

AMENDMENTS TO THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS
AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY2024

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
June 13, 2023



Rep. Carter
FY24 MILCON/VA
Manager's Amendment

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FY24
Manager's Amendment
Rep. John Carter
June 13, 2023

Bill Language

1. Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

In the bill:

Page 8, line 25 – strike “179,572,000” and insert “330,572,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

2. Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army

In the bill:

Page 10, line 18 – strike “385,485,000” and insert “395,485,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

3. Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps

In the bill:

Page 11, line 7 – strike “363,854,000” and insert “373,854,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

4. Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force

In the bill:

Page 11, line 20 – strike “314,386,000” and insert “324,386,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

5. Unfunded Requirements (Sec. 124)

In the bill:

Page 21, line 4 – strike “104,100,000” and insert “47,700,000”.

Page 21, line 8 – strike “328,300,000” and insert “204,300,000”.

Page 21, line 12 – strike “10,400,000” and insert “26,800,000”.

Page 21, line 14 – strike “153,742,000” and insert “126,742,000”.

Page 21, line 14 – insert ““Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$40,000,000;”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

6. Unspecified Minor Construction for Demolition (Sec. 132)

In the bill:

Page 26, line 8 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “10,000,000”.

Page 26, line 10 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “10,000,000”.

Page 26, line 12 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “10,000,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

7. U.S. Space Command

In the bill:

On page 28, insert the following new section:

SEC. __. a) None of the funds made available by this Act for the Department of the Air Force, or any other Department and Agency, may be obligated or expended for the construction or modification of facilities for temporary or permanent use by the United States Space Command for headquarters operations unless, pursuant to subsection (b), the preferred location for permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command is selected or until the required report is submitted.

(b) In the event a permanent location for the headquarters is selected other than the preferred location as identified by the Department of the Air Force in January 2021, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional appropriations committees a report on the rationale for the selection of a permanent location for the headquarters of the United States Space Command.

(c) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any repair necessary to maintain facilities to protect personnel or property.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

8. Medical Services

In the bill:

Beginning on Page 34, line 12 – strike “\$2,277,955,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2023; and, in addition,”.

Page 34, line 15 – strike “78,231,685,000” and insert “71,000,000,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

9. Medical Community Care

In the bill:

Beginning on Page 35, line 24 – strike “\$836,782,000, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2023, and, in addition,”.

Page 36, line 2 – strike “33,604,857,000” and insert “20,382,000,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

10. Medical Support and Compliance

In the bill:

Page 36, line 17 – strike “12,800,000,000” and insert “11,800,000,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

11. Medical Facilities

In the bill:

Beginning on page 37, line 13 strike “\$4,518,566,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, which shall be in addition to funds previously appropriated under this heading that become available on October 1, 2023, and which may be transferred to “Construction, Major Projects” and “Construction, Minor Projects; and, in addition,”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

12. Toxic Exposures Fund

In the bill:

Beginning on Page 47, line 20 – strike “COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND” and all the text under that heading.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

13. Rescissions

In the bill:

Page 79, line 18 – add the following new section:

SEC. 256. Of the unobligated balances available to the Department of Veterans Affairs from prior appropriations Acts, the following funds are hereby rescinded from the following accounts in the amounts specified:

“Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services”, \$4,933,113,000;

“Veterans Health Administration—Medical Community Care”, \$1,909,069,000;

and “Veterans Health Administration—Medical Facilities”, \$250,515,000.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

14. Toxic Exposures Fund Reporting Requirement

In the bill:

Page 79, line 18 – add the following new section:

“Sec. 257. Not later than 30 days after the date the funds become available, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations an expenditure plan for funds made available through the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (P.L. 118-5) for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

Report Language

1. Space Command Headquarters

In the report: On page 11, before the header “Military Construction, Defense-Wide” add the following:

U.S. Space Command Headquarters.— The Committee is concerned that the Department has not finalized a permanent location for the United States Space Command headquarters after nearly five years of consideration and the impact on national security. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary to announce a decision expeditiously and directs the Department to provide a report within 90 days of enactment of this Act regarding any funds that have been obligated or expended in all previous fiscal years for the construction, renovation, or improvement of facilities, including all leases, for Space Command Headquarters.

2. Family Housing – Indoor Air Quality

In the report: On page 15, strike the paragraph titled “Indoor Air Quality” and insert the following:

Indoor Air Quality.— The Committee remains concerned that servicemembers and their families could be subject to unhealthy living conditions, including potentially dangerous indoor air quality, in military family housing constructed and managed by privatized housing providers, as well as in Unaccompanied Personnel Housing. The Committee has been aware of the poor quality of service provided by privatized housing partners, as well as the deteriorating housing conditions. The Department and housing partners are directed to regularly monitor housing conditions and adhere to Environmental Protection Agency guidance and recommended mitigation procedures for those areas where there is evidence of potential health effects, including mold and other indoor air health risks.

3. Family Housing – Privatized Housing

In the report: On page 15, strike the paragraph titled “Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI)” and insert the following:

Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI).—Recognizing the importance of adequate and safe housing to the readiness of the U.S. military and wellbeing of servicemembers and their families, the Committee continues to direct the Services to prioritize the oversight of the privatized housing. While the Department and Services have improved their internal processes, hired staff, and increased their oversight of housing partners, the Committee continues to hear reports of poor housing conditions, slow response times, and indifference towards requests for assistance. The Committee looks forward to reviewing the report required by Division J of Public Law 117–328 regarding the plan to address these issues.

The Committee provides an additional \$30,000,000 above the budget request to expand oversight of the entire housing portfolio, including government-owned and controlled family housing and privatized family and unaccompanied housing. The Committee requests an expenditure plan detailing the planned use of these funds within 30 days of enactment of this Act, including the specific, additional oversight activities these funds above the budget request will allow.

4. Veterans Health Administration

In the report: Beginning on page 26, under the heading “Veterans Health Administration” strike the second, third, and fourth paragraphs.

5. Veterans Health Administration

In the report: On page 26, under the heading “Veterans Health Administration” insert the following after the first paragraph:

The bill includes a total of \$121,011,303,000 for veterans’ medical care. The Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (P.L. 118-5) provided a total of \$20,268,000,000 for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal year 2024, including \$17,116,000,000 for veterans’ medical care. The combined total appropriated by this Act and the Fiscal Responsibility Act for veterans medical care is \$138,127,303,000, equal to the President’s Budget request.

In addition, the bill includes a total of \$112,582,000,000 in advance appropriations for fiscal year 2025. The Fiscal Responsibility Act also provided \$24,455,000,000 in advance appropriations for the Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal year 2025, including \$21,454,542,000 for veterans’ medical care. The combined total appropriated by this Act and the Fiscal Responsibility Act is \$134,036,542,000 for medical care for fiscal year 2025, as requested.

6. Veterans Health Administration

In the report: On page 27, strike the paragraph before the paragraph titled “Ambulance Services” and insert the following:

The Committee provides \$112,582,000,000 in advance for fiscal year 2025, equal to the budget request.

7. Essential Medical Products

In the report: On page 27, strike the last paragraph and insert the following:

Essential Medical Products.—The United States’ manufacturing capacity for essential medical products is at serious risk due to organized efforts by Chinese manufacturers to enter the U.S. market in response to inflationary pressures faced by U.S.-based manufacturers, distributors, and providers. The current shift toward purchasing Chinese-made health care supplies is drastic and occurring at a pace that will leave U.S. hospitals dependent on Chinese supplied products. The Committee strongly urges the Department to address this issue and prioritize purchasing decisions that support domestic-based manufacturing for critical healthcare products required for VA medical facility operations, such as those that supply medical supplies like needles and syringes. The Committee strongly supports efforts to protect national security and vulnerable domestic supply chains for critical industries, like medical supplies. The Committee requests the Department provide a report, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, on efforts to strengthen the VA’s medical facilities supply chain with U.S. domestically produced products. Specifically, the Department should report on any cross-agency efforts it is involved in to shore up the domestic supply of essential medical products and steps taken to expand VA’s use of domestically produced essential medical products.

8. Dermatological Care for Veterans

In the report: On page 29, strike the paragraph titled “Dermatological Care for Veterans” and insert the following:

Dermatological Care for Veterans.—The Committee recognizes that veterans may have experienced large amounts of ultraviolet radiation during their service in the military and have an increased risk of skin cancer. Recent studies, including those by the National Institutes of Health and as reported in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, compared the rates of skin cancer among military and veteran populations to nonmilitary populations in the United States, finding members of the military and veterans may have higher incidence of skin cancer. As such, the Committee directs the department to provide a report no later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act regarding the Department’s approach to skin cancer, its views on recent studies, and on veterans’ access to dermatology screening, dermatologists, and trained Mohs micrographic surgeons.

9. Dental Care Report

In the report: On page 30, strike the paragraph titled “Dental Care Report” and insert the following:

Dental Care Report.—The Committee understands that veterans may experience a large oral disease burden, and therefore an integrated and whole-person approach is needed to prevent and manage oral disease in this population. The Committee urges the Department to offer robust dental healthcare services to veterans and requests a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act assessing the state of the Department’s oral healthcare program and its ability to adequately meet current and future needs. The report should include an assessment of the Department’s infrastructure serving the oral health needs of veterans enrolled in VA healthcare and the additional infrastructure that would be needed if eligibility were expanded.

10. Pressure Injuries

In the report: On page 32, strike the paragraph titled “Pressure Injuries” and insert the following:

Pressure Injuries.—The Committee supports the development and use of an evidence-based standard of care for pressure injury prevention and treatment and encourages VA to update recommendations and guidelines to ensure they are consistent with current evidence from a variety of relevant sources, such as the 2019 International Guidelines and the newly revised SPIPP Checklist (version 2.0).

11. Use of Autonomous Robots

In the report: On Page 32, strike paragraph 6, titled “Use of Autonomous Robots”.

12. Use of Burn Pits in Southeast Asia

In the report: On page 37, before the paragraph titled “PFAS Research” add the following:

Use of Burn Pits During the Vietnam War.—The Committee notes that burn-barrel latrines and burn pits were used in many base camps, fire bases, and landing zones in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and that exposure at that time may be causing or contributing to chronic conditions that adversely affect the health and wellness today of veterans of that era. The Committee requests the Government Accountability Office report on the health outcomes, including an assessment of the data available, of veterans exposed to burn pits and other related sites during the Vietnam War.

13. Respiratory Therapists

In the report: On page 43, strike the paragraph titled “Respiratory Therapists” and insert the following:

Respiratory Therapists.—The Committee recognizes the important role respiratory therapists play as part of care teams treating respiratory conditions in veterans and encourages the Department to ensure respiratory therapists are available where needed. The Committee is concerned there may be gaps in coverage of respiratory therapists in VA for veterans with certain respiratory conditions, particularly as additional veterans become eligible under the PACT Act (P.L. 117-168). The Committee requests that the Department evaluate staffing needs for respiratory therapists using a validated system and include the results in the annual Staffing Report.

14. Effects of Toxic Exposures on Women Veterans

In the report: On page 46, strike the paragraph titled “Effects of Toxic Exposures on Women Veterans” and insert the following:

Effects of Toxic Exposures on Women Veterans.—The Committee recognizes the effects of toxic exposure on women veterans, and that the effects of toxic exposure may manifest differently between men and women. To provide full and effective medical care, it is essential for the Department to understand the health effects of women veterans exposed to toxins during their service. The Committee encourages the Department to continue and expand its research on the effects of toxic exposure and ensure specific research on women veterans is included in these efforts. The Committee also encourages that a commensurate number of women veterans relative to the total women veteran population are utilized in research studies, especially in those pertaining to effects of toxic exposure on veterans. The Committee looks forward to receiving the report requested in House Report 117-391 on the metrics of women veterans participating in trials and strategies.

15. Metastatic Cancer Research.

In the report: On page 47, strike the paragraph titled “Metastatic Cancer Research” and insert the following:

Metastatic Cancer Research.—While recent research has revealed that there is a genetic basis for susceptibility to metastatic cancer or resistance to metastasis, more research is required to develop a comprehensive understanding of this complex process. Clinical trials are an important aspect of that progress, and a diverse representation of patients in clinical trials is integral to the development of medications and therapies that effectively treat disease. Demographics and genetics play a role in the safety and efficacy of a treatment for an individual. To achieve representation of the demographics of the U.S. population in these trials, the Committee directs VA to partner with the Department of Defense to fully implement the outstanding recommendations made by the April 2018 Task Force Report to Congress on Metastatic Cancer.

16. Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities

In the report: On page 55, above the heading “Grants for Construction of Veterans Cemeteries” insert the following:

The Committee directs the Department to work with states to ensure new facilities and expansions are eligible to receive the full amount of federal funding as authorized under current law.

17. Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund

In the report: On page 56, strike the first three paragraphs under the heading “Cost of War Toxic Exposure Fund”, and insert the following:

The recently enacted Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (P.L. 118-5) included \$20,268,000,000 for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF), as requested by the President’s fiscal year 2024 budget request. The Fiscal Responsibility Act also included \$24,455,000,000 in advance appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for the TEF.

The Department is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations an expenditure plan for funds provided for the TEF by the Fiscal Responsibility Act within 30 days of the filing of this report with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Withdrawn

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. ____ (VA/MILCON
APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2024)
OFFERED BY MR. ZINKE OF MONTANA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

- 1 SEC. ____ None of the funds appropriated or other-
2 wise made available by this Act may be used to—
- 3 (1) administer, implement, or enforce the final
4 rule issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs re-
5 lating to “Change in Rates VA Pays for Special
6 Modes of Transportation” (88 Fed. Reg. 10032)
7 and published on February 16, 2023; or
- 8 (2) change any rate the Secretary pays for the
9 transportation, by ground ambulance, rotary-wing
10 ambulance, or fixed-wing air ambulance, of an indi-
11 vidual so such individual may receive health care
12 furnished by the Secretary.



#3

Ranking Member Wasserman Schultz
FY24 – MilConVA
Amendment #1

Amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

Appropriations Bill

Offered by Ms. Wasserman Schultz of Florida

Strike section 135 (related to Guantanamo Bay).

Strike section 412 (related to Guantanamo Bay).

In the Committee Report, make conforming changes related to the sections struck by this amendment.

In the Committee Report, on page 50, strike the paragraph titled, “VA Public Affairs”.

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Community Pharmacies

In the Report, where appropriate, add the following:

Community Pharmacies – The Committee requests a report, within 120 days of enactment of this Act, on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the use of community pharmacies, including an assessment of cost, veteran access, and effect on rural delivery.

#5

Rep. Barbara Lee
FY24 – MilConVA
Amendment #1

Amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

Appropriations Bill

Offered by Ms. Barbara Lee of California

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On page 53, line 2, strike “\$86,481,000” and insert “\$145,408,000”.

Strike section 414 (related to diversity, equity, and inclusion).

Strike section 415 (related to critical race theory).

In the Committee Report, make conforming changes related to the sections struck by this amendment.

In the Committee Report, on page 49, strike the paragraph titled, “Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion”.

#6

**Chairman John Carter
MILCON/VA Subcommittee on Appropriations
FY24 MILCON/VA Appropriations Bill
GOP En Bloc Amendment**

Bill

Adopted
34-27

1. Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps

In the bill:

Page 3, line 15 – strike “4,567,961,000” and insert “4,477,961,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

2. Military Construction, Defense-Wide

In the bill:

Page 5, line 8 – strike “2,665,047,000” and insert “2,651,047,000”.

Page 5, line 17 – strike “308,045,000” and insert “304,045,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

3. Unfunded Requirements (Sec. 124)

In the bill:

Page 21, line 8 – strike “204,300,000” and insert “148,300,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

4. Unspecified Minor Construction for Demolition (Sec. 132.)

In the bill:

Page 25, line 23 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “15,000,000”.

Page 25, line 25 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “15,000,000”.

Page 26, line 2 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “15,000,000”.

Page 26, line 4 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “15,000,000”.

Page 26, line 6 – strike “20,000,000” and insert “15,000,000”.

Page 26, line 8 – strike “10,000,000” and insert “5,000,000”.

Page 26, line 10 – strike “10,000,000” and insert “5,000,000”.

Page 26, line 12 – strike “10,000,000” and insert “5,000,000”.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

5. VA Abortion Interim Final Rule

In the bill: On page 79, insert the following new section:

Sec. _____. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out the Department of Veterans Affairs interim final rule published on September 9, 2022, or any successor to such rule, or to propose, promulgate, or implement any substantially similar rule or policy.

(b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be expended for any abortion, including through a medical benefits package or health benefits program that includes coverage of abortion.

(c) The limitations established in subsection (b) shall not apply to an abortion--

(1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or

(2) in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

6. Surgical Procedures or Hormone Therapies for Gender Affirming Care

In the bill: On page 79, insert the following new section:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for surgical procedures or hormone therapies for the purposes of gender affirming care.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

7. Flags at VA Facilities

In the bill: On page 79, insert the following new section:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to fly or display a flag over a facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs or a national cemetery other than the flag of the United States, the flag of a State, Territory, or District of Columbia, the flag of an Indian Tribal government, the flag of the Department, the flag of an Armed Force, or the POW/MIA flag.

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

8. Prohibition on Religious Discrimination

In the bill: On page 88, prior to the header “Spending Reduction Account”, insert the following new section:

Sec. __. (a) In general.—Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman.

(b) Discriminatory action defined.—As used in subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action taken by the Federal Government to—

(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to in subsection (a);

(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;

(3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, license, certification, accreditation, employment, or other similar position or status from or to such person;

(4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or

(5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access or an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and nonpublic fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.

(c) Accreditation; Licensure; Certification.—The Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for such purposes but for a determination against such person wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

In the report: Make technical and conforming changes.

9. Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training

In the bill: On page 88, prior to the header “Spending Reduction Account”, insert the following new section:

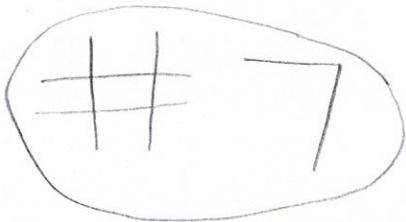
SEC. __. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for any office, programs, or activity for the purposes of diversity, equity, and inclusion training or implementation.

Report

1. Congressional Oversight of VA's Actions on Abortion

In the report: On page 19, before "Customer Service", insert the following new paragraph:

Congressional Oversight of VA's Actions on Abortion.—The bill prohibits funding to implement, administer, or otherwise carry out the Department's illegal actions in the interim final rule published September 9, 2022. The interim final rule clearly violated Section 106 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-585; Title 38 U.S.C. 1710 note). The Committee directs the Department to provide a report within 30 days of enactment, and every 180 days thereafter, to the Committee on Appropriations of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the United States Senate containing the following information, disaggregated by State: (1) the number of abortions the Department has provided in VA facilities since September 9, 2022; (2) the number of abortions performed elsewhere and funded by the Department since September 9, 2022; (3) under which exception each abortion provided or funded by the Department has qualified; (4) the total amount expended on each abortion; and (5) the criteria used and documentation required by the Department to determine when an exception allowing for an abortion applies.



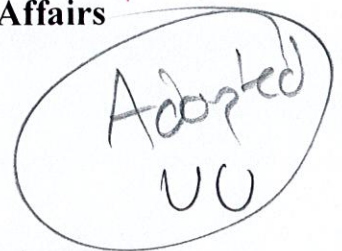
Rep. Josh Harder
FY24 - MilCon-VA
Amendment #1

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Amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

Appropriations Bill

Offered by Mr. Josh Harder of California



In the report: On page 43, before the header "Medical Community Care", insert the following:

Primary Care Physician Shortages.—The Committee is concerned by the growing shortage of primary care physicians (PCPs) across the VA Health Care system, and therefore directs VA to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 90 days of enactment of this Act that 1) describes the current benchmark for patient-to-PCP ratio including what the standard is and how many hospitals and clinics fall short of the standard; 2) details which VA clinics have seen a 50 percent or greater reduction of full time primary care physicians in the previous 15 months; and 3) explains how the Department intends to address these shortages while reducing individual clinic dependence on VISN floating staff. The report should also include recommendations for legislative or administrative action that could support efforts to address this PCP shortage.

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