

ICE to get huge funding boost in package

Senate Republicans include \$150 billion in immigration and border spending.

By Andrea Castillo

WASHINGTON — Building the border wall. Increasing detention capacity. Hiring thousands of immigration agents.

The budget bill narrowly approved by the Senate on Tuesday includes massive funding infusions — roughly \$150 billion — toward immigration and border enforcement. If passed, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” will cement President Trump’s hard-line legacy on immigration.

The budget bill would make Immigration and Customs Enforcement the highest-funded law enforcement agency in the federal government, exceeding its current yearly \$3.4-billion detention budget many times over. It also would impose fees on immigration services that were once free or less expensive and make it easier for local law enforcement to work with federal authorities on immigration.

The 940-page Senate bill will now head back to the House, which passed its version in May, also by one vote, 215 to 214. The two chambers must now reconcile the two versions of the bill.

Though the legislation is still evolving, the immigration provisions in the House and Senate versions are similar and not subject to the intense debates on other issues, such as Medicaid or taxes.

Many of the funds would be available for four years, though some have longer or shorter timelines. The Congressional Budget Office es-

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A VISIT TO ‘ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ’

President Trump tours Florida’s detention center for immigrants with Gov. Ron DeSantis and Homeland Security chief Kristi Noem. **NATION, A5**

Senate passes megabill with a tiebreaking vote

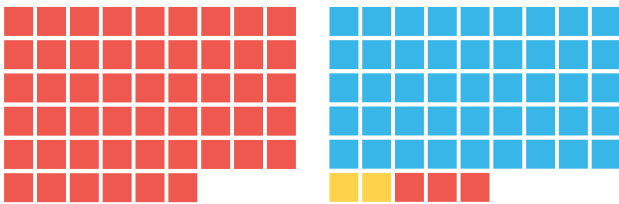


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SEN. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) said her decision to vote for President Trump’s bill was “agonizing.”

51-50 vote

Vice President JD Vance cast the tiebreaking vote in the Senate on Tuesday after Republicans Susan Collins of Maine, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Thom Tillis of North Carolina voted with the Democratic caucus.



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How state law reform will affect home building

Changes in California environmental act will remove a major construction hurdle.

By Liam Dillon and Taryn Luna

This week, Gov. Gavin Newsom touched one of the third rails of California politics. He hopes the result sends a shock through the state’s home-building industry.

Newsom strong-armed the state Legislature into passing what experts believe are the most significant changes to the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, since the law was signed in 1970.

The changes waive CEQA for just about any proposed low- or mid-rise development in urban neighborhoods zoned for multifamily housing. No more thousand-page studies of soils, the shadows the buildings may cast and traffic they may bring. No more risk of CEQA lawsuits from angry neighbors.

Wiping away these rules shows that no matter how challenging the politics, the state will remove the barriers it has built over decades

that have ended up stifling housing construction and suffocating Californians’ ability to live affordably, the governor said when signing the legislation Monday evening.

“The world we invented has been competing against us,” Newsom said. “We have got to perform.”

Californians won’t have to wait long for the effects of the reforms. They took effect with the stroke of the governor’s pen.

At least in the short term, the result may be less of an immediate impact on construction and more of a revolution in how development in California cities gets done. Numerous hurdles both within and outside of the control of local and state governments — interest rates, availability of labor, zoning, material prices and tariffs among them — still will determine if housing is built. What’s changed is that the key point of leverage outside groups have wielded, for good and for ill, over housing construction in California communities is gone.

It can be hard to understand how CEQA became, in the words of one critic, “the law that swallowed California.”

At base, all CEQA says is [See CEQA, A14]



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CALIFORNIA legislators and Gov. Gavin Newsom passed significant changes regarding home building.

A big change for housing development

Newsom tied major reform of landmark environmental act to passage of the state’s budget. **NATION, A14**

China is kicking up use of AI in movies

As Hollywood keeps its guard up, tech is being used to revamp classic kung fu films.

By Wendy Lee

Hollywood’s relationship with artificial intelligence is fraught, as studios balance the need to cut costs with growing concerns from actors, directors and crew members. But in China, efforts to use AI in entertainment are taking a more no-holds-barred approach.

The China Film Foundation, a nonprofit fund under the Chinese government, plans to use AI to revitalize 100 kung fu classics including “Police Story,” “Once Upon a Time in China” and “Fist of Fury,” featuring Jackie Chan, Jet Li and Bruce Lee, respectively. The foundation said it will part-

ner with businesses including Shanghai Canxing Culture & Media Co., which will license 100 Hong Kong films to AI companies to reintroduce those movies to younger audiences globally.

The foundation said there are opportunities to use AI to tell those stories through animation, for example. There are plans to release an animated version of director John Woo’s 1986 film “A Better Tomorrow” that uses AI to “reinterpret” Woo’s “signature visual language,” according to an English transcript of the announcement.

“By empowering cultural storytelling with technology, we can breathe new life into the classics and tell China’s stories farther and louder,” said Zhang Pimin, chairman of the China Film Foundation, at the Shanghai International Film Festival in June.

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CALIFORNIA National Guard troops at a federal building in Santa Ana in June.

Even in O.C., arrests of immigrants spark dissent

By Hannah Fry and Christopher Buchanan

As protests broke out in cities across Southern California over President Trump’s aggressive immigration enforcement sweeps, the mood in Huntington Beach was celebratory.

“Make America Great Again” and “Trump 2024” banners waved at the intersection of Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway as the president’s supporters turned out at a protest last month. One sign held up by a teen encouraged attendees

to “support your local ICE raid.”

It wasn’t a surprise in the conservative beach town where leaders had months earlier declared Huntington Beach a nonsanctuary city. At the time, the city filed a lawsuit against the state over its law limiting cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, arguing that illegal immigration was to blame for a rise in crime.

“Huntington Beach will not sit idly by and allow the obstructionist sanctuary state law to put our 200,000 residents at risk of harm

from those who seek to commit violent crimes on U.S. soil,” Mayor Pat Burns said at the time.

Elsewhere in Orange County, particularly in cities with higher immigrant populations, the conversation about the raids has been much more muted. Republicans who voted for Trump and support his efforts to deport those who have committed crimes expressed hesitation about the sweeps that have targeted workers and longtime residents.

A group of Republican legislators in California, in-

[See Raids, A8]

Trump freezes school funding

State is hit hard by decision to withhold money for English learners, migrant kids.

By Howard Blume

The Trump administration on Monday moved to withhold a projected \$6.8 billion nationwide in education funds — including at least \$811 million from California — money appropriated by Congress to help students who are learning English and those who are from migrant families, as well as funds to boost teacher training, after-school programs and classroom technology.

The administration on Tuesday morning emphasized that no final decision had been made on the release of the funds, and cited instances in which some of the money had been used in ways contrary to its policies.

Although the frozen funds make up less than 1% of California’s total education budget, they have an outside cumulative effect. And they involve dollars that already have been accounted for in terms of staff hired and programs planned.

“There have been many rumors about the Trump Administration cutting edu-

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Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart dies

The fire-and-brimstone TV preacher, who raised a fortune before falling from grace, was 90. **NATION, A7**

Partial verdict in Combs trial

Jury has decided on four of five counts. Judge tells the panel to keep deliberating. **BUSINESS, A10**

Weather

Turning sunny. L.A. Basin: 80/60. **B6**

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Kershaw about to hurl into history

Dodgers star is on verge of 3,000 strikeouts with career built on three-pitch mix. **SPORTS, B10**

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