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SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MARKS UP FY 2013 LABOR-H BILL -- On June 14th, the Senate Appropriations Committee voted out its version of the FY 2013 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. The House was due to mark up its bill today, June 20th, but action has been indefinitely postponed.

For CDC, the Senate bill provides a total program level of $6.943 billion, which is approximately $60 million more than the FY 2012 funding level. This total includes $858 million from the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund. Here are some details from the bill:

Program	***FY 2012***	***FY 2013 SCmte***
State/local Preparedness Cooperative Agreement	**$642 m**	**$642 m**
Prevention Block Grant	**$79.5 m**	**$79.5 m**

Food Safety	**$27.1 m**	**$43.8 m**
ELC	**$40 m**[1]	**$40 m**
PH Workforce	**$25 m**	**$25 m**
Chronic Disease	**$756.4 m**	**$798.4 m**[2]
State/Local Lab support	**$20 m**	**0**
Health Track	**$35 m**[3]	**$35 m**
HAI	**$11.7 m**	**$11.7 m**
NCEH	**$104.9 m**	**$139.9 m**[4]
Asthma	**$25.3 m**	**$25.3 m**
Lead	**$1.9 m**	**$10 m**
Healthy Homes	**0**	**0**
Injury Center	**$137.7 m**	**$137.7 m**
NVDRS	**$3.5 m**	**$3.5 m**
NIOSH	**$292.6 m**	**$292.6 m**
Education and Research Centers	**$24.3 m**	**$24.3 m**

You can read the entire report at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-112srpt176/pdf/CRPT-112srpt176.pdf CDC begins on p. 58.

NEW ADVOCACY EFFORT FOR NON-DEFENSE DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH -- The Coalition for Health Funding**,** a broad coalition of organizations supporting the agencies and programs of the public health service, has taken the lead on creating a super alliance of groups advocating for non-defense discretionary programs. These groups include education, job training, law enforcement and scientific associations – every group with program interests that are non-defense and/or non-security. The purpose for the alliance, called NDD (Non-

[1] Does not reflect base funding, only ACA-PPHF transfers
[2] Reflects base funding only; an additional $457 m was provided from ACA-PPHF transfers
[3] Reflects only expected PPHF allocation; this program no longer receives baseline funding
[4] Reflects $114.7 m in base funding and $35 m in ACA-PPHF transfers

Defense Discretionary) United, is to have a countervailing voice to the defense industry for domestic programs. Both defense and non-defense groups are extremely concerned about the impact of deep budget cuts should sequestration occur as provided under the Budget Control Act passed last summer. The Act calls for $1.2 trillion in cuts to be implemented over a ten year period beginning on January 2, 2013. Cuts as deep as 8 percent in FY 2013 are supposed to fall equally on defense and non-defense discretionary programs. However, the very strong defense industry has coalesced to fight cuts to their programs. If they succeed, deeper cuts could fall on non-defense programs which have already absorbed at least 10 percent in cuts over the past two years. To prevent that from happening NDD United has formed and is currently circulating a sign on letter urging Congress to work out their differences and adopt a balanced approach that would include addressing tax revenues to reduce the deficit. To learn more about NDD United and to read the letter that CSTE has already signed onto please visit:
http://publichealthfunding.org/index.php/action/campaigns/ndd_united/

UPDATE ON STUDENT LOAN DEBATE AND THE PREVENTION FUND --
Two recent votes in the Senate have, at least temporarily, derailed efforts to use the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) as an offset to pay for preventing student loan interest rates from doubling on July 1st. To assist in the fight to protect the PPHF, CSTE sent a letter to the entire Senate the morning of May 7th opposing any reduction of the PPHF for student loan needs, or any other purpose. Although the PPHF is off the chopping block for now, the student loan issue has still not been resolved. It is anticipated that Congress will "kick the can down the road" by passing legislation to deal with this issue later, after the election.