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This Week in Washington

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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, June 28, 2021

Webinar: [Examining the Effects of Student Debt Cancellation \(H\)](#)

Subject: The Brookings Institution will hold a webinar on “Examining the Effects of Student Debt Cancellation.”

Participants: Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Majority Leader (Keynote Remarks); Andre Perry, senior fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings; Carl Romer, research assistant, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings; Braxton Simpson, HBCU fellow, Rise; Beth Akers, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute; Braxton Brewington, press secretary, The Debt Collective; and Marshall Steinbaum, assistant professor of economics, University of Utah.

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Markup: [House Appropriations Interior Subcommittee on FY 2022 Bill \(H\)](#)

Subject: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies will hold a markup of the FY 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Live stream available [here](#); bill text available [here](#).

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Webinar: Emergency Broadband for Low-Income College Students (H)

Subject: New America's Higher Education Program and Open Technology Institute will host a webinar on how Pell grant recipients can enroll in the Emergency Broadband Benefit program and how inequitable access to affordable and reliable internet affects college students.

Participants: Jessica Rosenworcel, acting chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission (Keynote); Emily Bouck West (Moderator), deputy executive director, Higher Learning Advocates; Savannah Steiger, parent advisor, Ascend at the Aspen Institute; Monty Roessel, EdD, president, Diné College; and Carmen Lidz, vice chancellor and chief information officer, Los Angeles Community College District.

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Teleconference: National Science Board Executive Committee (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Science Board Executive Committee will hold a teleconference to discuss agenda items for the upcoming meeting in August of the National Science Board.

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Contact: To listen to this teleconference, members of the public must send an e-mail to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the teleconference.

Hearing: House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Expanding Access to Higher Education (H)

Subject: The House Ways and Means Oversight Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Expanding Access to Higher Education and the Promise It Holds."

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Contact: Live stream available [here](#).

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Markup: House Appropriations Committee FY 2022 Agriculture Bill (E&S, H)

Subject: The House Appropriations Committee will hold a full committee markup of the FY 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Live stream available [here](#).

Thursday, July 1, 2021

None.

Friday, July 2, 2021

None.

Future Hearings and Events

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Webinar: Reconciliation 101: An Explainer of the Budget Process (E&S, H)

Subject: The Brookings Institute will host a webinar to discuss budget reconciliation and its role in the budget and legislative process.

Participants: Sarah Binder, senior fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings; and Molly Reynolds, senior fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings.

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

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Senate Floor:

In recess until Monday, July 12

House Floor:

[H.R. 2225](#) – National Science Foundation for the Future Act, as amended

[H.R. 3593](#) – Department of Energy Science for the Future Act, as amended

[H.R. 2662](#) – IG Independence and Empowerment Act

[H.R. 3684](#) – INVEST in America Act

[H.R. 3005](#) – To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the United States Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the United States Capitol, and for other purposes

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COVID-19 Related Bills

[H.R. 1319](#) - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (3/11/21 Signed by President)

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