23,000	+ 23,000
MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE (SEC 128):			
MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE, ARMY .....		15,000	+ 15,000
MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ..		7,500	+ 7,500
MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE, AIR FORCE .....		7,500	+ 7,500
NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY (SEC 129):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE .....		150,000	+ 150,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (SEC 130):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY .....		15,000	+ 15,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS .....		15,000	+ 15,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE .....		15,000	+ 15,000

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE (SEC 131):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE .....		83,000	+ 83,000
COST TO COMPLETES (SEC 132):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE .....		20,000	+ 20,000
FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT (SEC 133):			
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE , NAVY .....		19,000	+ 19,000
AUTHORIZED PROJECTS (SEC 134):			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY .....		48,300	+ 48,300
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE .....		37,100	+ 37,100
RECAP			
ARMY .....	1,470,555	1,876,875	+ 406,320
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS .....	6,022,187	6,046,309	+ 24,122
AIR FORCE .....	2,605,314	2,802,924	+ 197,610
DEFENSE-WIDE .....	2,984,682	3,132,782	+ 148,100
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD .....	340,186	598,572	+ 258,386
AIR NATIONAL GUARD .....	178,722	304,426	+ 125,704
ARMY RESERVE .....	107,076	151,076	+ 44,000
NAVY RESERVE .....	51,291	51,291	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE .....	291,572	309,572	+ 18,000
NATO .....	293,434	293,434	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT (BRAC) .....	389,174	439,174	+ 50,000
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY .....	690,380	690,380	.....
CONSTRUCTION .....	(304,895)	(304,895)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	(385,485)	(385,485)	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS .....	640,996	640,996	.....
CONSTRUCTION .....	(277,142)	(277,142)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	(363,854)	(363,854)	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE .....	551,483	551,483	.....
CONSTRUCTION .....	(237,097)	(237,097)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	(314,386)	(314,386)	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE .....	50,785	50,785	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	(50,785)	(50,785)	.....
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND .....	6,611	6,611	.....
DOD UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND .....	496	496	.....
TOTAL, Administrative Provisions .....	.....	1,122,814	+ 1,122,814
GRAND TOTAL .....	16,674,944	19,070,000	+ 2,395,056

## DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

The Constitution vests in the Congress the power of the purse. The Committee believes strongly that Congress should make the decisions on how to allocate the people's money.

As defined in Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the term "congressionally directed spending item" means a provision or report language included primarily at the request of a Senator, providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative, formula-driven, or competitive award process.

For each item, a Member is required to provide a certification that neither the Member nor the Member's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in such congressionally directed spending item. Such certifications are available to the public on the website of the Senate Committee on Appropriations (<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending-requests>).

Following is a list of congressionally directed spending items included in the Senate recommendation discussed in this report, along with the name of each Senator who submitted a request to the Committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Neither the Committee recommendation nor this report contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV.

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[In thousands of dollars]

Account	State	Location	Project	Amount	Requestor(s)
Air Force	Alabama	Maxwell Air Force Base	Construct Addition, Air Command and Staff College (Bldg 1402); Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,100	Britt
Air Force	Alabama	Maxwell Air Force Base	Replace (Construct) Gunter Fitness Center: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,800	Britt
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Adv Individual Training Barracks Complex: Cost to Complete.	41,200	Britt
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Aircraft Parts Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,950	Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Army Radar Approach Control Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000	Britt
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Hazardous Material Storage Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,850	Britt/Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Ready Building—MEDEVAC: Unspecified Minor Construction.	6,100	Britt/Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel (Fort Rucker)	Vehicle Maintenance Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,100	Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Access Control Building: Unspecified Minor Construction	4,000	Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600	Britt
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Airport Runway Extension (Overruns): Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,500	Britt/Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Natural Gas Expansion and Meter Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,800	Tuberville
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	Test Area 7 Relocation: Unspecified Minor Construction	5,400	Tuberville
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Coal Thaw Shed Addition: Planning and Design	1,500	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Consolidated Munitions Complex: Planning and Design	15,100	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Cryogenics Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction	6,900	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Fire Station: Planning and Design	1,700	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Joint Mobility Center Expansion: Planning and Design	3,000	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex Ops Facility: Planning and Design.	13,500	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	Permanent Party Dorm: Planning and Design	9,500	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Combat Alert Cell: Planning and Design	18,100	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Precision Guided Munitions Complex: Planning and Design	6,100	Murkowski
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	Sand Storage Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction	8,800	Murkowski

**CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS—Continued**  
[In thousands of dollars]

Account	State	Location	Project	Amount	Requestor(s)
Air National Guard .....	Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	AMC Standard Dual Bay Hangar: Planning and Design .....	25,000	Murkowski
Air National Guard .....	Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson ..	ADAL Alert Crew Facility Hangar 18: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000	Murkowski
Air National Guard .....	Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson ..	HC-130J Simulator Facility: Planning and Design .....	2,000	Murkowski
Air National Guard .....	Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson ..	North Campus Electrical Loop: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600	Murkowski
Army .....	Alaska .....	Fort Wainwright .....	Soldier Performance Readiness Center: Planning and Design.	7,900	Murkowski
Air Force .....	Arizona .....	Luke Air Force Base .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design .....	2,700	Kelly/Sinema
Air Force .....	Arizona .....	Luke Air Force Base .....	Gila Bend Consolidated Facility: Planning and Design .....	2,200	Kelly/Sinema
Air Force Reserve .....	Arizona .....	Davis Monthan Air Force Base .....	Guardian Angel POTFF Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,500	Kelly
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Arizona .....	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma .....	Water Treatment Plant: Planning and Design .....	8,900	Kelly
Army National Guard .....	California .....	Camp Roberts .....	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range: Cost to Complete.	5,000	Feinstein
Army Reserve .....	California .....	Fort Hunter Liggett .....	Network Enterprise Center .....	40,000	Feinstein
Navy and Marine Corps ..	California .....	Naval Base Coronado .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design .....	6,200	Feinstein
Navy and Marine Corps ..	California .....	Naval Base San Diego .....	Child Development Center: Planning and Design .....	5,600	Feinstein
Defense-Wide (DHA) .....	Delaware .....	Dover Air Force Base .....	Blood Processing Center Replacement .....	30,600	Carper/Coons
Army .....	Georgia .....	Fort Moore (Fort Benning) .....	Camp Merrill AST Barracks: Planning and Design .....	1,320	Ossoff/Warnock
Army .....	Georgia .....	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield ..	Combat Aviation Brigade GSAB Hangar: Planning and Design.	6,400	Ossoff/Warnock
Army .....	Georgia .....	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield ..	Military Intelligence Battalion Hangar: Planning and Design.	2,220	Ossoff/Warnock
Defense-Wide (ODDEA) .....	Georgia .....	Fort Moore (Fort Benning) .....	Dexter Elementary School: Planning and Design .....	500	Ossoff/Warnock
Army .....	Hawaii .....	Fort Shafter .....	Clearwell and Booster Pump .....	23,000	Hirono/Schatz
Army .....	Hawaii .....	Helemano Military Reservation .....	Well and Storage Tanks .....	33,000	Hirono/Schatz
Army .....	Hawaii .....	Schofield Barracks .....	Elevated Tank and Distribution Line .....	16,000	Hirono/Schatz
Army .....	Hawaii .....	Schofield Barracks .....	Water Storage Tank .....	21,000	Hirono/Schatz
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam .....	Dry Dock 3 Replacement .....	90,000	Schatz
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam .....	Waterfront Production Facility: Planning and Design .....	49,080	Hirono
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam .....	Water Reclamation Facility Compliance Upgrade .....	109,000	Hirono/Schatz
Army National Guard .....	Illinois .....	Marine Corps Base Hawaii .....	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete.	5,250	Durbin

Army National Guard .....	Illinois .....	Chicago, Jones Armory .....	General Jones National Guard Readiness Center Alteration: Planning and Design.	5,000	Duckworth/Durbin
Army National Guard .....	Illinois .....	North Riverside .....	Access Control Building: Unspecified Minor Construction ..	3,400	Durbin
Army National Guard .....	Illinois .....	Peoria .....	Readiness Center: Planning and Design .....	2,400	Duckworth/Durbin
Army .....	Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Air Traffic Control Tower: Planning and Design .....	1,600	Moran
Army .....	Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course: Unspecified Minor Construction.	8,700	Moran
Army .....	Kansas .....	Fort Riley .....	Bob Dole Intermodal Railway Improvements: Planning and Design.	1,110	Moran
Army National Guard .....	Kansas .....	Topeka .....	National Guard/Reserve Center Building: Cost to Complete	5,856	Moran
Air Force .....	Louisiana .....	Barksdale Air Force Base .....	WGF Dormitory: Planning and Design .....	6,700	Kennedy
Air Force Reserve .....	Louisiana .....	Barksdale Air Force Base .....	307 Bomb Wing Medical Facility Addition: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000	Cassidy/Kennedy
Army .....	Louisiana .....	Fort Johnson (Fort Polk) .....	Multipurpose Athletic Field .....	13,400	Kennedy
Air National Guard .....	Maine .....	Bangor International Airport .....	Repair Hangar Access Apron (Light Duty Ramp): Planning and Design.	1,450	Collins/King
Air National Guard .....	Maine .....	Bangor International Airport .....	Repair Whiskey Apron: Planning and Design .....	704	Collins/King
Army National Guard .....	Maine .....	Saco .....	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete.	7,420	Collins
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Maryland .....	Naval Support Activity Bethesda ..	Construct Joint Nav/DHA Fire Station: Planning and Design.	3,000	Cardin/Van Hollen
Army .....	Michigan .....	Detroit Arsenal .....	Manned/Unmanned Tactical Vehicle Lab: Planning and Design.	2,400	Peters
Army National Guard .....	Minnesota .....	Camp Ripley .....	Access Control Facility: Planning and Design .....	1,530	Klobuchar/Smith
Air Force .....	Mississippi .....	Columbus Air Force Base .....	T-7A Egress Shop: Unspecified Minor Construction .....	4,600	Hyde-Smith
Air Force .....	Mississippi .....	Columbus Air Force Base .....	T-7A Hush House Pad: Unspecified Minor Construction ..	4,850	Hyde-Smith
Air Force .....	Mississippi .....	Keesler Air Force Base .....	Air Traffic Control Tower: Planning and Design .....	1,960	Hyde-Smith/Wicker
Air National Guard .....	Mississippi .....	Jackson International Airport .....	Army Crash and Rescue Station: Cost to Complete .....	8,000	Wicker
Army National Guard .....	Mississippi .....	Meridian .....	Army Aviation Support Facility 3: Planning and Design .....	2,160	Hyde-Smith/Wicker
Army National Guard .....	Mississippi .....	Southaven .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	22,000	Wicker
Air Force .....	Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	55 CES Maintenance/Warehouse: Planning and Design .....	3,500	Fischer
Air Force .....	Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Base Operations/Mobility Center: Planning and Design .....	3,000	Fischer
Air Force .....	Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Logistics Readiness Squadron Transportation Facility: Planning and Design.	2,700	Fischer
Air Force .....	Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	Replace Vehicle Search Area, STRATCOM Gate, B511: Unspecified Minor Construction.	7,000	Fischer
Army National Guard .....	Nebraska .....	Mead Training Site .....	Unaccompanied Housing: Planning and Design .....	1,440	Fischer
Defense-Wide (DPAA) .....	Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	DPAA Laboratory: Planning and Design .....	5,000	Fischer
Air Force .....	Nevada .....	Nellis Air Force Base .....	Dormitory: Planning and Design .....	7,500	Cortez Masto/Rosen

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Account	State	Location	Project	Amount	Requestor(s)
Army National Guard .....	Nevada .....	Floyd Edsall Training Center .....	Combined Support Maintenance Shop: Planning and Design.	2,700	Cortez Masto/Rosen
Army National Guard .....	Nevada .....	Floyd Edsall Training Center .....	General Instruction Facility: Planning and Design .....	5,490	Cortez Masto/Rosen
Army National Guard .....	Nevada .....	Harry Reid Training Center .....	Ready Building: Planning and Design .....	590	Cortez Masto/Rosen
Air National Guard .....	New Hampshire .....	Pease Air National Guard Base .....	Ground Product Service Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,000	Shaheen
Army National Guard .....	New Hampshire .....	Center Strafford .....	Physical Fitness Center: Unspecified Minor Construction ..	9,000	Shaheen
Army National Guard .....	New Hampshire .....	Pembroke .....	Vehicle Storage Building: Unspecified Minor Construction	5,000	Shaheen
Air National Guard .....	New Jersey .....	Atlantic City International Airport ..	Consolidated Dining, Services, and Fitness Center: Planning and Design.	2,000	Booker/Menendez
Air National Guard .....	New Jersey .....	Atlantic City International Airport ..	F-16 Mission Training Center: Planning and Design .....	1,100	Booker/Menendez
Army National Guard .....	New Jersey .....	Newark .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design ..	1,900	Booker/Menendez
Air Force .....	New Mexico .....	Cannon Air Force Base .....	Satellite Fire Station: Planning and Design .....	2,000	Heinrich/Lujan
Air Force .....	New Mexico .....	Kirtland Air Force Base .....	Wyoming Gate Project: Cost to Complete .....	24,400	Heinrich/Lujan
Army .....	New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range .....	EI Paso Gate Access Control Point: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,600	Heinrich/Lujan
Army .....	New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range .....	Guided Missile Building Expansion: Unspecified Minor Construction.	5,600	Heinrich
Army .....	New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range .....	High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility Fire Station: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,450	Heinrich
Army .....	New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range .....	J-DETC Directed Energy Facility: Planning and Design .....	3,060	Heinrich/Lujan
Army .....	New Mexico .....	White Sands Missile Range .....	Main Post Fire Station: Unspecified Minor Construction ..	8,200	Heinrich
Army National Guard .....	New Mexico .....	De Bremond Training Site .....	Soldier Performance, ACFT Support Building: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,300	Heinrich/Lujan
Army National Guard .....	New York .....	Lexington Armory .....	National Guard Readiness Center Addition/Alteration .....	90,000	Gillibrand/Schumer
Air Force .....	Ohio .....	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base ..	Acquisition Management Complex Phase V: Planning and Design.	18,000	Brown
Air Force Reserve .....	Ohio .....	Youngstown Air Reserve Station .....	Fire Station: Planning and Design .....	2,500	Brown
Air Force .....	Oklahoma .....	Vance Air Force Base .....	Undergraduate Pilot Training Center: Planning and Design	8,400	Mullin
Air National Guard .....	Oregon .....	Portland International Airport .....	Special Tactics Complex Phase 3 .....	20,000	Merkley/Wyden
Air National Guard .....	Oregon .....	Portland International Airport .....	Special Tactics Complex Phase 4 .....	11,000	Merkley/Wyden
Air National Guard .....	Pennsylvania .....	Pittsburgh International Airport .....	Entry Control Facility: Unspecified Minor Construction .....	8,000	Casey/Fetterman
Army .....	Pennsylvania .....	Letterkenny Army Depot .....	Component Rebuild Shop, Depot Level: Unspecified Minor Construction.	2,500	Casey/Fetterman
Army National Guard .....	Pennsylvania .....	Moon Township .....	Combined Support Maintenance Shop: Cost to Complete ..	3,100	Casey/Fetterman



Army National Guard .....	Pennsylvania .....	New Castle .....	Vehicle Maintenance Shop Addition: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,650	Casey/Fetterman
Army National Guard .....	Rhode Island .....	North Kingstown .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	30,000	Reed
Army .....	South Carolina .....	Fort Jackson .....	Reception Barracks Complex, Ph2: Cost to Complete .....	101,000	Graham
Army National Guard .....	South Carolina .....	Joint Base Charleston .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Cost to Complete .....	6,500	Graham
Army National Guard .....	Vermont .....	Ethan Allen Firing Range .....	National Guard Readiness Center Add/Alt: Unspecified Minor Construction.	4,750	Sanders/Welch
Army Reserve .....	Virginia .....	Richmond .....	Army Reserve Center: Planning and Design .....	4,000	Kane/Warner
Army .....	Washington .....	Joint Base Lewis-McChord .....	Barracks: Planning and Design .....	7,900	Murray
Army .....	Washington .....	Yakima Training Center .....	Automated Infantry Platoon Battle Course: Planning and Design.	960	Murray
Army .....	Washington .....	Joint Base Lewis-McChord .....	Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Planning and Design .....	7,500	Murray
Army National Guard .....	Washington .....	Camp Murray .....	National Guard/Reserve Center: Planning and Design .....	3,600	Murray
Navy and Marine Corps ..	Washington .....	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island ..	E/A-18G Aircraft Regional Service Facility: Planning and Design.	11,100	Murray
Air National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base.	Renovate Building 107 for Small Air Terminal/Gym: Unspecified Minor Construction.	2,500	Capito/Manchin
Air National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base.	Renovate Building 109 for Aerospace Support Equipment: Unspecified Minor Construction.	3,000	Capito/Manchin
Air National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Shepherd Field .....	Indoor Small Arms Range: Unspecified Minor Construction	7,000	Capito/Manchin
Air National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Shepherd Field .....	Main Gate Entry Control Point Renovation: Unspecified Minor Construction.	6,000	Capito/Manchin
Army National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Bluefield .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design ..	1,950	Capito/Manchin
Army National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Camp Dawson-Kingwood .....	Covered Training Area: Unspecified Minor Construction .....	8,300	Capito/Manchin
Army National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Charleston .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design ..	4,800	Capito/Manchin
Army National Guard .....	West Virginia .....	Parkersburg .....	National Guard Readiness Center: Planning and Design ..	3,300	Capito/Manchin
Air National Guard .....	Wisconsin .....	General Mitchell International Airport.	Indoor Small Arms Range: Unspecified Minor Construction	7,100	Baldwin
Air National Guard .....	Wisconsin .....	General Mitchell International Airport.	POL Pipeline: Unspecified Minor Construction .....	4,250	Baldwin

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Item	2023 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2024 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
Military Construction					
Active Components:					
Military Construction, Army	1,553,825	1,470,555	1,876,875	+ 323,050	+ 406,320
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	4,345,320	6,022,187	6,046,309	+ 1,700,989	+ 24,122
Military Construction, Air Force	2,614,996	2,605,314	2,802,924	+ 187,928	+ 197,610
Military Construction, Defense-Wide	2,626,078	2,984,682	3,132,782	+ 506,704	+ 148,100
Subtotal, Active components	11,140,219	13,082,738	13,858,890	+ 2,718,671	+ 776,152
Reserve Components:					
Military Construction, Army National Guard	459,018	340,186	598,572	+ 139,554	+ 258,386
Military Construction, Air National Guard	279,353	178,722	304,426	+ 25,073	+ 125,704
Military Construction, Army Reserve	193,878	107,076	151,076	- 42,802	+ 44,000
Military Construction, Navy Reserve	36,837	51,291	51,291	+ 14,454	.....
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve	85,423	291,572	309,572	+ 224,149	+ 18,000
Subtotal, Reserve components	1,054,509	968,847	1,414,937	+ 360,428	+ 446,090
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	220,139	293,434	293,434	+ 73,295	.....
Department of Defense Base Closure Account	574,687	389,174	439,174	- 135,513	+ 50,000
Total, Military Construction	12,989,554	14,734,193	16,006,435	+ 3,016,881	+ 1,272,242
Family Housing					
Family Housing Construction, Army	169,339	304,895	304,895	+ 135,556	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army	446,411	385,485	385,485	- 60,926	.....
Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	337,297	277,142	277,142	- 60,155	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	378,224	363,854	363,854	- 14,370	.....

Family Housing Construction, Air Force .....	232,788	237,097	237,097	+ 4,309	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force .....	365,222	314,386	314,386	- 50,836	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide .....	50,113	50,785	50,785	+ 672	.....
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund .....	6,442	6,611	6,611	+ 169	.....
Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund .....	494	496	496	+ 2	.....
Total, Family Housing .....	1,986,330	1,940,751	1,940,751	- 45,579	.....
<b>Administrative Provisions</b>					
<b>Unfunded Requirements (Sec 124):</b>					
Military Construction, Army .....	243,490	.....	38,514	- 204,976	+ 38,514
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	423,300	.....	351,100	- 72,200	+ 351,100
Military Construction, Air Force .....	527,300	.....	66,000	- 461,300	+ 66,000
Military Construction, Defense-Wide .....	151,000	.....	117,100	- 33,900	+ 117,100
Military Construction, Army National Guard .....	54,743	.....	89,500	+ 34,757	+ 89,500
Military Construction, Air National Guard .....	.....	.....	5,200	+ 5,200	+ 5,200
Military Construction, Army Reserve .....	56,600	.....	23,000	- 33,600	+ 23,000
Military Construction, Navy Reserve .....	116,964	.....	.....	- 116,964	.....
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve .....	9,000	.....	.....	- 9,000	.....
Family Housing Construction, Army .....	321,722	.....	.....	- 321,722	.....
Family Housing Construction, Air Force .....	18,800	.....	.....	- 18,800	.....
<b>Lab Infrastructure (FY23 Sec 128):</b>					
Lab Infrastructure, Army .....	20,000	.....	.....	- 20,000	.....
Lab Infrastructure, Navy & Marine Corps .....	10,000	.....	.....	- 10,000	.....
Lab Infrastructure, Air Force .....	90,000	.....	.....	- 90,000	.....
<b>Military Installation Resilience (Sec 128):</b>					
Military Construction, Army .....	25,000	.....	15,000	- 10,000	+ 15,000
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	40,000	.....	7,500	- 32,500	+ 7,500
Military Construction, Air Force .....	25,000	.....	7,500	- 17,500	+ 7,500
<b>Natural Disaster Recovery (Sec 129):</b>					
Military Construction, Air Force .....	360,000	.....	150,000	- 210,000	+ 150,000
<b>Child Development Centers (Sec 130):</b>					
Military Construction, Army .....	15,000	.....	15,000	.....	+ 15,000
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	15,000	.....	15,000	.....	+ 15,000
Military Construction, Air Force .....	37,400	.....	15,000	- 22,400	+ 15,000
<b>Foreign Military Training Infrastructure (Sec 131):</b>					
Military Construction, Air National Guard .....	10,000	.....	83,000	+ 73,000	+ 83,000

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				2024 appropriation	Budget estimate
Cost to Completes (Sec 132):					
Military Construction, Air Force .....			20,000	+ 20,000	+ 20,000
Family Housing Improvement (Sec 133):					
Family Housing, Navy & Marine Corps .....			19,000	+ 19,000	+ 19,000
Authorized Projects (Sec 134):					
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....			48,300	+ 48,300	+ 48,300
Military Construction, Defense-Wide .....			37,100	+ 37,100	+ 37,100
Water Treatment and Distribution Infrastructure (FY23 Sec 133):					
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	25,000			- 25,000	
Cost to Completes (FY23 Sec 131):					
Military Construction, Army .....	103,000			- 103,000	
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	331,000			- 331,000	
Military Construction, Air Force .....	273,000			- 273,000	
Military Construction, Defense-Wide .....	279,347			- 279,347	
Military Construction, Army National Guard .....	66,000			- 66,000	
Military Construction, Air National Guard .....	17,000			- 17,000	
Military Construction, Army Reserve .....	24,000			- 24,000	
Military Construction, Navy Reserve .....	5,500			- 5,500	
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve .....	11,000			- 11,000	
Additional Cost to Completes (FY23 Sec 134):					
Military Construction, Army .....	48,600			- 48,600	
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps .....	166,500			- 166,500	
Military Construction, Air Force .....	63,350			- 63,350	
Military Construction, Defense-Wide .....	14,200			- 14,200	
Military Construction, Army National Guard .....	18,900			- 18,900	
Military Construction, Air National Guard .....	4,900			- 4,900	
Military Construction, Army Reserve .....	2,000			- 2,000	

Military Construction, Air Force Reserve .....	500	.....	.....	— 500	.....
Total, Administrative Provisions .....	4,024,116	.....	1,122,814	— 2,901,302	+ 1,122,814
Total, title I, Department of Defense .....	19,000,000	16,674,944	19,070,000	+ 70,000	+ 2,395,056
Appropriations .....	(19,000,000)	(16,674,944)	(19,070,000)	(+ 70,000)	(+ 2,395,056)
Rescissions .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions:					
Budget year appropriations .....	.....	4,655,879	4,655,879	+ 4,655,879	.....
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	152,016,542	146,778,136	146,778,136	— 5,238,406	.....
Subtotal, Compensation and pensions available in fiscal year .....	152,016,542	151,434,015	151,434,015	— 582,527	.....
Advance appropriations .....	146,778,136	181,390,281	181,390,281	+ 34,612,145	.....
Less appropriations from prior year advances .....	— 152,016,542	— 146,778,136	— 146,778,136	+ 5,238,406	.....
Total, Compensation and pensions appropriated in this bill .....	146,778,136	186,046,160	186,046,160	+ 39,268,024	.....
Readjustment benefits:					
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	8,906,851	8,452,500	8,452,500	— 454,351	.....
Subtotal, Readjustment benefits available in fiscal year .....	8,906,851	8,452,500	8,452,500	— 454,351	.....
Advance appropriations .....	8,452,500	11,523,134	11,523,134	+ 3,070,634	.....
Less appropriations from prior year advances .....	— 8,906,851	— 8,452,500	— 8,452,500	+ 454,351	.....
Total, Readjustment benefits appropriated in this bill .....	8,452,500	11,523,134	11,523,134	+ 3,070,634	.....
Veterans insurance and indemnities:					
Budget year appropriations .....	.....	12,701	12,701	+ 12,701	.....
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	109,865	121,126	121,126	+ 11,261	.....
Subtotal, Veterans insurance and indemnities available in fiscal year .....	109,865	133,827	133,827	+ 23,962	.....
Advance appropriations .....	121,126	135,119	135,119	+ 13,993	.....

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				2024 appropriation	Budget estimate
Less appropriations from prior year advances .....	-109,865	-121,126	-121,126	-11,261	.....
Total, Veterans insurance and indemnities appropriated in this bill .....	121,126	147,820	147,820	+ 26,694	.....
Veterans housing benefit program fund:					
Credit subsidy:					
Direct .....	-104,000	-83,000	-83,000	+ 21,000	.....
Guaranteed .....	2,628,000	1,803,000	1,803,000	- 825,000	.....
Subtotal (Credit subsidy) .....	2,524,000	1,720,000	1,720,000	- 804,000	.....
(Limitation on direct loans) .....	(500)	(500)	(500)	.....	.....
Administrative expenses .....	282,361	316,742	316,742	+ 34,381	.....
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account .....	7	78	78	+ 71	.....
(Limitation on direct loans) .....	(942)	(2,026)	(2,026)	(+ 1,084)	.....
Administrative expenses .....	446	461	461	+ 15	.....
Native American veteran housing loan program account .....	1,400	2,719	2,719	+ 1,319	.....
General operating expenses, VBA .....	3,863,000	3,899,000	3,899,000	+ 36,000	.....
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration .....	162,022,976	203,656,114	203,656,114	+ 41,633,138	.....
Budget year appropriations .....	(6,671,214)	(10,607,580)	(10,607,580)	(+ 3,936,366)	.....
Advance appropriations .....	(155,351,762)	(193,048,534)	(193,048,534)	(+ 37,696,772)	.....
Advances from prior year appropriations .....	(161,033,258)	(155,351,762)	(155,351,762)	(- 5,681,496)	.....
Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services (MS):					
Budget year appropriations .....	261,000	.....	- 4,933,113	- 5,194,113	- 4,933,113
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	70,323,116	74,004,000	74,004,000	+ 3,680,884	.....

Subtotal, MS available in fiscal year .....	70,584,116	74,004,000	69,070,887	-1,513,229	-4,933,113
Advance appropriations .....	74,004,000	71,000,000	71,000,000	-3,004,000	.....
Total, MS appropriated in this bill .....	74,265,000	71,000,000	66,066,887	-8,198,113	-4,933,113
Medical community care (MCC):					
Budget year appropriations .....	4,300,000	.....	-3,159,584	-7,459,584	-3,159,584
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	24,156,659	33,000,000	33,000,000	+8,843,341	.....
Subtotal, MCC available in fiscal year .....	28,456,659	33,000,000	29,840,416	+1,383,757	-3,159,584
Advance appropriations .....	33,000,000	20,382,000	20,382,000	-12,618,000	.....
Total, MCC appropriated in this bill .....	37,300,000	20,382,000	17,222,416	-20,077,584	-3,159,584
Medical support and compliance (MSC):					
Budget year appropriations .....	1,400,000	.....	.....	-1,400,000	.....
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	9,673,409	12,300,000	12,300,000	+2,626,591	.....
Subtotal, MSC available in fiscal year .....	11,073,409	12,300,000	12,300,000	+1,226,591	.....
Advance appropriations .....	12,300,000	11,800,000	11,800,000	-500,000	.....
Total, MSC appropriated in this bill .....	13,700,000	11,800,000	11,800,000	-1,900,000	.....
Medical facilities (MF):					
Budget year appropriations .....	1,500,000	.....	1,000,000	-500,000	+1,000,000
Advance from prior year appropriations .....	7,133,816	8,800,000	8,800,000	+1,666,184	.....
Subtotal, MF available in fiscal year .....	8,633,816	8,800,000	9,800,000	+1,166,184	+1,000,000
Advance appropriations .....	8,800,000	9,400,000	9,400,000	+600,000	.....
Total, MF appropriated in this bill .....	10,300,000	9,400,000	10,400,000	+100,000	+1,000,000
Total, VA Medical Care in fiscal year .....	118,748,000	128,104,000	121,011,303	+2,263,303	-7,092,697
Medical and prosthetic research .....	916,000	938,000	938,000	+22,000	.....

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Medical care cost recovery collections:					
Offsetting collections .....	- 3,910,000	- 3,991,000	- 3,991,000	- 81,000	.....
Appropriations (indefinite) .....	3,910,000	3,991,000	3,991,000	+ 81,000	.....
Subtotal .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) (transfer out) (Sec 214) .....	(- 785,000)	(- 491,000)	(- 491,000)	(+ 294,000)	.....
Medical Community Care and Medical Services (by transfer) (Sec 214) .....	(785,000)	(491,000)	(491,000)	(- 294,000)	.....
VA medical funds (transfer out) (Sec 219) .....	(- 330,140)	(- 430,532)	(- 430,532)	(- 100,392)	.....
DoD-VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (by transfer) (Sec 219) .....	(330,140)	(430,532)	(430,532)	(+ 100,392)	.....
MCCF to DoD-VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (transfer out) (Sec 221) .....	(- 16,000)	(- 20,000)	(- 20,000)	(- 4,000)	.....
DoD-VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (by transfer) (Sec 221) .....	(16,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(- 4,000)	.....
VA Medical Care Funds (transfer out) (Sec 222) .....	(- 15,000)	(- 15,000)	(- 15,000)	(+ 4,000)	.....
DoD-VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (by transfer) (Sec 222) .....	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	.....	.....
Total, Veterans Health Administration in this bill .....	136,481,000	113,520,000	106,427,303	- 30,053,697	- 7,092,697
Budget year appropriations .....	(8,377,000)	(938,000)	(- 6,154,697)	(- 14,531,697)	(- 7,092,697)
Advance appropriations .....	(128,104,000)	(112,582,000)	(112,582,000)	(- 15,522,000)	.....
Advances from prior year appropriations .....	(111,287,000)	(128,104,000)	(128,104,000)	(+ 16,817,000)	.....
(By transfer) .....	(1,146,140)	(956,532)	(956,532)	(- 189,608)	.....
(Transfer out) .....	(- 1,146,140)	(- 956,532)	(- 956,532)	(+ 189,608)	.....
National Cemetery Administration .....	430,000	480,000	480,000	+ 50,000	.....
Departmental Administration .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General Administration .....	433,000	475,000	475,000	+ 42,000	.....
Board of Veterans Appeals .....	285,000	287,000	287,000	+ 2,000	.....
Information Technology Systems (IT Systems) .....	5,782,000	6,401,000	6,401,000	+ 619,000	.....
Veterans Electronic Health Record (EHR) .....	1,759,000	1,863,000	1,334,142	- 424,858	- 528,858



Office of Inspector General .....	273,000	296,000	296,000	296,000	+ 23,000	.....
Construction, major projects .....	1,447,890	881,000	881,000	881,000	- 566,890	.....
Construction, minor projects .....	626,110	680,000	680,000	680,000	+ 53,890	.....
Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities .....	150,000	164,000	164,000	164,000	+ 14,000	.....
Grants for the construction of Veterans cemeteries .....	50,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	+ 10,000	.....
Total, Departmental Administration .....	10,806,000	11,107,000	10,578,142	10,578,142	- 227,858	- 528,858
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund						
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund .....	5,000,000	20,268,000	.....	.....	- 5,000,000	- 20,268,000
(Medical Care) .....	(3,822,377)	(17,116,000)	.....	.....	(- 3,822,377)	(- 17,116,000)
(Medical Research) .....	(1,830)	(46,000)	.....	.....	(- 1,830)	(- 46,000)
(Office of Information Technology) .....	(656,000)	(1,243,000)	.....	.....	(- 656,000)	(- 1,243,000)
(Board of Veterans' Appeals) .....	(700)	(4,000)	.....	.....	(- 700)	(- 4,000)
(Veterans Benefits Administration) .....	(482,362)	(1,769,000)	.....	.....	(- 482,362)	(- 1,769,000)
(General Administration) .....	(36,731)	(90,000)	.....	.....	(- 36,731)	(- 90,000)
Total, Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund .....	5,000,000	20,268,000	.....	.....	- 5,000,000	- 20,268,000
Advance Appropriations, FY 25 .....	.....	21,455,000	.....	.....	.....	- 21,455,000
Administrative Provisions						
Medical Community Care (Sec 202)(Transfer out) .....	.....	(- 3,919,081)	.....	.....	.....	(+ 3,919,081)
Medical Support and Compliance(Sec 202)(Transfer out) .....	.....	(- 850,000)	.....	.....	.....	(+ 850,000)
Medical Facilities (Sec 202)(by transfer) .....	.....	(4,769,081)	.....	.....	.....	(- 4,769,081)
Medical Facilities (Sec 238) (rescission) .....	.....	- 250,515	.....	.....	.....	+ 250,515
Medical Community Care (MCC) (Sec 238 (Req)/Sec 256) (rescission) .....	.....	- 1,909,069	.....	- 976,005	- 976,005	+ 933,064
Medical Services (MS) (Sec 238 (Req)/Sec 256) (rescission) .....	.....	- 4,933,113	.....	- 1,000,000	- 1,000,000	+ 3,933,113
Medical Facilities (Sec 239) (rescission) .....	.....	- 4,769,081	.....	.....	.....	+ 4,769,081
Medical Facilities (Sec 239) (reappropriation) .....	.....	4,769,081	.....	.....	.....	- 4,769,081
Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund (Sec 257) (rescission) .....	- 90,874	.....	.....	.....	+ 90,874	.....
Veterans Electronic Health Record (Sec 255) (rescission) .....	- 150,000	.....	.....	- 439,750	- 289,750	- 439,750
Asset and Infrastructure Review (Sec 255) (rescission) .....	- 5,000	.....	.....	.....	+ 5,000	.....
Major Construction (Sec 255) (rescission) .....	- 76,000	.....	.....	.....	+ 76,000	.....
Total, Administrative Provisions .....	- 321,874	- 7,092,697	- 2,415,755	- 2,415,755	- 2,093,881	+ 4,676,942
Total, title II, Department of Veterans Affairs .....	314,418,102	363,393,417	318,725,804	318,725,804	+ 4,307,702	- 44,667,613

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				2024 appropriation	Budget estimate
Budget year appropriations .....	(31,284,214)	(48,169,661)	(15,511,025)	(-15,773,189)	(-32,658,636)
Rescissions .....	(-321,874)	(-11,861,778)	(-2,415,755)	(-2,093,881)	(+9,446,023)
Advance Appropriations, FY25:					
(Mandatory) .....	(155,351,762)	(214,503,534)	(193,048,534)	(+37,696,772)	(-21,455,000)
(Discretionary) .....	(128,104,000)	(112,582,000)	(112,582,000)	(-15,522,000)	.....
(By transfer) .....	(1,146,140)	(5,725,613)	(956,532)	(-189,608)	(-4,769,081)
(Transfer out) .....	(-1,146,140)	(-5,725,613)	(-956,532)	(+189,608)	(+4,769,081)
(Limitation on direct loans) .....	(1,442)	(2,526)	(2,526)	(+1,084)	.....
Advances from prior year appropriations:					
(Mandatory) .....	(161,033,258)	(155,351,762)	(155,351,762)	(-5,681,496)	.....
(Discretionary) .....	(111,287,000)	(128,104,000)	(128,104,000)	(+16,817,000)	.....
Total, available this fiscal year .....	303,282,598	319,763,645	296,551,032	-6,731,566	-23,212,613
(Mandatory) .....	(168,557,258)	(182,008,342)	(161,740,342)	(-6,816,916)	(-20,268,000)
(Discretionary) .....	(134,725,340)	(137,755,303)	(134,810,690)	(+85,350)	(-2,944,613)
TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES					
American Battle Monuments Commission					
Salaries and expenses .....	87,500	158,630	158,630	+71,130	.....
US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses .....	46,900	47,200	47,200	+300	.....
Department of Defense—Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses .....	93,400	99,880	99,880	+6,480	.....

Construction .....	62,500	88,600	88,600	+ 26,100	.....
Total, Cemeterial Expenses, Army .....	155,900	188,480	188,480	+ 32,580	.....
<b>Armed Forces Retirement Home—Trust Fund</b>					
Operation and maintenance .....	43,060	43,060	43,060	.....	.....
Capital program .....	7,300	8,940	8,940	+ 1,640	.....
Payment from General Fund .....	25,000	25,000	25,000	.....	.....
Subtotal, Armed Forces Retirement Home—Trust Fund .....	75,360	77,000	77,000	+ 1,640	.....
<b>Armed Forces Retirement Home—Major Construction</b>					
Major Construction .....	77,000	.....	.....	— 77,000	.....
Total, Armed Forces Retirement Home .....	152,360	77,000	77,000	— 75,360	.....
Total, title III, Related Agencies .....	442,660	471,310	471,310	+ 28,650	.....
<b>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
Disaster Recovery, Navy and Marine Corps, Title IX, Division N (Public Law 117–328) .....	(41,040)	.....	.....	(— 41,040)	.....
Medical Facilities, Major Medical Facility Leases, Sec. 707 (Public Law 117–168) .....	(1,880,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(— 1,780,000)	.....
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund, FY 2024 Budget Year (Public Law 118–5) .....	.....	.....	(20,268,000)	(+ 20,268,000)	.....
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund, FY 2025 Advance Appropriation (Public Law 118–5) .....	.....	.....	(24,455,000)	(+ 24,455,000)	.....
Grand total, this bill .....	333,860,762	380,539,671	338,267,114	+ 4,406,352	— 42,272,557
Budget year appropriations .....	(50,726,874)	(65,315,915)	(35,052,335)	(— 15,674,539)	(— 30,263,580)
Rescissions .....	(— 321,874)	(— 11,861,778)	(— 2,415,755)	(— 2,093,881)	(+ 9,446,023)
Advance appropriations, FY24 .....	(283,455,762)	(327,085,534)	(305,630,534)	(+ 22,174,772)	(— 21,455,000)
Advances from prior year appropriations .....	(272,320,258)	(283,455,762)	(283,455,762)	(+ 11,135,504)	.....
(By transfer) .....	(1,146,140)	(5,725,613)	(956,532)	(— 189,608)	(— 4,769,081)
(Transfer out) .....	(— 1,146,140)	(— 5,725,613)	(— 956,532)	(+ 189,608)	(+ 4,769,081)
(Limitation on direct loans) .....	(1,442)	(2,526)	(2,526)	(+ 1,084)	.....