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Policy Brief..... FY 2004 Labor / HHS / Education Appropriations

BY THE NUMBERS:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	FY '03 Enacted	FY '04 Request	FY '04 Cmte Bill
Total Appropriations for the Year ¹	132,286	137,990	138,036
<i>Advanced Funding in the Bill</i>	<i>21,508</i>	<i>18,874</i>	<i>19,204</i>
<i>Advanced Funding in Prior Years</i>	<i>19,221</i>	<i>21,498</i>	<i>21,498</i>
<i>Total in Bill</i>	<i>134,679</i>	<i>135,571</i>	<i>138,254</i>

The current Appropriations framework agreed to by Congressional leaders and the Administration calls for reclassifying \$2.2 billion in FY '03 enacted advance funding as regular FY '03 appropriations. That change results in the following:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	FY '03 Revised	FY '04 Request	FY '04 Cmte Bill
Total Appropriations for the Year ¹	134,530	137,990	138,036
<i>Advanced Funding in the Bill</i>	<i>19,264</i>	<i>18,874</i>	<i>19,204</i>
<i>Advanced Funding in Prior Years</i>	<i>19,221</i>	<i>21,498</i>	<i>19,254</i>
<i>Total in Bill</i>	<i>134,679</i>	<i>135,571</i>	<i>138,254</i>

¹Reflects funding in the bill for the current year plus advance funding for the year provided in previous acts.

Excluding any change in advance funding for years beyond FY 04, the Committee Bill would result in a \$3.5 billion or 2.6% increase above last year and \$46 million or 0.03% above the request.

The bill reduces the aggregate level of advanced funding by approximately \$10 million below the adjusted level for last year, but increases advance funding by \$330 million.

The effect of this accounting change is that the Committee was permitted to spend an additional \$2.2 billion in this bill. Absent this accounting change the same \$2.2 billion would have already been spent in last year's bill.

The average annual growth rate for this bill in the House for the 2000-2003 period has been 14.3%

MAJOR DEPARTMENTS PROGRAM LEVEL:

Dollars in Millions

	FY 2003	Request for FY 2004	Cmte Bill for FY 2004	% Change Over Last Year	% Change Over Request
Dept of Labor	11,848	11,622	11,682	-1.4%	0.5%
Dept of HHS	60,083	60,862	61,180	1.8%	0.5%
Dept of Education	53,113	53,139	55,388	4.3%	4.2%

LANGUAGE OF NOTE:

The bill retains numerous provisions carried in past years including:

- Prohibition on use of funds for needle exchanges
- Require Title X (Family Planning) clinics to comply with State laws regarding notification of child abuse and sexual assault
- Preventing discrimination against Medicare+Choice Providers who decline to cover abortions
- Prohibiting funds for abortions (except in the case of rape, incest or to protect the physical health of the mother)
- Dickey-Wicker Ban on Human Embryo Research and Cloning
- Prohibiting the establishment or assignment of unique health identifiers (national medical ID cards)

PROGRAM FUNDING OF NOTE:

Dollars in Millions

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2004	Cmte Vs.	Cmte Vs.	Cmte Vs.	Cmte Vs.
	Enacted	Request	Cmte	FY 2003	Request	FY 2003	Request
OSHA.....	450.3	450.0	450.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.07%	0.00%
DOL Dep. Mgmt.....	387.8	273.5	253.0	-134.8	-20.5	-34.76%	-7.50%
Abstinence Education.....	54.6	73.0	65.0	10.4	-8.0	19.05%	-10.96%
Title X -- Family Planning.....	273.4	264.8	273.4	0.0	8.6	0.00%	3.25%
NIH.....	26,890.8	27,564.0	27,564.0	673.2	0.0	2.50%	0.00%
Impact Aid.....	1,188.2	1,015.5	1,238.3	50.1	222.8	4.22%	21.94%
IDEA Grants to States.....	8,874.4	9,528.5	9,874.4	1,000.0	345.9	11.27%	3.63%
Education Dep. Mgmt.....	536.3	573.9	573.9	37.6	0.0	7.01%	0.00%
Corp for Public Broadcasting (Advance)	390.0	390.0	330.0	-60.0	-60.0	-15.38%	-15.38%