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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

None.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on NIH

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) will hold a hearing to discuss the budget of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Witnesses: Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., director, NIH; accompanied by: Anthony Fauci, M.D., director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Thomas Insel, M.D., director, National Institute of Mental Health; Jon Lorsch, Ph.D., director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Nora Volkow, M.D., director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; and Gary Gibbons, M.D., director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Time and Location: 8:30 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.

Contact: For inquiries about the markup, contact: 202.225.2771.
Senate Committee Hearing on the FY 2016 Budget Request for the DOT and DOC
Subject: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will hold a hearing, “Examining the FY 2016 Budget Request for the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).”
Witnesses: The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary, US Department of Commerce; and the Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary, US Department of Transportation.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 253 Russell SOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup, contact: 202.224.1251.

House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on the Department of Commerce
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) will hold a hearing to discuss the budget of the US Department of Commerce.
Witness: The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary, US Department of Commerce.
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; H-309 Capitol.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup, contact: 202.225.2771.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015
House Science Committee Markup
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology will hold a markup of the Research and Development Efficiency Act (H.R. 1119), the International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015 (H.R. 1156), the Science Prize Competition Act (H.R. 1162), the Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act of 2015 (H.R. 1158), and the American Super Computing Leadership Act (H.R. 874).
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup, contact: 202.225.6371.

House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on ED
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) will hold a hearing to discuss the budget of the Department of Education.
Witness: Arne Duncan, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2358-C Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.225.2771.

House Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing on NASA
Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) will hold a hearing to discuss the budget of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
Witness: The Honorable Charles F. Bolden, administrator, NASA.
Time and Location: 10:30 a.m.; H-309 Capitol.
Contact: For inquiries about the markup, contact: 202.225.2771.

Future of Postsecondary Education
Subject: New America will host an event, “Creating the Future of Learning: the End of College and the University of Everywhere.”
Participants: Kevin Carey, director, Education Policy Program, New America; and Audrey Watters, freelance education writer.
Time and Location: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 1899 L Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register here.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2015
Transfer Students
Subject: The Education Commission of the States will host a webinar, “Transfer Policy: Students on the Move,” that will review national trends in transfer policy.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Contact: RSVP to ecs@ecs.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015
None.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor: On Monday, March 2, the Senate will convene at 2:00 p.m. and will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R.240, DHS appropriations

House Floor:
H.R. 749 – Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015
H.R. 1029 – EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015
H.R. 1030 – Secret Science Reform Act of 2015
Possible Consideration of legislation related to Department of Homeland Security Appropriations

Bills to Watch

EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)
S. 227 Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (02/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

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