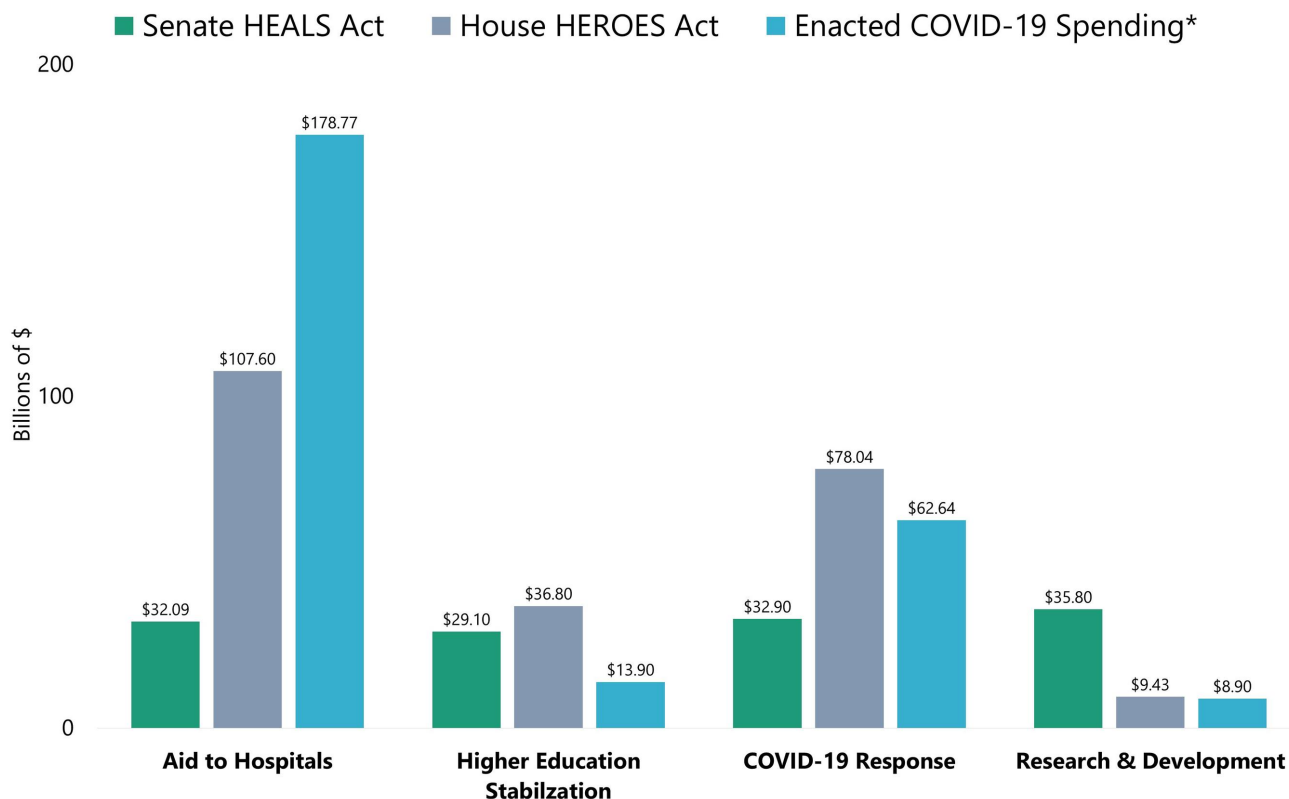


COVID-19 FEDERAL STATE OF PLAY

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Negotiation Nightmare

Negotiations between Republicans and Democrats on the next round of COVID-19 relief advanced this week, with Senate Republicans releasing their proposed aid package, the HEALS Act. This follows the House's HEROES Act, which that chamber passed in May. The Senate bill would provide \$1 trillion in assistance and includes a mix of wins and losses for the research and higher education community.

Timing of a compromise remains elusive. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) indicated negotiations could take "weeks" and the Senate has recessed for their August break. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) meanwhile has rejected deemed the Senate bill "too little too late."

Below are key priorities for the research and higher education community in the next major COVID-19 package:

House HEROES Act

- Nearly \$1 trillion in funding for state governments
- \$37 billion for higher education relief
- \$4.75 billion for NIH, including \$3 billion for research relief
- No research relief beyond NIH
- Higher education institutions not eligible for COVID-19 testing money

Senate HEALS Act

- No funding for state governments
- \$29 billion for higher education relief
- \$15.5 billion for NIH, including \$10.1 billion for research relief
- Limited additional research investments beyond NIH
- \$16 billion for COVID-19 testing; higher education institutions eligible
- New science and security provisions

*Public Law 116-139, Public Law 116-136, Public Law 116-127, Public Law 116-123