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## **Senate Appropriations Committee Supports Homeland Security Cooperation**

On June 21, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed its Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill, which includes funding for U.S.-Israel Homeland Security (HLS) cooperation. According to AIPAC's News Hub, should the relevant provision make it to the president's desk, Congress will have quadrupled its annual funding of U.S.-Israel non-defense programs in a period of just two years. The road to this unprecedented HLS funding began in 2014 when the U.S.-Israel Strategic Partnership Act authorized DHS to develop pilot programs with Israel. Following this, DHS initiated a three-year pilot with Israel's Ministry of Public Safety (MOPS) that supported first-responder and wearable technologies collaboration. With the pilot now winding down, this year's congressional funding will provide for the long-term viability and growth of the program, and enable its expansion into the areas of cybersecurity, border security, maritime security, biometrics and video analytics.

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