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This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

The National Science Board Meeting

Subject: The National Science Board (NSB) will host a public meeting from February 25-February 26.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Contact: To view the agenda, go to: http://www.nsf.gov/events/event_summ.jsp?cntn_id=129243&WT.mc_id=USNSF_13&WT.mc_ev=click.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

The Impact of Education Advocacy

Subject: The Aspen Institute Planning and Evaluation Program will host an event, “Survey with Placebo: A Method for Evaluating the Influence of Advocacy” to present a new survey methodology for gauging the influence of policy advocacy efforts on elected officials.

Participants: Grover “Russ” Whitehurst, Brookings Institution; and David Stuit, Basis Policy Research.
Time and Location: 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.; The Aspen Institute, 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC.
Contact: RSVP at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dG55eUF1S25kWHdoRnZEVlN0d0Hanc6MQ#gid=0.

R&D Tax Credit
Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “ITIF Debate: Congress Should Retain and Expand the R&D Tax Credit.”
Participants: Steven Pearlstein, Business and Economic Columnist, Washington Post; Robert K. Atkinson, President, ITIF; and Martin Sullivan, Chief Economist, Tax Analysts.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; ITIF, 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610A, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register for this event at: http://www.itif.org/events/itif-debate-congress-should-retain-and-expand-rd-tax-credit.

Transition from Education to Employment
Subject: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Young Invincibles will host an event, “Tapping Into Talent: Improving the Transition from Work to School,” to discuss how current college students and recent graduates can effectively manage the transition to employment.
Participants: Jock McKernan, Senior Adviser to the President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce; Cheryl Oldham, Vice President, Center for Education and Workforce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Dr. Robert Templin, Jr., President, Northern Virginia Community College; Angela Cobb, Director, Return on Inspiration Labs, LLC, New Options Project; Andrew Faria, CEO, Modern Technology Council, Inc.; Elyse Rosenblum, Principal, Public Private Possibilities; Liz Simon, Associate General Counsel, General Assembly; and Aaron Smith, Co-founder, Young Invincibles.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.; U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: https://www.regonline.com/register/login.aspx?eventID=1473137&MethodId=0&EventsessionId=.

Telehealth Modernization
Subject: The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation (ITIF) will host an event, “Realizing the Promise of Telehealth,” to discuss the Telehealth Modernization Act and the policy boundaries to expanding telehealth benefits to all Americans.
Participants: Representative Bill Johnson (R-OH); Representative Doris Matsui (D-CA); Daniel Castro, Senior Analyst, ITIF; Krista Drobac, Policy Advisor, DLA Piper; and Kofi Jones, Vice President, Public Relations and Government Affairs, American Well.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; 2456 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: Register for this event at: http://www.itif.org/events/realizing-promise-telehealth.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014
HELP Committee Hearing on College Access for Student with Disabilities
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing titled, “Promoting College Access and Success For Students With Disabilities.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.224.5375.

Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on the Teaching Profession
Subject: The House Committee on Education and the Workforce’s Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education and the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training will hold a hearing titled, “Exploring Efforts to Strengthen the Teaching Profession.”
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing, call 202.225.4527.

Climate Change
Subject: San Francisco State University will host an event, “Responding to Climate Change: Environment Leadership Through Research and Student Activism.”
Participants: Dr. Leslie E. Wong, President, San Francisco State University; Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Representative Jared Huffman, (D-CA); Dr. Jaylan Turkkan, Chief Research Office, San Francisco State University; Dr. Jonathon Stillman, Department of Biology, Romberg Tiburon Center; Dr. Tendai Chitewere, Climate Change Scholars Program, Department of Geography and Environment; and A. King Cada, Climate Change Scholar.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Capitol Visitors Center, HVC 215.
Contact: RSVP to Natalia Bremer at nbremer@sfsu.edu.

Education Policy Research
Subject: The American Youth Policy Forum (AYPF) will host a webinar, “Research, Policy, and Practice: The Role of Intermediaries in Promoting Policies,” to discuss how education research can better inform policy decisions.
Participants: Dr. Chris Lubienski, Professor, University of Illinois; Dr. Kevin Welner, Professor, University of Colorado and Director, National Education Policy Center; and Kim Nauer, Education Project Director, The New School for Public Engagement, Center for New York City Affairs.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Contact: RSVP at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/475180784.

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On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:

House Floor:
H.R. 3865 – Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the IRS Act of 2014
H.R. 3193 – Consumer Financial Protection and Soundness Improvement
H.R. 2804 – All Economic Regulations Are Transparent Act of 2014
H.R. 899 – Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act

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Bills to Watch
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)
S.1094 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Strengthening American Schools Act of 2013 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/12/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

H.R. 803  
Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)  
Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills Act (3/15/13 passed by House; 3/6/13 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

S. 1356  
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)  
Workforce Investment Reauthorization Act (7/31/13 passed by Senate HELP Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

U.S. House of Representatives 2013 Schedule:  
http://majorityleader.gov/calendar/113thCongressFirstSession.pdf

U.S. Senate 2013 Schedule:  
http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/2013_schedule.htm

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

U.S. Senate Budget Committee:  
http://www.budget.senate.gov

U.S. House Budget Committee:  
http://www.house.gov/budget

Congressional Budget Office:  
http://www.cbo.gov

Federal legislative information:  
http://thomas.loc.gov

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