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## **President Trump, Republicans Still Face Defense Spending Showdown**

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The president's fiscal 2018 budget request is \$52 billion above the budget-control cap. The request is also three times more than the average amount by which Congress has been able to raise caps in the past. The unreconciled House and Senate budgets are about \$90 billion above defense caps, according to Katherine Blakely, a research fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA).