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The Obama administration wants more money for wage-and-hour enforcement next year, even as it asks for less funding overall for the Department of Labor.

The administration's final budget request—for fiscal year 2017, which begins Oct. 1—seeks \$12.8 billion to fund the DOL next year, less than the \$13.2 billion it asked for last year. Congress wound up granting the department \$12.2 billion.

The DOL's FY2017 budget, however, proposes spending \$277 million on Wage and

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More than \$2 billion for a Paid-Leave Partnership Initiative to assist up to five states to launch paid-leave programs. Some of that would fund development of paid family and medical leave programs at the state level.

More than \$205 million for the Employee Benefits Security Administration to bolster employer-based retirement plans. EBSA also proposes an additional \$100 million to finance pilots to test new ways of making retirement benefits more accessible and portable for workers.

A cost-neutral suite of reforms to modernize and improve the Unemployment Insurance program so more workers have access to benefits if they lose a job.

Online resource: Find a summary of the DOL's 2017 budget request at [dol.gov/general/budget](http://dol.gov/general/budget).

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