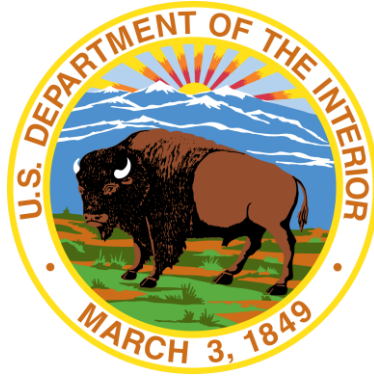


# Tribal/Interior Budget Council

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Agenda

- FY 2022 Regular Appropriations
  - Status Update
  - Continuing Resolution (CR)
  - Debt Ceiling (or Debt Limit)
- Supplemental Appropriations
  - Infrastructure bill
  - Budget Reconciliation bill

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: FY 2022 Regular Appropriations

- 9 of 12 Regular Appropriations bills have passed in the House, with 0 of 12 passed in the Senate.
- The House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies passed a bill closely aligning with the President's FY 2022 top-line Request for Indian Affairs programs.
- Each year, [Appropriations](#) Committee Reports outline funding decisions and requests from Appropriators in Congress to Executive Branch agencies.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: FY 2022 Regular Appropriations

- Since no FY 2022 Regular Appropriations bills are enacted, Congress is working to Pass a Continuing Resolution (CR).
- On September 21, 2021, the House passed a CR funding the government through December 3, 2021, and suspending the debt ceiling through December 16, 2021.
- Republicans in the Senate have expressed that they will not vote to suspend the debt ceiling in a CR, introducing their own stopgap funding measure.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Supplemental Appropriations

- On August 10, 2021, the Senate passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package that includes [key spending provisions](#) related to transportation, water infrastructure, energy, climate resiliency, tax, and a five-year surface transportation authorization.
- House leadership offered to hold a vote on the bill by September 27, 2021, but the need for a CR could substantially affect those plans.
- Democratic leadership is meeting today to discuss the Infrastructure bill, Budget Reconciliation spending, a CR, and the debt limit. More clarity on the procedural path forward is expected Friday, September 23, 2021.

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- On August 23, 2021, the House adopted the Senate's [Budget Resolution](#), which includes \$3.5 trillion in budget reconciliation instructions.
- Budget Reconciliation bill text has been produced by all 13 House Committees, but differences remain between Congressional chambers.
- House Democratic leadership has signaled to be prepared for adjustments and an agreed-to top line spending number.

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- House Budget Reconciliation provisions for Interior currently include:
  - \$2.7 billion for overdue Indian water rights settlements
  - \$1 billion for Tribal climate resilience and adaptation programs
  - \$500 million to improve Tribal housing
  - \$500 million for a Tribal Civilian Climate Corps
  - \$369.8 million for BIE construction, repair, improvement, and maintenance
  - \$300 million for BIA Road Maintenance and to address deferred maintenance backlog
  - \$200 million for BIA Public Safety and Justice Construction
  - \$150 million for near-term drought relief
  - \$100 million for Tribal Wildfire Prevention
  - \$41.1 million for BIE digital infrastructure
  - \$35 million for Tribal energy programs
  - \$30 million for conducting consultation with tribal governments



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- **Budget Reconciliation Next Steps:**
  - Today's meeting between Democratic leadership is critical in shaping the timeline, any changes, and procedural next steps.
  - If the House makes changes that satisfy both chambers, then a rapid vote on Budget Reconciliation spending could occur in early October.
  - Otherwise, the Senate could propose changes and send the bill back to the House.
  - Progressive Democrats have been pushing for the Budget Reconciliation bill to move along with the Infrastructure bill.
  - However, House Majority leadership indicated that moving the reconciliation bill next week is not likely to occur.

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