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As previously [reported](#) by PNWA, on July 27, the U.S. Senate passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) under budget reconciliation rules by a vote of 51-50. The bill contains funding for emissions reduction, resiliency, and air quality improvement at ports, regulatory staffing capacity at NOAA and the EPA, and studies to evaluate effects of ocean conditions on species among other tax, energy, and health care provisions. On August 12, the U.S. House of Representatives [passed](#) the \$740 billion reconciliation bill by a vote of 220 to 207. President Biden is anticipated to sign the legislation into law. Key highlights from the bill:

- \$3 billion in grants to reduce emissions at ports (\$750 million set aside for non-attainment areas)
- Zero emissions equipment cannot be fully automated to protect jobs
- \$60 million to the EPA for grants for diesel emissions reduction
- \$1 billion for clean heavy duty vehicles grants and rebate program (\$400m set aside for non-attainment areas)
- \$100 million to Federal Highways Administration to assist with environmental review for surfacetransportation projects
- \$20 million to NOAA for efficient permit reviews
- \$40 million to the EPA for efficient permit reviews
- \$50 million for climate research including changing ocean conditions effects on marine species and coastal habitat