

Homeland Security panel boosts border spending in reconciliation

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The House Homeland Security Committee included a total of \$69 billion in new spending on border security and other items in legislative text released Sunday for its portion of a broader reconciliation package that Republican lawmakers are drafting.

Most of the new spending included in [the text](#), released as part of the process detailed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution ([H Con Res 14](#)), goes to support President Donald Trump’s tough-on-immigration approach with border barriers and Customs and Border Protection efforts.

Chairman [Mark E. Green](#), R-Tenn., said in [a news release](#) that “the success at our borders will be short-lived if we don’t provide the necessary resources to fund President Trump’s agenda and help CBP fulfill its border-security mission in the years to come.”



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The committee set a Tuesday markup for the bill, which did not go as far as the panel's maximum \$90 billion in net mandatory spending set out in the budget resolution. Adoption of that budget plan earlier this month enabled Republicans to start writing the various pieces of their sweeping reconciliation package, which would require only a simple majority for Senate passage, avoiding the typical 60-vote cloture threshold.

The Homeland Security panel text would appropriate \$46.5 billion for construction of border barriers through September 2029, as well as \$5 billion for CBP facilities and checkpoints on the southern, northern and maritime borders and \$813 million for border patrol vehicles. It also includes \$4.1 billion to hire and train additional CBP and other personnel, more than \$2 billion for annual retention bonuses or signing bonuses to eligible agents and \$600 million for recruiting border security personnel.

The committee also wants to spend almost \$1.1 billion for detection of illegal narcotics crossing the border, nearly \$2.8 billion for border surveillance technologies, \$673 million for biometric entry and exit systems and \$16 million for CBP's National Vetting Center.

The bill also would provide more than \$1.2 billion for Air and Marine Operations' rapid air and marine response capabilities and \$500 million to combat cross-border drug trafficking, including fentanyl. Additionally, the bill includes \$285 million for training newly hired Homeland Security Department law enforcement personnel and \$465 million for federal law enforcement training centers.

Republicans also inserted \$1 million for "commemorating efforts and events related to border security."

The bill contains funding for other Homeland Security-related efforts, including \$300 million for reimbursing costs incurred by state and local law enforcement to protect presidential residences at the Secret Service's request.

The bill would provide \$625 million for security, planning and other costs related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and \$1 billion for security, planning and other costs related to the 2028 Olympics.

And it includes \$500 million for state and local jurisdictions to detect, identify, track or monitor threats from unmanned aircraft systems and \$450 million for grants that help state and local jurisdictions counter terrorism and other threats.

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