State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

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SUMMARY OF REPUBLICAN FISCAL YEAR 2025 BILL

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Bill Text | Committee Report

The fiscal year 2025 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) funding bill invests \$51.7 billion in United States global leadership and cooperation. The bill is \$7 billion, a 12 percent cut, below fiscal year 2024 and \$12 billion below the Biden Administration's fiscal year 2025 request.

This legislation:

- Threatens national security by abdicating U.S. world leadership at the United Nations (UN) and other multilateral and international financial institutions by not including any funding for the UN Regular budget, the UN Development Program, UN Women, and UNICEF.
- Threatens women's health globally by prohibiting the United States from contributing to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), substantially underfunding bilateral family planning, and reinstating the Global Gag Rule on non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. assistance.
- Hampers the U.S. response to the climate crisis by eliminating support for communities' ability to adapt to weather changes, sustainable landscapes, and clean energy programming.
- Underfunds the operations and staffing of the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

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Funds for Critical Agencies –

- \$8.4 billion to support the operation of our diplomatic presence overseas for the
 Department of State's Diplomatic Programs, a decrease of \$1 billion below the
 fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$1.7 billion below the fiscal year 2025 budget
 request.
- \$1.2 billion for **USAID's Operating Expenses**, a decrease of \$480 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$648 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- \$807.9 million for the **United States Agency for Global Media**, protecting access to accurate and timely news to people internationally including through \$43.5 million for the Open Technology Fund to advance internet freedom.

- This is \$59 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$142 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- \$410.5 million for **Peace Corps,** \$20 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$68.5 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- \$937 million for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, \$7 million above the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and the same as the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

Global Health -

- \$5.6 billion for the **U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)**, a decrease of \$400 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$58 million above the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
 - o This funding includes \$1.25 billion for the Global Fund.
- \$3.6 billion for programs to improve maternal and child health and fight infectious diseases, \$362 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$367 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request, putting women's health at risk.
- Prohibits support to the World Health Organization and UNFPA.
- Substantially decreases funding for **bilateral family planning** to \$461 million, a decrease of \$114 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level.

Climate and Environment Initiatives –

- **Biodiversity:** \$365.75 million, same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$158 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Wildlife Trafficking:** \$118.75 million, same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$36.6 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- Prohibits funding to the Clean Technology Fund and implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- Prohibits funding for the Green Climate Fund.
- Prevent the use of funds to carry out President Biden's **executive orders related to climate change**, including at the multilateral development banks.

Critical Country and Regional Programs -

- International Boundary and Water Commission: \$250.4 million, \$29.5 million more than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$103 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- Assistance for Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (AEECA): \$770 million for the countries of Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia, the same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$80 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

- **Taiwan:** Provides \$500 million from the Foreign Military Financing Program to support loans and loan guarantees for Taiwan, \$200 million more than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$400 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- Countering Russian Influence Fund: \$300 million, same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted level.
- Countering the People's Republic of China (PRC) Influence Fund: \$400 million, same as the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- Indo-Pacific: \$2.1 billion to help counter the growing influence of the PRC in developing countries including \$175 million for Pacific Islands countries specifically. This is an increase of \$300 million over the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$25 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Egypt:** \$1.5 billion; \$75 million over the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and the fiscal year 2025 budget request and removes withholding based on human rights and the rule of law.
- **Jordan:** \$2 billion; \$450 million over the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$550 million over the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

Other Priority Programs

- Educational and Cultural Exchanges: \$721 million, \$20 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$56.5 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Development Assistance:** \$3 billion, \$931 million less than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$1.5 billion below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Economic Support Fund:** \$3.4 billion, \$159.5 million less than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$682 million less than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Complex Crises Fund:** \$30 million, \$25 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$30 million below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- International Disaster Assistance: \$3.45 billion, \$1.3 billion below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$1.1 billion below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- Migration and Refugee Assistance (MRA): \$2.45 billion, \$1.5 billion below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$1.4 billion below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- **Foreign Military Financing (FMF):** \$6.8 billion, \$969.6 million more than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$744 million more than the fiscal year 2025 budget request.
- International Financial Institutions: \$1.7 billion, \$583 million below the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$1.8 billion below the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

• Directs \$175 million to counter fentanyl and other synthetic drugs coming from other countries into the United States, \$50 million more than the fiscal year 2024 enacted level and \$5.5 million above the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

This legislation includes riders that would:

- Prohibit funds for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).
- Prohibit funds for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- Remove Israel from longstanding structures of Congressional and Executive Branch oversight of arms transfers.
- Undermine our democracy by allowing disinformation campaigns and extremist views to flourish.
- Prohibit funding for any unauthorized special envoys, advisors, or coordinators
 which would include the Special Envoy for Global Youth Issues, Special Envoy for
 Afghan Women and Girls, Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+
 Persons, and Chief Economist.
- Prohibit the promotion or advancement of Critical Race Theory.
- Prohibit the implementation of three executive orders related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Prohibit funds for gender-affirming care or organizations that provide services or affirm the existence of transgender youth.
- Prohibit funding for the Office of Palestinian Affairs.
- Withhold 15 percent of the Secretary of State's budget until Remain in Mexico agreements are implemented, consistent with directives provided in House Republican's extreme border bill (H.R. 2).
- Prohibit refugee funds from supporting admittance or resettlement of Gazans in the United States.
- Prohibit funds from being used to revoke Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism or diminish the Cuba Restricted List.
- Prohibit supporting COVID mask or vaccine mandates.
- Prohibit funds for designating migrants residing in Mexico as P-2 refugees, or supporting Safe Mobility Offices and the Welcome Corps which facilitates legal pathways of migration.
- Prohibit assistance for Mexico until an agreement on water deliveries is reached.
- Prohibit funds from supporting any international agreement with legal force unless ratified by the Senate.
- Withhold funding for global health security if the State Department agrees to a legally binding pandemic agreement without Senate ratification.
- Prohibit funding for the International Court of Justice.
- Prohibit funding for the International Criminal Court.
- Prohibit funding to implement the Arms Trade Treaty.