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Fair College Admissions for Students Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

Introduced: Mar 6, 2025

Current Status: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held. (Mar 19, 2026)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/880>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 6, 2025
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2025
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Mar 19, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 2809	Identical bill	Apr 10, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2025)

Fair College Admissions for Students Act

This bill prohibits an institution of higher education (IHE) that participates in federal student aid programs from giving preferential treatment in the admissions process to applicants based on their relationships to donors or alumni of the IHE.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 19, 2026:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Hearings held.
- **Mar 6, 2025:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 6, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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