

# Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 Highlights

(Note: Numbers are nationwide program funding levels.)

- **Rescue 21 (VHF Systems):** Provides \$14 million to modernize Coast Guard radio communication infrastructure in Alaska.
- **Cutter Fleet Recapitalization:** Provides \$2.26 billion for significant new investments including:
  - **Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC):** Provides \$546 million for construction of an Offshore Patrol Cutter to replace the Coast Guard's aging medium endurance cutters which will conduct missions on the high seas and coastal approaches.
  - **Fast Response Cutter (FRC):** Increases funding to \$260 million for Fast Response Cutters, which are in various phases of the construction process, to replace the aging 110-foot patrol boats. These FRCs will enhance the Coast Guard's coastal capability to perform search and rescue operations and enhance resiliency to disasters.
  - **Polar Security Cutter (PSC) and Polar Sustainment:** Provides \$555 million towards acquisition of the second polar security cutter as well as \$15 million for a service-life extension to rehabilitate and restore the critical systems onboard the icebreaker POLAR STAR.
- **Coast Guard Infrastructure and IT:** Funds Coast Guard infrastructure projects, including \$32.5 million to build housing in Kodiak to accommodate increases in personnel associated with new assets that will be homeported in Alaska and \$28 million for shore-side facility upgrades necessary for homeporting FRC's in Kodiak. Additionally, provides \$10 million to bring Coast Guard IT systems up to today's technological standards.
- **Operational Readiness:** Allows the Coast Guard to invest in personnel and their families including in cybersecurity, communications workforce readiness to include \$4 million to help families subsidize the cost of childcare.
- **Fishing Safety:** Provides \$6 million to help the Coast Guard implement the Fishing Safety Training and Fishing Safety Research Grant Programs.
- **Research and Development of Unmanned Aerial Systems:** \$3 million to evaluate and test the use of unmanned systems for increased Maritime Domain Awareness.
- **PFAS:** Includes \$5 million for environmental remediation projects related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances evaluation and response.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** \$21.7 billion is provided for FEMA, including \$17.1 billion to support the Disaster Relief Fund. The bill provides \$3.3 billion in grants, increasing support to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, including \$610 million for State Homeland Security Grants; \$1.1 billion in total for SAFER, Assistance to Firefighters, and Emergency Management Performance grants; and increases for dam safety and regional grants.

## **State & Foreign Operation Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2021 Highlights**

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- **Transboundary Watershed Management:** Provides up to \$500,000 to support State Department engagement with other Federal agencies to identify remaining gaps in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between British Columbia and Alaska, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, relating to mining activity in transboundary watersheds.
- **International Fisheries Commissions:** Provides funding for the Pacific Salmon Commission, the body formed by the U.S. and Canada tasked to implement the Pacific Salmon Treaty, including \$1.75 million for the bilateral Mark Selective Fishery Fund. Also provides \$4.58 million for the International Pacific Halibut Commission to support the joint management of Pacific halibut between Canada and the United States.
- **Global Health Funding:** Provides \$9.2 billion for Global Health Programs, including \$1.56 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, \$290 million for the GAVI vaccine alliance, and \$855.5 million for USAID maternal and child health.

*Senator Murkowski is chairman of the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee and chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She is a member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, which is chaired by Senator Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV).*