

**Rep. Hal Rogers
FY27-CJS
Amendment #1**

House Appropriations Committee
Full Committee Markup

Manager's Amendment
Offered by Mr. Rogers of Kentucky

In the bill:

On page 37, line 16 of the bill, strike the "." and insert the following language: ": *Provided further*, That any amounts obligated from appropriations under this heading shall only be available for the same purposes for which the amounts were obligated in fiscal year 2024."

On page 55, line 24, strike "DOJ OJP-Byrne" and insert "DOJ OJP—Byrne"

On page 72, lines 2-4 of the bill, beginning after the word "the", strike the following language: "explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act)" and insert "report accompanying this Act".

In the report:

On page 4, strike the paragraph titled "Performance Measures" and replace it with the following: *Outcome-based reviews.*—The Committee supports: (1) the conduct of outcome-based program and operational reviews consistent with the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010; (2) the review of existing regulations, internal policies, and administrative requirements to identify outdated, duplicative, or unnecessarily burdensome provisions; and (3) the identification of opportunities for cost savings, administrative streamlining, and improved program delivery. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce, Attorney General, and the leadership of all other agencies funded in this act shall submit a report to the Committee on capacity to strengthen performance management, regulatory review, and oversight practices to better align spending with measurable outcomes.

On page 9, immediately following to the paragraph entitled “Multilateralization and Enforcement of Export Controls”, insert the following:

Foundry Due Diligence.—The Committee directs BIS to conduct an analysis to identify opportunities to strengthen due diligence requirements for allied manufacturers of advanced logic or high-bandwidth memory chips. The analysis shall include a review of relevant third-party data and reports, as well as a comprehensive assessment of both classified and open-source information. The analysis shall also assess whether the export of high-bandwidth memory units should be further restricted to avoid diversion to the People’s Republic of China and whether integrated circuits with less than 30 billion transistors can exceed the performance thresholds in Export Control Classification Number 3A090.a. The Committee directs BIS to incorporate findings from this analysis into updates to technical and customer due diligence requirements for advanced logic and high-bandwidth memory chipmakers, to the extent practicable. The Committee further directs BIS to provide a report no later than 270 days after the enactment of this Act on the results of the analysis and an explanation of steps BIS is taking ensure the efficacy of foundry due diligence requirements.

On page 9, strike “agreement” and insert “Committee”

On page 17, immediately prior to the paragraph entitled “National Full-Scale Testing Initiative for Wind, Surge, and Wave Events and Interagency Working Group”, insert the following:

AI Risk Management Framework Adoption.—The Committee recognizes the NIST AI Risk Management Framework (RMF) is the leading Federal AI governance framework and is critical to sustain U.S. AI leadership. The Committee also recognizes that use of the AI RMF by businesses appears to be widespread, but there is a lack of data quantifying its adoption. The Committee directs NIST to submit a report within 180 days of the enactment of this Act on how NIST will quantify and measure the adoption of the AI RMF by businesses, and on efforts to promote recognition of the AI RMF as an accepted risk management framework abroad.

On page 19, immediately prior to the paragraph entitled “Scientific and Technical Research Projects”, insert the following:

Plumbing Research.—The Committee recognizes the important role of NIST in coordinating premise plumbing research with the private sector, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. 18939, to support communities across the United States.

On page 27, immediately prior to the paragraph entitled “Pinniped Removal”, insert the following:

Fisheries Take Reduction Teams.—The Committee encourages NOAA to continue working alongside and leveraging the expertise of commercial fisheries groups, such as active crab fisherman, on take reduction teams.

On page 31, immediately after the paragraph entitled “Mitchell Act Hatcheries”, insert the following:

Mitchell Act Hatchery Operations.—The Committee is concerned by the rising cost of Mitchell Act hatchery operations. NOAA is directed to report to the Committee, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, on the key factors driving the increase in hatchery operations costs. Furthermore, NOAA is encouraged to identify and implement any efficiencies that would mitigate the rising cost of hatchery operations.

On page 36, immediately prior to the paragraph entitled “National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service”, insert the following:

Doppler Radar Coverage in the Midwest.—The Committee is concerned that NOAA’s weather-forecasting and tornado-prediction capabilities in Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan may be limited by the absence of sufficient Doppler radar stations and other tools needed to monitor and model lower-atmosphere weather patterns. The Committee is further concerned about any shortfall in substantially equivalent forecasting tools available in this region as compared to surrounding communities, particularly regarding severe storms, heavy rainfall, strong winds, and tornadoes. Accordingly, the Committee directs NOAA to assess its weather-forecasting capability for Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan, with specific attention to lower-atmosphere coverage, and to take steps to close existing gaps and enhance Doppler radar coverage in this region. NOAA is directed to submit a report to the Committee within 90 days of the enactment of this Act detailing its findings, actions taken to address coverage gaps, and any recommendations or plans to further strengthen weather-forecasting capability for Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan.

On page 44, immediately following to the paragraph entitled “Public Access Implementation”, insert the following:

Critical Materials and Rare Earth Elements in Domestic E-Waste.—The Committee recognizes the strategic importance of Critical Materials and Rare Earth Elements as inputs in a variety of products and is aware of recent advancements in extracting these inputs from electronic waste stock. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act on the potential economic, strategic, and technological benefits generated by a robust domestic electronic waste Critical Material and Rare Earth Element extraction industry.

On page 50 of the report, after the paragraph titled “Second Amendment Task Force.”, insert the following paragraph:

Mass Spectrometry Technology.—The Committee is aware of the increasing threat posed by aerosolized chemical and biological agents, including synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, to U.S. law enforcement personnel and the broader justice system. These threats are growing in sophistication and accessibility, enabling adversaries and violent action to exploit vulnerabilities in our national security and public safety infrastructure. The Committee recognizes that rapid, accurate, and cost-effective identification of such agents is essential to ensuring the operational readiness and safety of Department personnel. The Committee is aware that Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption/Ionization Time-of-Flight (MALDI-TOF) mass spectrometry technology offers a highly specific, non-destructive, and rapid method for detecting and identifying harmful substances including chemical and biological agents. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to initiate a pilot program, utilizing up to \$10,000,000 from across the Department, to deploy MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry technology within the Department.

On page 50, immediately before the “Justice Information Sharing Technology” heading, insert the following:

Mail Theft and Fraud Enforcement.—The Committee directs the Department, in coordination with the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and State and local law enforcement agencies, to establish a coordinated Mail Theft and Fraud Task Force initiative to investigate and prosecute organized mail theft and related financial crimes. The Committee further directs the Department to prioritize investigations involving organized criminal enterprises, theft or misuse of master access keys, large-scale mail theft operations, and check washing schemes. Not later than 120 days after enactment of this act, the Department shall brief the committee on its implementation of this initiative, including staffing and resource needs; jurisdictions experiencing elevated rates of mail theft; coordination with the United States Postal Service on theft prevention and infrastructure vulnerabilities; and public awareness and deterrence efforts related to mail theft and fraud.\

Departmental Staffing.—The Committee is concerned with the staffing levels, particularly of experienced attorneys, and the rising case load such attorneys are responsible for across the Department. The Committee therefore directs the Department to submit a report, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, that details the following information for fiscal years 2023 through 2026, broken out by each litigating component and U.S. Attorney’s Office: the number of authorized attorney positions, their respective years of experience and number of attorneys onboarded as of September 30th of each year; the number of cases handled by each litigating component comparing each year ending on September 30th; and the average case load per onboarded attorney.

Crypto ATMs.—The Committee is concerned by the rapid growth of fraud schemes targeting elderly and vulnerable populations through the use of cryptocurrency automated teller machines (crypto ATMs). The Committee encourages the Department, in consultation with state and local governments, to study the effect of siting Crypto ATMs near government buildings, such as police stations and courthouses, in limiting the frequency and severity of fraud. If favorable, the Department may issue guidelines to state and local governments.

In the report, on page 50, following the paragraph titled “Executive Office for Immigration Review,” insert the following:

Recurring Review of Immigration Court Management.—The Committee directs GAO to provide an update to its prior reports GAO-17-438 and GAO-23-105431, entitled “Immigration Courts: Actions Needed to Reduce Case Backlog and Address Long-Standing Management and Operational Challenges,” assessing EOIR’s progress in implementing open recommendations, the current size and trajectory of the immigration case backlog, and any new management or operational challenges, with the first such update submitted to the Committee not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act. The Department of Justice is reminded to continue to cooperate fully with GAO and provide timely access to all records, data, and personnel necessary to ensure the Department and Committee have a full and accurate understanding of EOIR’s progress.

On Page 51 of the report, under the heading “Legal Activities, Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities (Including Transfer of Funds),” insert “importers of unauthorized e-cigarette products,” after “high-priority sectors,”.

On page 63 of the report in the paragraph beginning with “Intoxicating Cannabidiols”, strike and replace the word “cannabidiols” with the word “cannabinoids” at the beginning of the paragraph.

On page 74, strike the paragraphs entitled “Distinct Grantmaking Components” and “Notice of Funding Opportunities” and replace with the following two paragraphs:

Distinct Grantmaking Components.—The Committee directs the Department to maintain OVW, OJP, and the COPS Office as separate and distinct organizational grantmaking entities and reminds the Department of the same directive included in the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 119–74. The Committee directs the Department to provide a detailed report, within 30 days of enactment of this Act, describing the organizational structure, staffing, and grantmaking authorities of each office, as well as the steps taken to ensure the continued independence of these entities.

Notice of Funding Opportunities.—The Committee directs the Department that the notices of funding opportunities for the grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other assistance provided for by OVW, OJP, and COPS shall be publicly posted no later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act. The Committee understands that the Department has an interest in undertaking thorough reviews of grant programs but is concerned that additional layers of review have contributed to delays in the obligation of funds. No later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Department shall provide a briefing describing the current review process for such funding opportunities, including any interagency involvement, and identify steps to streamline the process and reduce delays. The Department is further directed to provide notification of any delays exceeding the 90-day requirement and provide a detailed justification, including identification of factors contributing to such delay.

On page 79, immediately following the paragraph entitled “National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)” insert the following two new paragraphs:

Evaluating Prison Release Timing.— The Committee is aware of concerns about the timing of prison releases and encourages the Department, to the extent practicable, to provide a report assessing State and local prison release times and any implications of the release times on public safety.

Study on Cashless Bail Policies and Pretrial Outcomes.—The Committee notes that a number of State and local jurisdictions have implemented changes to pretrial release and bail policies in recent years. The Committee further notes that limited comparable data exists regarding the effects of such policies on public safety and the administration of justice. Therefore, the Committee directs the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), in coordination with the Bureau of Justice Statistics as appropriate, to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than 120 days after enactment of this Act evaluating the effects of pretrial release reforms in jurisdictions that have eliminated or substantially modified the use of cash bail since 2017. The report shall include, to the extent practicable, information regarding pretrial rearrest rates, failure-to-appear rates, rearrest for violent offenses, impacts on victims and communities, jail populations, court appearance rates, case processing times, and any limitations associated with available data.

On page 85, strike the paragraph entitled “Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Programs.” and replace with the following:

Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Programs.—The recommendation includes \$108,000,000 for the MEC funding line to fund the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force grants, missing and exploited children activities as authorized by sections 404(b) and 406(a) of Public Law 115-267, and the Amber Alert Program. The Committee recognizes that the increasing volume and sophistication of AI-generated child exploitation content continues to strain law enforcement resources. The Committee remains strongly supportive of activities funded through the Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) account, including the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which operates the CyberTipline. To improve transparency and oversight, the Committee directs the Department, within 60 days of enactment of this Act and as part of its fiscal year 2027 spending plan, to provide a detailed accounting of MEC funding allocations across ICAC Task Forces, NCMEC, and other supported activities. The Committee further encourages the Department to include similar program-level detail in future budget submissions.

On page 86, immediately following the paragraph entitled “Missing and Exploited Children (MEC) Programs”, insert the following new paragraph:

Child Advocacy Training.— Of the funds provided for Part B – State Formula Grants, the recommendation includes \$1,000,000 for competitively awarded grants for Child Advocacy Training in Post-Secondary Education to support the teaching of evidence-based methods for identifying and screening children for exposure to violence.

On page 92, immediately following the paragraph entitled “Earth System Observatory”, insert the following new paragraph:

Earth System Modeling.—The Committee recognizes the importance of NASA’s Earth system modeling efforts at the Integrated Virtual Modeling Institute (IVMI), and in particular the ModelE and Goddard Earth Observing System (GEOS) components, in advancing Federal research in the basic sciences by delivering reliable long-term data that informs decision-making across key industry sectors. The Committee directs NASA to expand the capabilities of IVMI to include multiple basic science models, including ModelE and GEOS, and provides no less than the fiscal year 2026 enacted level funding for IVMI modeling for both ModelE and GEOS.

On page 94, insert the following at the end of the paragraph entitled “Space Telescopes”:

Additionally, the Committee provides no less than the fiscal year 2026 enacted level for the Habitable Worlds Observatory.

On page 98, following the paragraph titled “Wind Tunnel Infrastructure”, insert the following:

Revolutionary Vertical Lift Technology.—The Committee notes the importance of NASA’s rotary wing research program and the complement the program provides for vertical flight research at other Federal agencies, including the Future Vertical Lift initiative and the Vertical Lift Research Centers of Excellence. The recommendation supports the Revolutionary Vertical Lift Technology program and includes up to \$31,400,000 for the program. Of these funds, the recommendation encourages NASA to allocate no less than \$600,000 for the Vertical Lift Research Centers of Excellence.

On page 99, immediately after the paragraph entitled “Hypersonic Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (HIAD) Technology” insert the following new paragraph:

Solid State Friction Stir Deposition.—The Committee recognizes the potential for new technologies to advance the production of future space vehicles, including solid state friction stir deposition. The recommendation includes up to \$2,000,000 for the continued development of such technologies and directs NASA to provide a briefing, within 90 days of the enactment of this Act, on any potential or current uses of such technologies.

On page 100, strike the paragraph entitled “Advancement of In-Space Manufacturing and Robotics” and replace with the following paragraph:

Advancement of In-Space Manufacturing and Robotics.—The Committee recognizes that in-space manufacturing and robotics are critically enabling capabilities for both the LEO and cislunar economy, and notes that NASA has continued to invest in these capabilities. The Committee directs NASA to continue investments in alternative in-space manufacturing and robotics technologies through competitive solicitations to promote innovation and competition across a broader set of viable alternatives, seek a greater return on investment, and reduce costs. The recommendation includes up to \$10,000,000 to support these efforts including potential demonstrations of metal and electronic manufacturing in space through initiatives such as the Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab). Within 120 days of the enactment of this Act, the Committee directs NASA to provide a briefing on these efforts including any plans to advance these efforts in the future and the necessary resources required to do so.

On page 104, insert the following at the end of the paragraph entitled “Commercial LEO Destinations (CLD)”:

The Committee notes that NASA has announced it is assessing a new dual path for the CLD program. Within 30 days of the enactment of this Act, and quarterly thereafter, the Committee directs NASA to provide a briefing detailing the acquisition schedule for this new dual path approach, including plans to advance the original CLD timeline. The Committee further directs NASA to ensure that at least one provider is available to provide services upon the decommissioning of the ISS, including a sufficient overlap period of on-orbit transition.

On page 105, insert the following at the end of the paragraph entitled “NASA Workforce”:

No later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Committee directs NASA to provide a report on its efforts to rebuild the workforce including insourcing efforts and any efforts to backfill recent vacancies. The Committee directs that the report should include an evaluation of lifecycle costs, impacts to mission and schedule, and impacts to the industrial base.

On page 196, in the “Community Project Funding” table, in the “House Requestor(s)” column, strike “Scott (GA)” and insert “Scott, David (GA)” in the seventh row.

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On page 209, on the fifth project (for Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office), change the dollar amount to “545,900”.

On page 225, in the “Community Project Funding” table, in the “House Requestor(s)” column, strike “Scott (GA)” and insert “Scott, Austin (GA)” in the fifth row.

On page 225, in the “Community Project Funding” table, in the “House Requestor(s)” column, strike “Scott (GA)” and insert “Scott, Austin (GA)” in the sixth row.

On page 230, in the “Community Project Funding” table, in the second row, strike the recipient and insert “Texas A&M – Victoria Campus”.

On page 230, on the sixth project (for Palm Beach State College), change the dollar amount to “1,000,000”.