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The House and Senate Appropriations Committees passed their fiscal year (FY) 2014 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies appropriations bills this July.

The Senate appropriations bill approves \$52.272 billion in discretionary spending for CJS agencies, 0.5 percent above the President's FY 2014 request. The House appropriations bill approves \$47.4 billion in discretionary spending for the subcommittee, 9.9 percent below the President's request. The CJS appropriations subcommittees have jurisdiction over National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), as well as the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) within the Department of Commerce. Within NSF, the proposed budgets for geoscience research and development (R&D) programs vary by \$76 million between the House and Senate. The FY 2014 House appropriations bill provides \$1.274 billion for Geosciences (GEO) R&D – 3.6 percent below FY 2012 actual levels – while the Senate bill allows for \$1.35 billion for GEO R&D – an increase of 2.2 percent from FY 2012.

Similarly, funding for NASA's geoscience programs varies widely between the House and Senate appropriations bills. Earth Science programs are targeted for key cuts within the House appropriations bill while the Senate figures remain consistent with the President's \$1.846 billion request for Earth Science programs. The House bill provides \$1.659 billion for NASA Earth Science programs; 6 percent below FY 2012 actual levels and more than 10 percent below the President's request.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) provides summary reports on the current status of R&D appropriations.
