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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

TRP Key Local Government Issues

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Highlights of what's happened and what we anticipate

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

CALENDAR

While the House is in recess, the Senate returns today amid a lapse in Section 702 surveillance authorities covered under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) after both chambers failed to pass a short-term extension last week. Democrats remain opposed to extending FISA authorities so long as Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Director Bill Pulte is slated to take over as acting Director of National Intelligence (DNI) this Friday. To that end, Senate Republicans are offering an "off-ramp" in which the Intelligence Committee allows for an expedited confirmation of President Trump's permanent nominee for DNI — former Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chair Jay Clayton — before Mr. Pulte is scheduled to become acting DNI. The move to speed up consideration of Mr. Clayton's nomination in the Senate would require unanimous support from Intelligence Committee members, which is largely dependent on his testimony before the committee at his confirmation hearing on Wednesday.

Even if this is resolved, a legislative effort to extend Section 702 could face increased headwinds given President Trump's demands over the weekend to include text of the GOP's federal voter ID bill known as the "SAVE America Act" as part of the package. Alongside consideration of FISA and pending nominations, the Senate will also reportedly take up an updated version of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act ([H.R. 6644](#)).

- Click [here](#) to view TRP's combined House & Senate 2026 calendar.

THIS WEEK IN APPROPRIATIONS

STATUS OF FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS

The Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC) has still not rescheduled the Senate-side beginning of the fiscal year (FY) 2027 spending process, listing its markup of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (Ag-FDA), Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS), and Legislative Branch bills as "to be rescheduled". Chair. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) have cited disagreements over topline spending numbers as part of the reason for this.

- Click [here](#) to see TRP's breakdown of funding for key items of importance in FY 2027.
- Click [here](#) to view the schedule of House markups for the each of the 12 FY 2027 funding bills.
- Click [here](#) to see TRP's chart tracking the current status of each FY 2027 appropriations bill.
- Click [here](#) to see TRP's breakdown of key items of importance for local governments in the President's FY 2027 Budget Request.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

STATUS OF BIPARTISAN HOUSING LEGISLATION

As mentioned above, the Senate will also reportedly take up an updated version of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act ([H.R. 6644](#)), which has gone back and forth between both chambers since last year. The latest intel from Capitol Hill suggests that the Senate will vote on a package that preserves all of the House-passed provisions and restores some Senate proposals that were struck by the House. Of note, a modified version of President Trump's proposed ban of housing investments by large institutional investors is expected to be retained, as well as some community banking provisions championed by House Financial Services Committee Chair French Hill (R-AR). We'll be monitoring for more information on the revised housing package and what's expected to be included in this latest round of negotiations.

\$700M IN DOJ LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Justice (DOJ) [announced](#) that the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has released nearly \$700 million in grant Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) through seven programs.

TRUCK WEIGHTS IN THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL

Stakeholders have expressed concerns about an amendment in the BUILD America 250 Act that would establish a pilot program increasing the weight limit for trucks on federal highways to up to 91,000 pounds. TRP's analysis of key provisions in the bill before adoption of amendments is available [here](#), as is our [summary](#) of the T&I markup.

HFSC HOLDS HEARING ON HUD DISASTER RELIEF

On June 10, the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing examining local needs in disaster recovery and the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). TRP's hearing summary has been made available to clients; please don't hesitate to reach out for more information.

OMB RELEASES PROPOSED RULE OVERHAULING GUIDANCE FOR FEDERAL GRANTS

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released a [proposed rule](#) that would revise the uniform guidance for federal financial assistance, imposing a series of new policies on federal funding awards. Among other things, the new guidance includes:

- Restrictions on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policies for federal awardees, consistent with the Trump administration's executive orders (EOs) on the matter.
- Greater authority for federal agencies to terminate grants and awards.
- Limitations on the uses of federal funds and the elimination of fixed amount awards unless explicitly authorized by federal statute.
- Limitations on the types of events that can be held on property controlled by public entities that are grant awardees, whether the events are federally funded or not.
- A requirement that all federal awards be reviewed by political appointees prior to issuance

Comments on the rule are due by July 13, 2026. OMB has indicated that any final rule issued would be effective on October 1, 2026, to coincide with the start of fiscal year (FY) 2027. TRP's note on the matter can be found [here](#).

TRP MEMO: GREAT AMERICAN AI ACT OVERVIEW

TRP has published a new policy memo detailing provisions included within Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA) and Lori Trahan's (D-MA) draft Great American Artificial Intelligence Act. Click [here](#) to read the memo.

TRP MIDTERM ELECTION REPORT: JUNE 2026 UPDATE

TRP's second special report on the 2026 midterm elections includes slides that cover: (1) statistical context for recent midterm elections; (2) 2026 midterm election electorate issues; (3) the 2026 primary calendar for all 50 states; (4) context on mid-decade redistricting; (5) retirements in the House & Senate, including a look at who's coming off of key committees in the House; (6) 2026 House and Senate ratings via the Cook Political Report; and more. Click [here](#) to view the special report.

RECONCILIATION BILL INCLUDES PROVISION PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ICE IN SANCTUARY CITIES

The reconciliation [package](#) providing funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) includes a provision providing \$350 million of ICE to perform enforcement activities in areas that do not meet the bill's definition of a "qualified cooperating jurisdiction". Additionally the language broadens the range of individuals that may be subject to ICE enforcement activities. Stakeholders, including local government entities, have expressed [concerns](#) about the provision's impacts.

TRP RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND STATE ROADMAP: KEY UPDATES

To help clients navigate the One Big Beautiful Bill Act's (OBBBA) Rural Health Transformation Fund (RHTF), TRP provides a state-by-state "roadmap" that translates each application into a standardized profile of proposed initiatives, priority activity areas, use-of-funds categories, and (now) FY 2026 award amounts. TRP's [RHTF State Roadmap](#), recently updated with new details from 19 states, is designed to remain a live resource and will be updated as states finalize budgets, negotiate implementation details with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and begin issuing funding and procurement opportunities tied to RHTF initiatives.

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