

# *House Appropriations Committee*

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## **Summary: Fiscal Year 2013 Department of Defense Appropriations Bill**

The CR includes the fiscal year 2013 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, which passed the House on a broad bipartisan basis last year, and which has been negotiated by the House and Senate.

The Defense portion of the legislation includes funding for critical national security needs, and provides the necessary resources to continue the nation's military efforts abroad. In addition, the bill provides essential funding for health and quality-of-life programs for the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families.

In total, the bill provides \$518.1 billion in non-war funding, which is equal to the fiscal year 2012 level and \$2 billion above the President's request. In addition, the bill contains \$87.2 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) for Defense activities related to the Global War on Terror.

All of this funding is subject to sequestration, except where noted below.

- **Military Personnel and Pay** – The legislation includes \$127.5 billion to provide for 1,402,108 active-duty troops and 843,286 reserves. This funding level is \$3.6 billion below last year, due to the reduction in troop totals. This also includes a 1.7% pay raise for the military, which is in line with authorized totals. This funding is exempt from sequestration.
- **Defense Health and Military Family Programs** – The bill contains \$32.7 billion – \$233 million above last year's level – for Defense health and family programs to provide care for our troops, military families, and retirees. This funding includes critical medical research on combat-related illnesses and injuries, including in areas such as brain trauma, psychological health, suicide, spinal injuries and prosthetics.
- **Operation and Maintenance** – The legislation approves \$173.5 billion for operation and maintenance – \$1.4 billion below the request and \$10.4 billion above enacted levels. This is essential funding for key readiness programs to prepare our troops for combat and peace-time missions, flight time and battle training, equipment and facility maintenance, and base operations.
- **Research and Development** – The bill contains \$70 billion – \$2.5 billion below last year's level and \$521 million above the President's request – for research, development, testing, and

evaluation of new defense technologies. This basic and applied research, system development, and testing will help to advance the safety and success of current and future military operations, and will help prepare our nation to meet a broad range of potential future security threats.

- **Equipment Procurement** – The legislation provides a total of \$100.4 billion – \$4.2 billion below last year and \$1.3 billion below the President’s request – for equipment and upgrades. This funding is necessary to ensure our nation’s military readiness and provide the necessary platforms, weapons, and other equipment our forces need to train, maintain military force structure, and conduct successful operations.
- **Guantanamo Bay** – The legislation prohibits funding for transfers of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S. or its territories, prohibits funding to modify any facility in the U.S. to house detainees, and places conditions on the release of detainees to other countries.
- **Savings and Reductions to President’s Request** – The bill reflects common-sense decisions to save taxpayer dollars where possible, in areas that will not affect the safety or success of our troops and missions. Some of these reductions include: \$4.0 billion in savings from rescissions of unused prior-year funding; \$515 million for unjustified Army growth funding; and \$500 million for excess inventory of spare parts and secondary items.

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