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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar
Key: E&S – Elementary & Secondary; H – Higher Education; D – Disability Policy

Monday, March 15, 2021
None.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Nomination Hearing: Senate HELP Committee on the Nomination of Julie Su (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the nomination of Julie Su to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.
Witness: Julie Su, secretary, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
Time: 10:00 a.m.; 106 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Webinar: Experiences of Educators of Color (E&S, H)
Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on “Educators of Color and the Water They Carry,” which will focus on developing and sustaining a diverse teacher population, especially for educators of color who need support to prevent burnout caused by the “invisible tax.”
Participants: Tauheehah Baker-Jones, chief equity and social justice officer, Atlanta Public Schools, GA; Maurice Swinney, chief equity officer, Chicago Public Schools, IL; Karla Vigil, co-founder & chief connector, Equity Institute; and Jose Luis Vilson, co-founder& executive director, EduColor.
Time: 2:00 p.m.
**Webinar: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Impacted Higher Education (H)**

**Subject:** The Brookings Institute will host a webinar on "How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Impacted Higher Education."

**Participants:** Michael Hansen, senior fellow and director, Brown Center on Education Policy (Moderator); Stephanie Riegg Cellini, nonresident senior fellow, Brown Center on Education Policy, professor of public policy and economics, George Washington University; Melanie Muenzer, chief of staff, Office of the Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; William Serrata, president, El Paso Community College; and Doug Shapiro, vice president, research and executive director, National Student Clearinghouse.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**Hearing: House Science Subcommittee to Examine the Federal Scientific Workforce (H)**

**Subject:** The House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight will hold a hearing on "Brain Drain: Rebuilding the Federal Scientific Workforce."

**Witnesses:** Andrew Rosenberg, director, Center for Science and Democracy, Union of Concerned Scientists; Max Stier, president and CEO, Partnership for Public Service; and Betsy Southerland, former director, Science and Technology, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

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**Hearing: Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a hearing to examine recent federal actions to expand broadband deployment.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

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**Subject:** The House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment will hold a hearing on the future of higher education post COVID-19.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Contact:** Livestream available [here](#).

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**Webinar: COVID Learning Loss in the STEM Subjects (E&S)**

**Subject:** The STEM Education Coalition will host a webinar to discuss learning loss in STEM subjects as a result of the pandemic and how local and state leaders are leveraging federal resources to support learning recovery efforts in STEM.

**Participants:** James Brown, executive director, STEM Education Coalition (Moderator); Vince Stewart, executive director, California STEM Network; Alisa Cooper de Uribe, 2021 New Mexico Teacher of the Year; Anthony Jackson, superintendent, Vance County School System, NC; Penny Schwinn, education commissioner, Tennessee; and Tracey Brown, director of guidance counseling and college readiness, Irving Independent School District, TX.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

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**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**Hearing: Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Examining COVID-19 Response (E&S, H, D)**

**Subject:** The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing to examine the COVID-19 response with federal health officials.

**Witnesses:** Anthony Fauci, director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; David Kessler, chief science officer, COVID Response, United States Department of Health and Human Services; Peter Marks, director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, United States Food and Drug Administration; and Rochelle Walensky, director, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: Livestream available here.

Teleconference: NSF Environmental Research and Education Advisory Committee (H)
Subject: The National Science Foundation will hold a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education to discuss subcommittee work and prepare for future advisory committee activities.
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, March 19, 2021
None.

Future Hearings and Events

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Webinar: Priorities for Congress Post-COVID-19 Relief (E&S, H, D)
Subject: Bloomberg Government will host a webinar on "Priorities for Congress Post-COVID-19 Relief."
Participants: Adam Schank, team leader, Bloomberg Government; Danielle Parnass, deputy team lead, legislative analysis, Bloomberg Government, Michael Smallberg, legislative analyst, Bloomberg Government; and Adam Taylor, legislative analyst, Bloomberg Government.
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Webinar: Differing Abilities in STEM (E&S, H, D)
Subject: The Department of Education will host a webinar on “Differing Abilities in STEM.”
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of Debra Haaland to be Secretary of Interior
Consideration of Isabella Guzman to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration
Consideration of Katherine Tai to be United States Trade Representative

House Floor:
H.R. 1620 – Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021
H.R. 6 – American Dream and Promise Act of 2021
H.R. 1603 – Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2021
H.R. 1868 – To prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes
H.J.Res. 17 – Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment
H.R. 485 – CAPTA Reauthorization (on suspension calendar)

COVID-19 Related Bills
S.Con.Res.5 – The American Rescue Plan - FY 2021 Concurrent Budget Resolution (2/5/21 Passed by House of Representatives and Senate)
H.R. 133 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, 2021(12/27/20-Signed by President)
SA 2652 to S. 178 - Delivering Immediate Relief to America’s Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act (10/23/20 Failed in Senate)
H.R. 8406 - Updated HEROES Act (9/30/20 Passed by House of Representatives)
S. 4322 – Safely Back to School and Back to Work Act (7/27/20 Introduced)
H.R. 266 - Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (4/24/20 Signed by President)
Senate Amendment to H.R. 748 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (3/27/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (3/18/20 Signed by President)
H.R. 6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (3/6/20 Signed by President)

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