



Committee Update

February 26, 2020

Notes from Call with Senator Warren's Staff

Higher Education Committee Members,

I wanted to send along links to bills and data we discussed last week on our call with Senator Warren's Education Policy Advisor.

- HEA
 - The House Committee on Education and Labor passed the [College Affordability Act](#) as their version of HEA Reauthorization. The bill could be considered on the House floor.
 - The Senate HELP Committee is still negotiating their version. If legislation is agreed to, and passed by the Committee and the Senate, the chambers could reconcile their versions. If HEA negotiations fall apart before FY 2021 budget is voted on, areas of compromise could be adopted through appropriations.
 - We discussed some measures that are being discussed as part of this package:
 - The [College Transparency Act](#) (S. 800) will likely be included
 - Strengthening the state-federal partnership
 - Streamlining loan programs
 - Discussions continue regarding how Title IX can be addressed
- We discussed the [College Student Hunger Act](#) (S.2143), which the Senator introduced.
- Finally, we discussed data regarding loan repayment broken down by race. Here is a [link to the data](#) and an [analysis of the data](#), which showed that nearly half of African-American borrowers defaulted on a student loan in the cohort studied. There is also a [follow-up analysis](#) based on more recent data and [a letter Senator Warren wrote to the Education Department in 2018](#) about these findings.