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What the Revival of 'Build Back Better' Could Mean for State and Local Funding.

Senate Democrats appear to be moving forward with a slimmed down version of the social and environmental spending package following a failed push last year.

Optimism is growing that Senate Democrats could try again to pass President Biden's Build Back Better plan. While environmental advocates expect the previous \$1.75 trillion proposal to be significantly scaled back, hundreds of billions of dollars in climate funding could still be headed to states and local governments.

"The chatter on the Hill is very hopeful. The bill could be very significant and game-changing for climate and communities," John Reuter, the League of Conservation Voters' vice president for state and local strategies, told *Route Fifty* in an interview.

Since the House version of the plan was blocked in the Senate by moderate West Virginia Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin last year, he and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York have been negotiating behind the scenes on a new, smaller proposal.

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