

Legislative Update

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A Snapshot of NIH and Congress



- Director Bertagnolli has been getting to know Congress and the great work NIH is doing across the country.
 - 41 meetings and calls with Members.
 - 7 campus or district site visits.
- Picture of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine Leadership, Senator Katie Britt, and Director Bertagnolli.

Congressional Leadership Updates

- House Speaker Mike Johnson faces continued threats to remove him as Speaker.
- House Appropriations Chairwoman Kay Granger stepped down after the FY24 minibuses passed.
- Rep. Tom Cole is the new Chair of the House Appropriations Committee.
- Resignations in the House shifted the margins:
 - 217 Republicans
 - 213 Democrats
 - 4 vacancies (soon down to 3: OH-06 special election was June 11)



**House Appropriations
Chairman Tom Cole (OK – 04)**

FY 2024 Appropriations Bill – Current Funding

- On March 9, 2024, the President signed the first FY24 minibus into law (P.L. 118-42).
- It provided the Special Diabetes Program with a \$10 million increase (the first increase for the program since FY 2004), funding it at approximately \$160 million per year.
- It also provided funding for NIEHS's Superfund Research Program and Worker Training Program.

- On March 23, 2024, the President signed into law the second FY24 minibus (P.L. 118-47).
- It provided \$47.081 billion for NIH.
- Included the following increases:
 - \$120M increase for NCI Research
 - \$100M increase for AD/ADRD Research
 - \$75M increase for mental health research
 - \$12.5M increase for palliative care research
 - \$10M increase for diabetes research
 - \$10M increase for the IMPROVE Initiative
 - \$6M increase for Native American Cancer Research
 - \$5M increase for IDeA
 - \$5M increase for HEAL
 - \$4M increase for a Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Health Research Office in NIMHD

FY 2025 Appropriations – Future Funding

- Senate LHHS Appropriations hearing on May 23, 2024.
- IC Directors:
 - Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell, NCI
 - Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, NIAID
 - Dr. Nora Volkow, NIDA
 - Dr. Richard Hodes, NIA
 - Dr. Gary Gibbons, NHLBI
- Hearing Topic Highlights:
 - Long COVID
 - Cancer Research
 - Alzheimer’s Disease
 - Substance use disorders.
- Unlikely to have a House Appropriations hearing this year.
- The House has released their anticipated FY25 appropriations schedule:
 - Labor-HHS
 - Subcmte Markup – June 27
 - Full Cmte Markup – July 10
 - Floor Consideration – week of July 29th
 - Interior
 - Subcmte Markup – June 28
 - Full Cmte Markup – July 9
 - Floor Consideration – week of July 22nd

Upcoming Legislative Priorities



**The Bipartisan Senate
AI Working Group**

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
Senator Mike Rounds
Senator Martin Heinrich
Senator Todd Young

- Senate released a bipartisan roadmap for artificial intelligence policy.
- Highlights NIH as a critical piece of the work needed.
- NIH has participated in congressional briefings, webinars, and demonstrations to the Hill to ensure NIH is recognized as a leader in AI and health.

Looking Forward – Election Watch

- It's an election year...
 - Focus will be on the Presidential campaigns.
 - Members may spend more time in their districts.
 - Expect messaging bills from members.
- The 118th Congress is on track for the most retirements in a decade.
- Tight majorities in both Chambers could shift:
 - 49 members of the House announced they are not seeking re-election.
 - 10 members of the Senate announced they are not seeking re-election.

Thank you