



FY 2024 House and Senate Mark State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

	FY2023	FY2024 PBR	FY24 PBR – FY23 Enacted % Change	FY2024 APLU Request*	FY2024 House Action	FY2024 Senate Action
STATE-FOREIGN OPERATIONS						
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), <i>Higher Education</i>	285	-	-	350	285	231.5
USAID, <i>Feed the Future Innovation Labs</i>	62	-	-	75	75	75
Department of State, <i>EducationUSA</i>	13	-	-	50	-	-
Department of State, <i>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program</i>	17	16.2	-5%	20	17	17
Department of State, <i>Study Abroad Initiatives, Capacity-Building / Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students (IDEAS) program</i>	2.5	-	-	5	-	2

House Action

[Bill Text](#) | [Committee Report](#)

The House Appropriations Committee advanced the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs [bill](#) on July 13 on a party-line vote. The bill includes a 12 percent cut below the FY23 enacted level. The [bill report](#) notes \$75 million for the Feed the Future Innovation Labs, a 21 percent increase over FY23, and \$17 million for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the same level as FY23. The bill includes \$285 million for USAID higher education assistance programs, \$35 million for new and ongoing partnerships focused on building the higher education institutional capacity and \$50 million to support higher institutions in countries experiencing economic crisis.

Funding levels for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) higher education programs, EducationUSA advising centers, and the Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students (IDEAS) program were not included in the bill report, though the committee iterates its support for funding these programs in FY24. Funding levels for these programs are typically not included in committee reports, so it is not surprising to see many [APLU priority accounts](#) not listed.

Provisions of Note

The bill includes \$700.9 million for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs, including \$287.5 million for the Fulbright program. The committee continues support for the network of educational advising centers located in U.S. embassies and consulates or partner institutions overseas, also known as the EducationUSA network. The report also notes the committee's continued support of the IDEAS program, though does not supply a specific dollar amount of funding.

The bill includes a number of controversial prohibitions on use of funding setting up conflict with Democrats:

Section 7058 (d): Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this Act may be made available to support, directly or indirectly,— (1) the Wuhan Institute of Virology located in the City of Wuhan in the People's Republic of China; (2) the EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.; (3) any laboratory owned or controlled by the governments of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicola's Maduro Moros, or any other country determined by the Secretary of State to be a foreign adversary; or (4) gain-of-function research.

Section 7061: (a) GREEN CLIMATE FUND.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available as a contribution, grant, or any other payment to the Green Climate Fund. (b) CLEAN TECHNOLOGY FUND.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available as a contribution, grant, or any other payment to the Clean Technology Fund. (c) CLIMATE DAMAGES.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to pay compensation to any country, organization, or individual for loss and damages attributed to climate change.

Senate Action

[Bill Text](#) | [Committee Report](#)

The Senate Appropriations Committee advanced the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs [bill](#) July 20 in a bipartisan 27-2 vote, and also released the committee [report](#). The bill details \$231.5 million for higher education assistance programs within USAID, \$75 million for Feed the Future Innovation Labs, a 21 percent increase over FY23, and \$17 million for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, equal to FY23 enacted levels. The IDEAS program was cut 25 percent, dropping to \$2 million. EducationUSA was not included in the bill report.

Provisions of Note

The bill includes a topline of \$779.5 million for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs, including \$287.8 million for the Fulbright program. Of the \$231.5 million for USAID higher education assistance programs, \$35 million is for new and ongoing partnerships between American institutions and developing countries focused on increasing the capacity of institutions and systems in developing countries. The Committee encourages the Secretary of State to incorporate recommendations of the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program into the IDEAS program. The report includes a line directing the

Secretary of State to consult with appropriators on the establishment of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program, a longstanding priority of APLU, if authorized. The bill requires the USAID Administrator to establish a new Feed the Future Innovation Lab focused on science-based crop improvement research in conjunction with the appropriations committees.

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