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## **FEDERAL**

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Budget**

On September 30, 2023, Congress passed a 45-day continuing resolution (H.R. 5860) to prevent a federal government shutdown. The legislation extended Fiscal Year 2023 funding levels through November 17, 2023, and included \$16 billion in disaster relief funds.

In mid-November the Congress passed legislation extending funding for military construction, veterans benefits, transportation (including FAA), housing, urban development, agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and energy and water programs through January 19, 2024. Funding for all other federal operations, including Homeland Security which includes the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), was extended to February 2, 2024.

On January 18, 2024, Congress passed another continuing resolution that extends federal funding through March 1, 2024 for the agencies set to expire on January 19, 2024, which included the FAA. The other agencies were extended to March 8, 2024, including TSA.

### **FAA Reauthorization**

[The FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018](#) was signed into law on October 5, 2018. It extended FAA's funding and authorities through federal fiscal year 2023, which ended on September 30, 2023. As part of a continuing resolution, Congress passed a bill extending the FAA's authorization for three months, through December 31, 2023. Congress passed another extension (HR 6503) providing the FAA authorization through March 8, 2024.

The bill extends the FAA's authority to collect taxes and fees on passengers, cargo, and fuel and spend revenue through the end of the year. Discussions are expected to

reconvene in January to pass the five-year FAA Reauthorization bill. The current text for the final reauthorization bill provides long-term stability and funding for the FAA, authorizes the safety work of the National Transportation Safety Board, addresses airport infrastructure needs, and includes provisions to improve and streamline FAA programs.

The Senate is planning to mark up the FAA reauthorization legislation (S. 1939) on February 8, 2024, according to the Chair of the Aviation Subcommittee.

## **STATE**

### **California Bill Update**

#### 2023 Legislative Session – Bills to Monitor

- AB 929 (McKinnor)
  - Permits continued consumption of alcohol outside the designated concessionaire areas within an airport terminal. The California Airports Council supports this bill.
- SB 720 (Stern)
  - Requires Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) to create a stakeholder group to identify and pursue opportunities to attract and develop sustainable aviation fuel production and infrastructure in the state to help reach the goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in California. Creates additional reporting requirements to the California State Air Resources Board for public and private airports with more than 50,000 annual takeoffs in a disadvantaged community. Violations of certain provisions of this proposed bill would be a crime. The California Airports Council opposes this bill as currently written.
- SB 903 (Skinner)
  - Bill to phase out the sale of products with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.