

NCI Legislative Update

NCI Council of Research Advocates

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Today's Talk

- FY25 Appropriations
- Legislative Issues to Watch
- Engagement & Advocacy

	FY24 Enacted March 23	FY25 POTUS Budget Released March 11
NIH*	\$47.36 B (includes +\$300 M to the NIH base and - \$678 M in mandatory funds under 21 st Century Cures)	\$50.12 B (+\$2.44 B proposed over FY23 enacted)
NCI	\$7.22 B (Includes +\$120 M for NCI's base; net - \$96 M given end of MS mandatory funds)	\$7.839 B discretionary (Sustain \$216 M, + \$522 M over FY23) \$1.448 B mandatory proposal for MS
ARPA-H	\$1.5 B (flat)	\$1.5 B (flat)

**NIH totals include NCI. NIH totals do not include ARPA-H.*

HOW NCI RECEIVES ITS FUNDING



STEP 1

The White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) coordinates with federal agencies to formulate the President's Budget, which covers all federal agencies, including the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and National Institutes of Health (NIH), and reflects the President's priorities. The President submits the budget to Congress, which must pass appropriations legislation that funds federal agencies.



STEP 2

The Congressional appropriations committees consider the President's Budget as they prepare appropriations legislation for the next fiscal year.

FY25



STEP 3

The appropriations committees finalize their legislative proposals, and the House and Senate consider the proposed legislation. Once passed and reconciled into a unified bill, Congress sends the legislation to the President.



STEP 4

The President signs the appropriations bill into law, making funds available to executive agencies, including NCI and NIH.

NCI Professional Judgment Authority

The National Cancer Act of 1971 gives the NCI Director special authority to submit an annual professional judgment budget directly to the President for review and delivery to Congress. This budget reflects NCI cancer research priorities and identifies areas of potential investment in cancer research.

Cole secures Appropriations gavel ahead of fraught budget cycle

Challenges include tamping down unrest on the right, with lawmakers upset over last month's \$1.2 trillion package

“Appropriations is the best committee in Congress. It’s still a genuinely bipartisan committee in terms of its demeanor and behavior.

You have to get something done every year. One way or another, you’re going to fund the government.”





“Biomedical research is like the military: You can’t create it overnight. You have to make sustained investments.”

“I am a defense hawk...but you don’t just defend the American people against terrorist attacks, but against pandemics as well. And you’re a lot more likely to die in a pandemic than a terrorist attack. To cut NIH so we can spend more on defense is not the appropriate balance.”

“We also live in a world with Ebola, Zika and SARS — and I promise you the president is much more likely in his term to have a deal with a pandemic than an act of terrorism. I hope he doesn’t have to deal with either one, but you have to be ready to deal with both.”

House Labor-HHS Proposal: Released 6/26, Subcommittee Mark-up scheduled 6/27

14 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
15 NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE
16 For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS
17 Act with respect to cancer, \$7,875,289,000, of which up
18 to \$45,000,000 may be used for facilities repairs and im-
19 provements at the National Cancer Institute—Frederick
20 Federally Funded Research and Development Center in
21 Frederick, Maryland.

“We are directing valuable taxpayer dollars where they can best impact the nation. This bill prioritizes research for novel treatments that can save and transform lives—and we strengthen our medical supply chains and biodefense capabilities.”

**House Appropriations Committee Chair,
Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)**

Key points:

- The House Labor-HHS bill is written to a topline level that is **below FY24 enacted levels**
- Proposes **flat funding for NIH** at approximately \$48B
- Proposes **\$7.875B for NCI**, a proposed increase of approximately \$655M
- The proposed increase for NCI is a result of proposed restructuring within NIH (it is unclear whether the Senate will support this approach)
- This is not a bi-partisan bill, it is expected to move out of the subcommittee tomorrow along party lines



PRESIDENT'S 2025 NIH BUDGET REQUEST

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS,
Education & Related Agencies



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5/23/2024 - Senate LHHS Appropriations Hearing on FY 2025 Budget Request



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NHLBI

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Dr. Jeanne Mrazek
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Dr. Richard Hodes
NIA

Dr. Nora Volkow
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**Dr. W. Kimryn Rathmell
NCI Director**



**Dr. Monica Bertagnoli
NIH Director**



**Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo
NIAID Director**

2024 CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR

 Both chambers in session

 Senate only in session

 House only in session

June

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Eid al-Adha (begins)	17	18	19 Juneteenth Eid al-Adha (ends)	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

July

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 GOP National Conv.	16 GOP National Conv.	17 GOP National Conv.	18	19	20
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August

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September

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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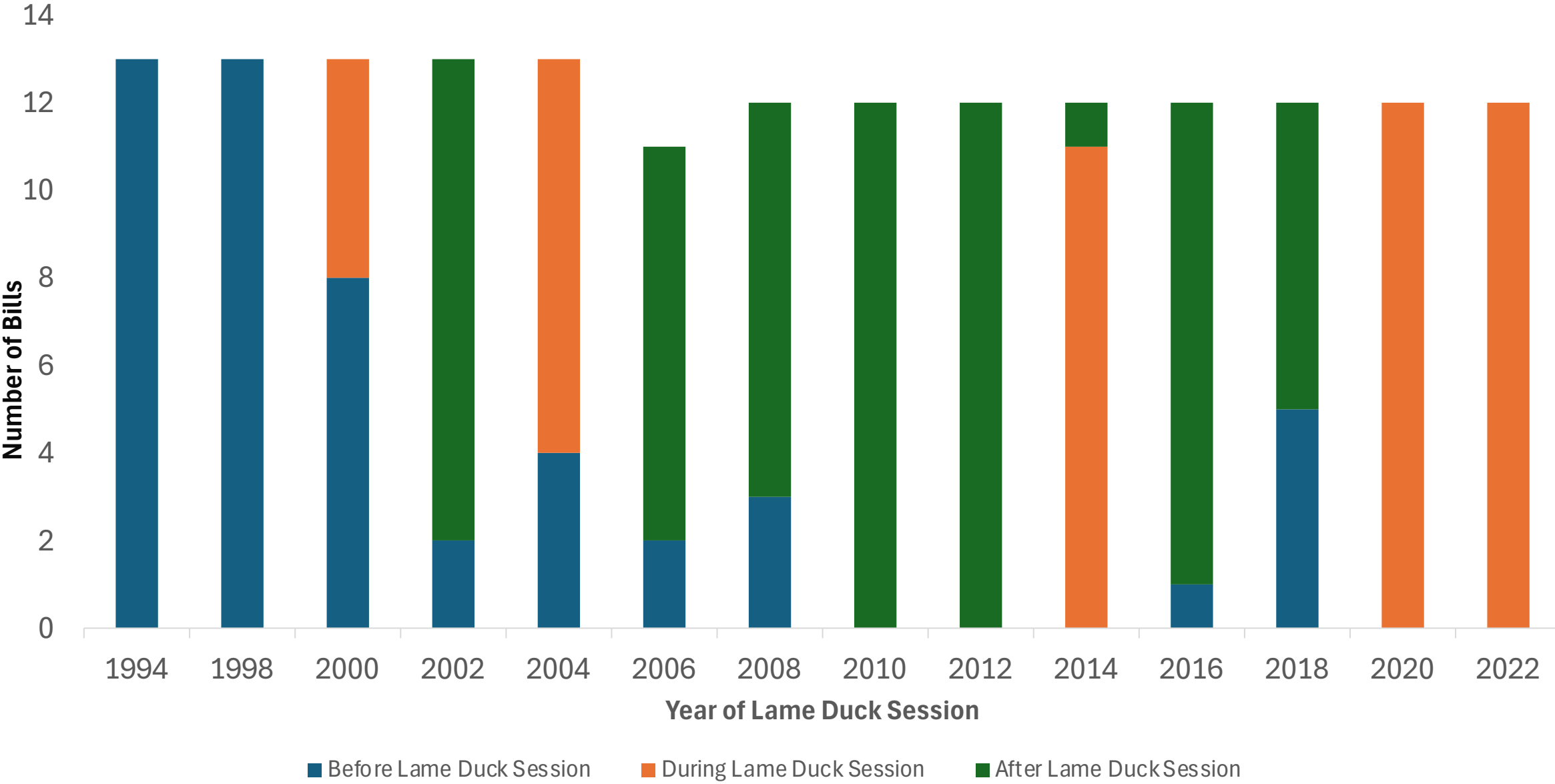
October

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3 Rosh Hashana (begins)	4 Rosh Hashana (ends)	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Yom Kippur (begins)	12 Yom Kippur (ends)
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
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November

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5 Election Day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Spending Bills Enacted Before, During, and After Lame Duck Sessions 1994-2022

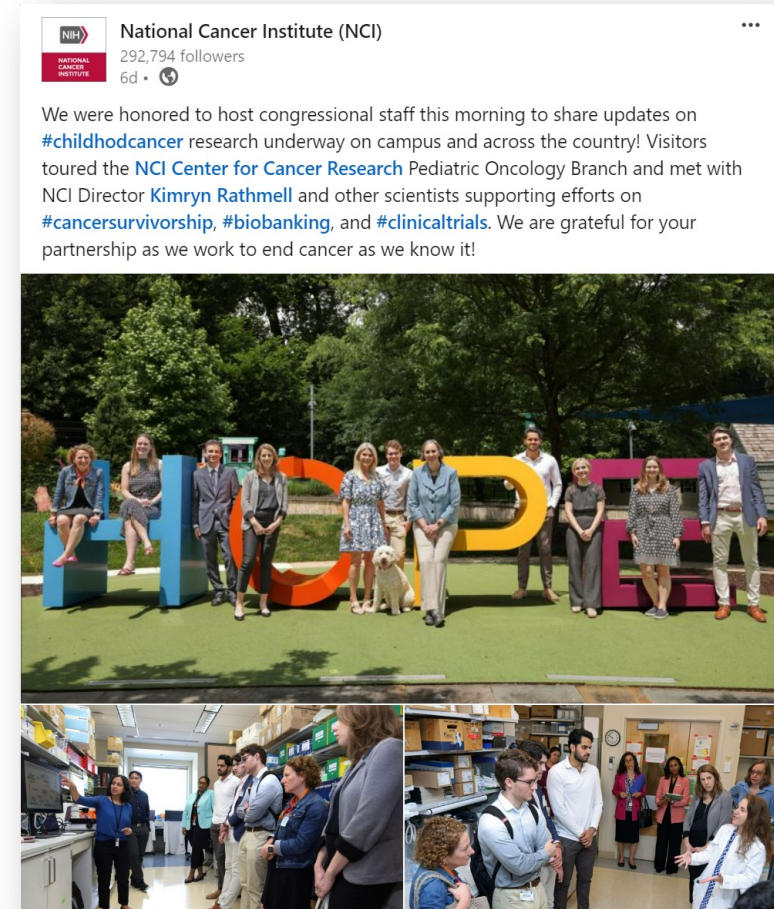


FY25 Appropriations

- Continuing resolution (CR) until after the election
- Outcomes affects scope of lame duck (LD) activities
- In both 2020 & 2022, **all 12** spending bills enacted **during** LD
- In 2016 & 2018, 11 and 7 bills were enacted **after** LD
- 2024 ???

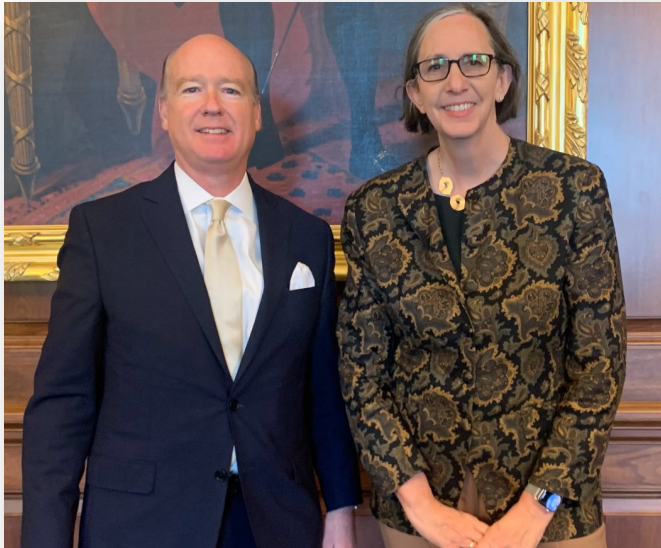
Recent Congressional Briefing and Visit

- Dr. Sanya Springfield (NCI's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities) speaks at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Cancer Disparities Progress Report Congressional Briefing, *May 15, 2024*
- Congressional Staff Meet with NCI Director Dr. Kimryn Rathmell and NCI Pediatric Oncology Experts, *May 29, 2024*

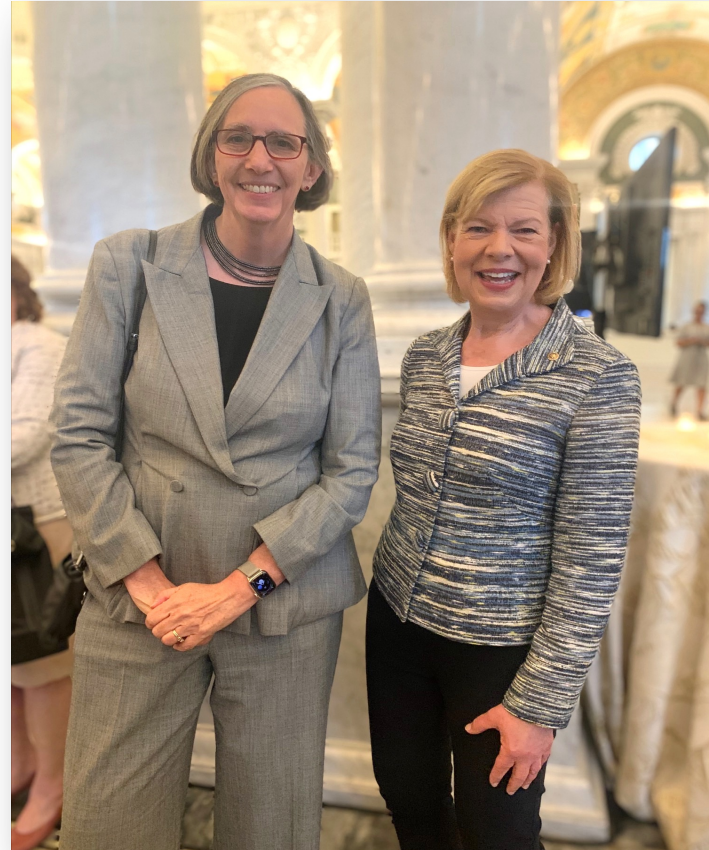




House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)



House Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Chair Robert Aderholt (R-AL)



Senate Appropriations L-HHS Subcommittee Chair Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)



 **Joe Morelle** 
@RepJoeMorelle

Today I met with [@theNCI](#) Director Dr. Kimryn Rathmell to discuss the transformative work happening at [@WilmotCancer](#).

The fight against cancer is deeply personal for me. Together, we're working to advance research and support families fighting this devastating disease.

Legislative Issues to Watch

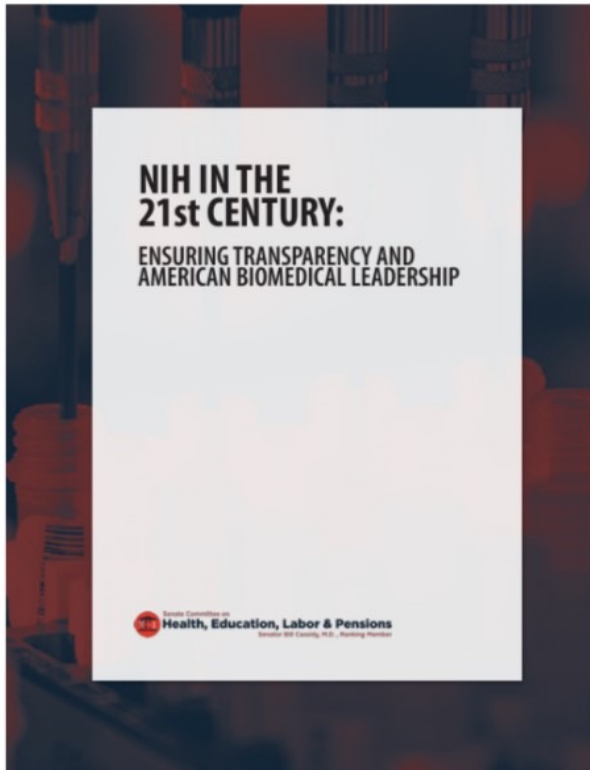
- Telehealth Extensions
- Drug Shortages
- Improving Clinical Trials
- Artificial Intelligence
- NIH-Specific legislation (?)

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)

05.09.2024

Ranking Member Cassidy Releases New Proposals to Modernize NIH

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), ranking member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, released a [white paper](#) detailing proposals to improve the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Last year, Cassidy [requested feedback](#) from stakeholders on policies Congress could consider to modernize NIH.



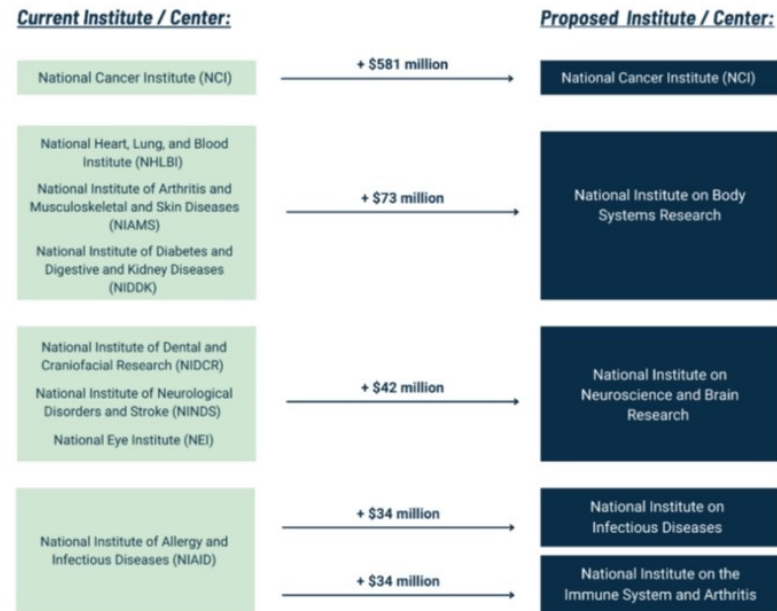
Sen. Bill Cassidy's (R-LA) proposals address several areas:

- Research prioritization and portfolio balance
- Sustaining U.S. competitive advantage in biomedical research
- Opportunities to streamline peer review
- Recruitment and retention of biomedical workforce
- Opportunities to enhance transparency and trust
- Reducing administrative burden on researchers

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Chair Rodgers Unveils Framework for NIH Reform, Requests Stakeholder Input

Jun 14, 2024 [Press Release](#) [Health](#) [In the News](#)



Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers' (R-WA) framework recommends structural and other reforms:

- Proposes consolidation of 27 Institutes and Centers to 15 (NCI, NIMH, and NIA would **not** be consolidated)
- Calls for a commission to review NIH, provide public reporting, and make recommendations for improvement
- Proposes limiting IC Director terms to five-years, and no more than two, consecutive terms
- Encourages a focus on innovation and public-private partnerships
- Emphasizes financial disclosure, as well as oversight and accountability regarding misconduct and harassment
- Calls for transparency regarding indirect costs, and proposes reform
- Calls for reform of the grants process, including a focus on national security, grantee compliance, and overall priority setting

Reps. DeGette, Bucshon Seek Stakeholder Input on Next-Generation Cures Bill

June 6, 2024 [Press Release](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, **Congresswoman Diana DeGette (CO-01)** and **Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08)** sent a letter to stakeholders, interest groups, and health care advocates requesting information on what Congress can do to bring about the next generation of treatments.

21st Century Cures 2.0 RFI asks for input on the following by August 2, 2024:

- Do the policies included in Cures 2.0 that have advanced through legislation or executive action meet the needs that the original Cures 2.0 bill aimed to address?
- What elements might be missing that are essential for further progress?
- What additional reforms, support mechanisms, or incentives are needed to enhance or improve the effectiveness of the steps already taken, including any structural reform to agencies, offices, or programs involved?

Cancer Research - Engagement & Advocacy

AACI/AACR Hill Day May 2024



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ASCO Hill Day, ASCO Annual Meeting



Questions?

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