

## **Agriculture:**

1. Research at Hispanic Serving Institutions: Adding HSI's to the list of minority institutions the Committee encourages National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to work with for research to support biotechnology.

“Research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions.--The Committee encourages NIFA to continue to support biotechnology by promoting research at the land-grant colleges and universities, including the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, and directs NIFA to encourage partnerships among universities and industry.”

## **CJS**

1. STEM Education and Accountability Programs (SEAP): Ensuring that NASA partners with HSI's and HBC's through its SEAP programs.

“NASA shall brief the committee on the intended distribution of SEAP resources to individual activities; how that distribution compares to the fiscal year 2015 distribution of SEAP funding; how that distribution supports the priorities contained in the government-wide STEM education strategic plan; and what partnerships NASA has formed through its various SEAP programs with Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities”

2. Encouraging NSF to invest in STEM education at HSI's: This language stresses to NSF that the Committee is looking at its efforts to enact the America COMPETES Act and specifically the section which directed NSF to establish a new program for HSI's.

“Broadening participation programs.--To broaden the participation of underrepresented populations in STEM education programs and, ultimately, the STEM workforce, the recommendation provides no less than \$35,000,000 for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program; \$46,000,000 for the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation; and \$14,000,000 for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program. In addition, the Committee reminds NSF about the America COMPETES Act of 2010, which directed NSF to establish a new program for Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) and authorized \$30,000,000 for this purpose. NSF shall report to the Committee on the distribution of HSI targeted opportunities across programs and demonstrate a \$30,000,000 investment no later than September 30, 2016.”

## **Defense**

1. Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI's): Adds HSI's to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program, which provides access to scientific and technical information products and services to faculty, staff and students to help encourage minority participation in STEM education.

“The Committee recommendation includes \$10,000,000 above the request for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions Program (HBCU/MI). The HBCU/MI program provides access to scientific and technical information products and services to faculty, staff, and students of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities,

Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and other minority serving institutions.

The Committee remains concerned about the long-term development of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workforce pipeline for underrepresented minorities. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to emphasize STEM education improvement within the HBCU/MI program and to focus on increasing the participation of minority students through engaged mentoring, enriched research experiences, and opportunities to publish, present, and network. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to consider these factors when awarding competitive funding under this program, and directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act that details plans to expand STEM opportunities for underrepresented minorities.”

### **Energy & Water**

1. Inclusion of Hispanic Serving Institutions: Encouraging the Department of Energy’s National Laboratories and the NNSA to continue to develop and broaden partnerships with HSI’s.

“The Committee recognizes the importance of workplace diversity in the Department of Energy’s National Laboratories. The Committee encourages the Department to continue to develop and broaden partnerships with minority serving institutions, including Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In particular, the Committee encourages programs involving undergraduate research experiences, high speed computing access and education, nonproliferation studies, and research inclusive of the social sciences.”

“Academic Alliances and Partnerships.--The Committee recommends \$49,800,000 for Academic Alliances and Partnerships. Funding for these activities was requested within the Science and Site Stewardship programs. Within this amount, \$33,300,000 is provided for the Stewardship Science Academic Alliance Program. The NNSA reduced funding for its university partnership program in its budget request by 7.5 percent. Undercutting these foundational partnerships will ultimately weaken the scientific base upon which the NNSA relies to certify the nuclear stockpile. Also within this amount, \$16,500,000 is provided for the Minority Serving Institution Partnerships Program. The Committee supports the educational and research partnerships of the Department and encourages additional partnerships to be developed with minority serving institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) to ensure diversity within the next generation of scientists and researchers addressing nuclear security and environmental management issues.”

### **Financial Services**

1. HSIs and HBCs Recruitment: Includes a focus on federal hiring at HSI’s and HBC’s.

“As part of OPM’s mission to recruit and hire the most talented and diverse Federal workforce, the Committee encourages Federal agencies to increase recruitment efforts within the United States and the territories utilizing Hispanic Serving Institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.”

### **Labor-HHS-Education**

1. HSI in STEM Education: Requiring updates in the FY17 budget request on the latest efforts around STEM education and specific actions related to HSI's

“Updates.--In addition the specific interest items, the Committee requests general updates in the fiscal year 2017 budget request for each of the listed disease, condition, or topic to describe the latest efforts ongoing and planned: ... Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics (to include specific actions related to Hispanic Serving Institutions, and other minority serving institutions);”

### **MilCon-VA**

1. HSI Affiliations with VA Health Care Facilities: Encourages the VA to work in collaboration with medical schools at HSI's.

“Medical school affiliations with VA health care facilities.--The Committee continues to prioritize collaboration between VA and medical schools. The Committee acknowledges the improved collaboration, particularly with smaller community-based sites. However, the Committee continues to be concerned by the lack of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) medical school participation and collaboration with the local VA hospitals in areas where HBCU and HSI medical schools are located. The Committee directs the Secretary to provide a report on VA's plan for expansion of HBCU and HSI medical school participation with local VA medical facilities. The report should be submitted to the Committee no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act.”

### **THUD**

1. Minority Business Outreach: Encouraging the Department to partner with HSI's.

“The agreement provides \$3,084,000 for minority business outreach.

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The Committee encourages the Department to partner with Hispanic serving institutions and historically black college and universities for research and information dissemination with regards to minority owned businesses.”