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NLC: Local Impacts from Congress' One, Big, Beautiful Bill

On July 3, the House passed the Senate's version of the One, Big, Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) in a vote of 218-214. This followed the Senate's passage on July 1 by a vote of 51-50, with Vice President Vance casting the deciding vote. Ultimately, Sens. Tillis (R-NC), Paul (R-KY) and Collins (R-ME) and Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Massie (R-KY) voted against the bill, along with every Democrat and Independent. President Trump signed the bill into law on July 4.

Key Takeaways

- Key outreach from local leaders across the country produced several local government wins, including the preservation of tax-exemption on municipal bonds, a temporary raise to the SALT deduction and improved incentives for private investment in underserved communities.
- The bill rescinds a substantial amount of funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Neighborhood Access and Equity grants, as well as unobligated funding from several emissions reduction grants under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- The bill maintains the direct pay mechanism created through the Inflation Reduction Act, it accelerates the phase out of tax credits for solar and wind projects and adds new requirements around supply chain components that will likely limit the ability of local governments to take advantage of the direct pay program.
- Significant cuts were made to social safety net programs, including $186 billion through 2034 for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and $1 trillion from Medicaid.
- The bill significantly expands federal immigration enforcement capacity while providing targeted funding to support local public safety and security efforts related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympics, including $500 million to enhance local capabilities for detecting threats from unmanned aerial systems.

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