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Appropriations Committee Reports FY 2007 Labor, HHS, Education Spending Bill

Washington, D.C. – Today the Appropriations Committee approved the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies spending bill for fiscal year 2007. The \$605.6 billion spending bill includes \$142.8 billion in discretionary funding for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, as well as the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Social Security Administration.

Bill Highlights

FY 2006 Funding Level: \$141.531 billion
FY 2007 President's Request: \$137.794 billion
FY 2007 Committee Recommendation: \$142.800 billion

Labor Programs - \$11.6 billion

Dislocated Workers – The Senate bill recommends \$1.476 billion, \$4.2 million more than the FY 06 comparable level, and \$361.5 million over the Administration's request. States may use these funds for rapid response assistance to help workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closures.

Community College Initiative – The Senate bill includes \$125 million for the community college initiative, which is equal to the House-passed bill.

Job Training – The Senate bill contains \$5.089 billion for this nation's job training programs. The bill includes: \$800.0 million for adult job training, \$80.6 million for the migrant and seasonal farm worker program, \$935.5 million for youth training, and \$60.0 million for ex-offender programs.

Job Corps – The Senate bill increases Job Corps by \$37.0 million for a total of \$1.629 billion.

Child Labor – The Senate bill includes \$72.5 million for the International Labor Affairs Bureau.

Worker Protection Programs – The bill includes \$300.4 million for mine safety, \$491.1 million for OSHA, \$249.7 million for the National Labor Relations Board, \$435.3 million for employment standards, and \$143.5 million for employee benefits security, for a total increase of \$76.3 million over last year.

HHS Programs - \$64.181 billion

Community Health Centers – \$1.926 billion, which is \$145 million over last year. These centers provide critical health care services to underserved and uninsured people throughout America.

Pediatric Graduate Medical Education – \$200 million, an increase of \$101 million over the President's request.

Health Professions – The bill includes \$304 million for Health Professions programs, and increase of \$9 million over the President’s request.

National Institutes of Health – The Senate bill includes \$28.5 billion, an increase of \$220 million over the FY 06 appropriation and \$200 million over the President’s budget request.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Buildings and Facilities – The Senate bill includes \$100 million, an increase of \$70 million over the budget request.

Pandemic Preparedness at the CDC – The bill includes \$119 million for recurring costs related to pandemic preparedness at the CDC.

Global AIDS – The bill includes \$100 million for the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS/TB. In addition, \$121 million is included in CDC for global HIV/AIDS/TB activities.

Family Planning – \$283 million, the same amount as the President’s budget.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (LIHEAP) – The Senate bill includes \$2.161 billion for LIHEAP, \$379 million more than the budget request. Of the funds provided \$181 million was included for the contingency emergency fund.

Domestic HIV/AIDS Programs at the CDC – The Committee has provided \$675.9 million for HIV/AIDS testing, counseling, and prevention at the CDC, an increase of \$28.2 million.

Ryan White AIDS Programs – \$2.139 billion for the Ryan White AIDS programs, \$78 million more than last year’s budget, including \$55 million additional for AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP).

Family Caregivers – The Senate bill includes \$156 million for family caregivers, an increase of \$2 million above the request.

Head Start – \$6.789 billion for Head Start, an increase of \$2.8 million above the request.

Community Services Block Grant – The Senate bill restores the \$630 million for the Community Services Block Grant that was proposed for elimination in the President’s budget.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services – The bill provides \$3.337 billion, an increase of \$77 million more than the budget request. SAMHSA is responsible for supporting mental health programs and alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment services throughout the country.

Health Information Technology – The bill provides \$113.2 million, an increase of \$2 million over the FY 06 level.

Embryo Adoption – The bill provides \$2 million for an embryo adoption awareness campaign.

Patient Navigator – The bill provides \$5 million to provide Patient Navigators to help patients navigate the health care system.

Education Programs - \$55.8 billion

Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) – \$12.713 billion which maintains the high level of commitment for a key program supporting the No Child Left Behind Act. Funding for Title I grants is up 45.1% since the Act was passed.

School Improvement Grants -- \$100 million for states to provide funds to struggling school districts so they can implement interventions proven effective in helping turn around low-performing schools.

Reading Programs – \$1.1 billion for programs that are designed to ensure all children are reading by the end of 3rd grade, and a \$35 million program to help teenagers struggling to read.

Teacher Quality State Grants – \$2.747 billion to support state and local efforts to ensure that “highly qualified” teachers are available to help all children succeed academically.

English Language Acquisition – \$669 million to help improve academic achievement of limited English proficient students and to develop the capacity of school districts to enable such students to learn English.

Competitiveness Initiative – The bill includes more than \$530 million for programs intended to promote American competitiveness globally. This includes \$195 million for Math and Science Partnerships, \$40 million for Advanced Placement Programs, \$272.250 million for Educational Technology State Grants, and \$26.2 million for Foreign Language Assistance programs.

Rural Education – \$168.9 million for additional assistance for rural school districts.

Special Education Grants to States – \$10.583 billion, the same as the FY 06 level.

Pell Grants – \$12.607 billion in funding, which supports a maximum grant of \$4,050, the same as last year. Pell grants provide need-based grant aid to help more than 5 million low- and middle-income undergraduate students and their families pay the costs of postsecondary education and vocational training.

TRIO –TRIO funding has been maintained at the FY 06 level of \$828.2 million.

The Senate bill also restores funding to some of the education programs eliminated in the President’s budget, including:

Perkins Career and Technical Education – \$1.296 billion to support local career and technical education programs.

GEAR UP – The bill provides \$303.4 million to support low-income elementary and secondary students as they prepare for and pursue a postsecondary education.

National Writing Project – The bill provides \$25.0 million, an increase of \$3.5 million over last year.

Arts in Education – The bill provides \$36.5 million, an increase of \$1.2 million over last year’s funding.

Civic Education – The bill provides \$29.1 million, which is the same as the FY 06 funding level.

Related Agencies:

Corporation for National and Community Service - \$876.5 million for national service programs, an increase of \$25 million above the budget request.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting – \$400 million for public broadcasting in FY 09, in addition to \$29.7 million included for the conversion of public broadcasting to the digital format. Also included is \$36 million for the replacement project of the interconnection system.

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