

Commerce, Justice, Science

Provisions Contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018

Investing in the Arctic

- **Arctic Research:** Included language prioritizing arctic research funded under OAR's Climate Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes and Regional Climate Data and Information.

Protecting our Oceans and Fisheries

- **Marine Debris:** Provides an increase of \$500,000 for NOAA's Marine Debris Program, which includes removal of abandoned vessels and pilings that harm the ecosystem and hinder recreational fishing.
- **Ocean Observing:** Reduces duplicative efforts by directing federal agencies collecting regional observations to better integrate and disseminate information to users.
- **National Sea Grant Program:** Provided \$65 million for extension, outreach activities, education, and research that will support the growing coastal community utilization of key Sea Grant services within their numerous focus areas.
- **Disaster Repair:** Directs regional entities to assess current spending practices for resources that become damaged or unworkable as a result of hurricanes or other significant storms, including continually replacing damaged assets instead of repairing them or seeking to use hardened designs.
- **Fisheries Disaster Funding:** Additional \$20 million for fishery disasters on top of \$200 million fisheries disaster funding for West Coast states.

Justice

- **Opioid/Heroin Grants:** \$446.5 million in grants to help states, tribes and communities address the opioid/heroin epidemic which is an increase of nearly \$300 million.
- **Election Integrity:** Directs the FBI to focus counterintelligence and cybersecurity efforts to ensuring the integrity of U.S. elections and deterring foreign hackers, including increased information sharing with the states.
- **Violence Against Women Act Programs:** \$492 million, including \$1 million for violence against Native women and \$4 million to help tribes implement the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction established by the 2013 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

- **Comprehensive School Safety Initiative:** \$75 million to help ensure lifesaving resources are available to states and schools to stop violence before it happens, reauthorized by the *STOP School Violence Act*, legislation Senator Murkowski cosponsored.
- **Therapeutic Courts:** \$75 million for drug courts and \$20 million for veterans' treatment courts.
- **Youth Mentoring Grants:** \$94 million to fund both independent local programs and national programs like Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- **Regional Information Sharing Systems:** \$36 million for a computer network which allows state and local law enforcement within a particular region to share information and intelligence among their agencies. It has strong support from Alaska's law enforcement community.
- **Tribal COPS Grant Programs:** \$30 million for the program which supports hiring of tribal police and equipping of Village Public Safety Officers Alaska.
- **Legal Services Corporation:** \$410 million, a portion of which supports Alaska Legal Services Corporation.