

# Monthly Policy Report



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# NCDA Federal Policy Update

## **Work in Congress:**

In May, we met with the following offices:

Rep. GT Thompson (R-PA)  
Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA)  
Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA)  
Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)  
Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)  
Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)  
Sen. JD Vance (R-OH)  
Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
Senate HELP Majority (Sanders)  
Senate HELP Minority (Cassidy)

We have an outstanding meeting with Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) to complete.

A full summary of hill day meetings will be uploaded into the NCDA share drive. Some key highlights include:

- We learned of some key issues of disagreements between the Senate minority and majority regarding the WIOA Reauthorization. Specifically, the 50% mandate to use funds for job training as opposed to wrap around services. There does seem to be agreement on the need for more funding in general and that was echoed by both House and Senate Democrats, which is a positive sign as we continue our push to pass an expanded program.

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## House Farm Bill Update

In the Farm Bill passed by the House Agriculture Committee in May 2024, several provisions focus on education, especially for land-grant universities and historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs):

- 1. Infrastructure and Research Facilities:** The bill includes significant funding proposals aimed at upgrading research facilities at 1890 land-grant universities, which are predominantly HBCUs. This funding is intended to enhance their capacity for advanced agricultural research and community support.
- 2. Equity in Funding:** Efforts within the bill aim to ensure a more equitable distribution of federal funds to 1890 land-grant universities. Historically, these institutions have received less funding compared to their 1862 counterparts. The bill seeks to address these disparities by improving funding ratios and ensuring that states meet their matching fund requirements.
- 3. Support for Educational Programs:** The bill also includes provisions to support educational programs that enhance student success and workforce development in agriculture. This involves expanding centers of excellence at these universities, focusing on areas such as nutrition, health, and precision agriculture.

These measures are part of a broader effort to support rural communities and improve agricultural education, research, and development at HBCUs and other land-grant institutions.

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## Other News:

1. Executive Order on Women's Health: President Biden signed an executive order aimed at advancing women's health research and innovation. This includes investments in research on a wide range of women's health issues, support for private sector innovation through increased federal funding, and initiatives to improve early detection and treatment of conditions affecting women. These efforts can impact career development professionals working in healthcare by providing new research opportunities and innovations that could inform career counseling and development programs in the health sector.
2. Federal Reserve Meeting: The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting held on April 30-May 1, 2024, discussed economic conditions and monetary policy, which can influence the job market and economic stability. Decisions made in this meeting can have implications for career development professionals advising clients on job market trends and economic conditions.

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## Senate Activity

### 1. Hearings:

- The Senate held multiple hearings across various committees. Notable hearings included the Armed Services Committee's reviews of military readiness and defense authorization requests for FY2025. The Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee conducted oversight of federal housing regulators on April 18, 2024. The Finance Committee discussed the President's 2024 Trade Policy Agenda on April 17, 2024. The Special Committee on Aging addressed the long-term care workforce crisis on April 16, 2024.
- In May, the Armed Services Committee continued its defense authorization reviews with hearings on Army and Air Force modernization, Navy and Marine Corps investments, and missile defense activities. The Foreign Relations Committee focused on international issues, including U.S. policy on Taiwan and conflict in Sudan. The Appropriations Committee held several hearings related to FY2025 appropriations for defense, energy, and homeland security.

### 2. Legislation:

- The Senate considered the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which aimed to address budgetary constraints and reduce the national deficit. There were also significant debates on border security, including measures related to subterranean border defense.

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## House of Representatives Activity

- Hearings:
  - The Financial Services Committee held hearings on SEC climate rules, ransomware threats to financial systems, and CFPB financial reporting. The Homeland Security Committee reviewed the FY2025 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security. The Energy and Commerce Committee explored the future of autonomous delivery services.
  - In May, the House introduced 12 public bills (H.R. 8581-8591) and 4 resolutions (H.J. Res. 162 and H. Res. 1265-1267). Key topics included border security, with hearings on drone use in emergency response and foreign anomalous health incidents.

## Summary

During this period, Congress was actively engaged in addressing critical national issues. The Senate's activities were dominated by defense and foreign policy hearings, along with significant legislative efforts like the Fiscal Responsibility Act. The House of Representatives focused on financial regulation, homeland security, and emerging technologies. Both chambers worked on appropriations for FY2025, reflecting a continued emphasis on budgetary oversight and fiscal responsibility.

These activities highlight Congress's efforts to balance immediate national security concerns with long-term strategic initiatives and economic policies. For detailed information, the official websites of the Senate and House committees provide comprehensive records of hearings and legislative actions.