

HR 5549

HIGHER ED Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law. (May 22, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 22, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1927	Related bill	Oct 5, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6361-6362; text of measure as introduced: CR S6362)
115 HR 2366	Related bill	Jun 7, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
115 HR 2526	Related bill	May 18, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
115 HR 2477	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
115 S 1162	Related bill	May 17, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S3015)

Helping Individuals Get a Higher Education while Reducing Education Debt Act or the HIGHER ED Act

This bill assists certain student borrowers with reducing their debt for higher education. Among other things, the bill allows existing public and private students loans to be refinanced into federal loans, broadly changes loan terms, such as repayment and interest for student loans, authorizes graduate and professional students to receive subsidized Stafford Loans, and makes federal student loans dischargeable in bankruptcy proceedings.

Actions Timeline

- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.
- **Apr 18, 2018:** Introduced in House
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