

NJOMA '08 Funding Restored!

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Johnson O'Malley Funding Restored in the House and Senate

Interior Appropriations Subcommittees

On June 11, 2007, the House Subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies reported an increase for Indian education in an amount \$39 million above the President's request and \$41 million above 2007, "to improve education ranging from elementary and secondary schools to adult education". This includes fully restoring the Johnson-O'Malley assistance grants to \$16.5 million to support education programs for Indian tribes nationwide.

The report went on to say:

The Committee has once again rejected the Administration's proposal to eliminate the Johnson-O'Malley Education Assistance grants. Every attempt by this Administration to terminate this program has been resoundingly rejected by Congress. The feckless justification for the termination of this program- that Department of Education programs can take the place of these grants- has never been substantiated or explained to any level of adequacy. The Committee implores the Administration to include this program in future requests.