

Language in FY22 Commerce-Justice-Science Funding Bill for Hiring New Immigration Judges

The Committee recommends \$891,190,000 for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), of which \$4,000,000 is from immigration examination fees. The recommendation is \$157,190,000 above fiscal year 2021 and equal to the request. The Committee recognizes that beginning in fiscal year 2008, EOIR has received, through transfer, \$4,000,000 from immigration examination fees collected by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This fee is the primary funding source for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) within DHS. The Committee encourages EOIR to engage with its DHS counterparts regarding EOIR's requirements that need to be considered as part of any future USCIS fee rules and during its annual budget formulation process. The recommendation supports the level of funding requested to hire an additional 100 immigration judges and support personnel. The Committee emphasizes that the primary mission of the EOIR is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws, and it is critical that EOIR hires highly qualified, diverse immigration judges to ensure the adjudication process is impartial and consistent with due process. The Committee is aware that EOIR is evaluating its training program and directs EOIR to update the Committee on any changes to the program following its review. Further, the Committee directs consistency in its training for all current and new immigration judge hires. The Committee directs EOIR to continue to submit monthly reports on performance

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