



Tuesday, May 11, 2021

I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **ED releases guidance for the American Rescue Plan’s “Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III”** – This morning, the [Department of Education](#) released [guidance on the use of the \\$39.6 billion provided in March by the American Rescue Plan for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF III\)](#) for students and institutions of higher education. (There is separate [guidance for HEERF I](#) for the funds provided by the CARES Act and for [HEERF II](#) for the funds provided in December’s Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).) Today’s guidance has allocation tables, information for different parts of the Act (students, public and non-profit institutions, for-profit institutions, HBCUs, and Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities. There’s also a 28-page [Frequently Asked Questions](#)(clearly, there have been many!).
- **Senate Labor-HHS-ED Appropriations deadlines for FY 2022** – The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee is accepting written “outside witness” (that’s groups like CEF members!) testimony for the fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations. [The deadline for submitting testimony is June 24](#), and the instructions are [here](#). [Senators have until July 8 to submit their requests for funding for the bill](#).
- **Upcoming congressional hearings** –
 - **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization: Creating Opportunities for Youth Employment** – House Education and Labor’s Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee on [Thursday, May 13, at 10:15am ET](#).
 - **Member Day** – House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday, [May 18, at 10am ET](#)
 - **Public Witness Day** - House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee on Wednesday, [May 19, at 10am ET](#)

II. Advocacy

- **Six upcoming CEF Hill meetings** – CEF has six Hill meetings scheduled in the next two weeks, primarily with Senate freshmen. We’ve sent the meeting details to members of CEF’s Hill Teams and Advocacy Committee and they can sign up to participate ([let me know if you’d like to join this committee](#)). We’re using the meetings to introduce CEF and its advocacy and informational resources and to urge support of the President’s FY 2022 education budget increases and his

request for education infrastructure and other investments in the Build Back Better agenda (the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan). The meetings are with:

- **Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)** – a freshman
- **Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)** – joined the Appropriations Committee this year
- **Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)** – freshman Senator on HELP and Budget Committees
- **Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)** - freshman Senator on HELP Committee
- **Rep. David Joyce (R-OH)** – relatively senior on House Appropriations Committee
- **Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)** - freshman Senator on Budget Committee

In addition, CEF's officers are in the midst of a series of meetings with Appropriations, Education and Labor, and Budget Committee staff. We'll report back with any new intelligence.

III. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, May 14** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker: Alex Ricci, House Education and Labor Committee Republican staff.
 - **Friday, May 21** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speakers: Peter Oppenheim and Lauren Schwensen, Senate HELP Committee Republican staff.
 - **Friday, May 28** – no CEF meeting (enjoy the Memorial Day break!)