**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014**
NONE.

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014**
NONE.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014**

**Social Impact Bonds**

**Subject:** America Achieves will host an event to discuss the *Social Impact Bond Act* (H.R. 4885).

**Participants:** Congressman Todd Young (R-IN), Congressman John Delaney (D-MD), Tom Jenkins, President and CEO, Nurse Family Partnerships; George Overholser, CEO and Co-Founder, Third Sector Capital Partners; Sam Schaeffer, CEO and Executive Director, Center for Employment Opportunities; and David Butler, Senior Advisor, MDRC.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; B-318 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to: Alexandra.Uriarte@AmericaAchieves.org.

**Medical Research Programs**

**Subject:** The Health and Human Services Department’s (HHS) National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold a webinar of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Clinical Trials and the Translational Research Advisory Committee to discuss NCI’s clinical and translational research programs.
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register to Sheila Prindiville at: prindivs@mail.nih.gov.

STEM Education
Subject: Teach For America and the Amgen Foundation will host a panel discussion and reception titled, “Working Together to Create Opportunity and Equity.”
Participants: Dr. Roosevelt Johnson, Acting Associate Administrator, Education, NASA; Kumar Garg, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Hector Joshua Galindo, 2010 Teach For America Alumnus, Amgen Fellow and Science Department Chair, Mercedes College High School; and Margaret Mannix, Executive Editor, US News.
Time and Location: 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (panel discussion) and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (reception); B-354 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP at: STEMEvents@teachforamerica.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014
House Science Committee Hearing on Medical Breakthrough Policies
Subject: The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology’s Subcommittee on Research and Technology will hold a hearing, “Policies to Spur Innovative Medical Breakthroughs from Laboratories to Patients.”
Witnesses: Dr. Craig Venter, Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer, J. Craig Venter Institute, Synthetic Genomics, Inc., and Human Longevity, Inc.; Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne, President and Carson Family Professor, Laboratory of Brain Development and Repair, The Rockefeller University; Dr. Jay Keasling, Hubbard Howe Jr. Distinguished Professor of Biochemical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley; and Dr. Harold Varmus, Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health (NIH).
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call: 202.225.6371.

Senate Science Committee Hearing on Federal Investments in R&D
Subject: The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a hearing titled, “The Federal Research Portfolio: Capitalizing on Investments in R&D.”
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m.; 253 Russell SOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call: 202.224.0411.

College and Career Readiness
Subject: The Forum for Youth Investment will host a call, “The Quest for Readiness: A Thought Leader Conversation.”
Participants: Karen Pittman, CEO and Co-Founder, the Forum for Youth Investment; John Gomperts, President and CEO, America’s Promise Alliance; and Sean Slade, Director of Whole Child Programs, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD).
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=gw1us7fv5zzd&utm_source=July+Thought+Leadership+Conference+Call&utm_campaign=July+3+conference+call+outreach&utm_medium=email.

Career Pathways
Subject: The Alliance for Quality Career Pathways will hold a webinar, “Defining, Strengthening, and Measuring Quality Career Pathways and Systems.”
Participants: Vickie Choitz, Director, Alliance for Quality Career Pathways; Rosa Lopez, Career Pathways Coordinator, Lane Community College; and Judy Mortrude, State Program Administrator, Career Pathways, Department of Employment and Economic Development.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

MPS Advisory Committee Meeting at NSF

Subject: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS), at the National Science Foundation (NSF), will hold a virtual Advisory Committee Meeting.

Time and Location: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: To join the virtual meeting, go to:

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S. 2363—Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2014
S. 2244—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2014

House Floor:
H.R. 4719—Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014
H.R. 5021—Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2014
H.R. 5029—The International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2014
H.R. 5031—The STEM Education Act of 2013
H.R. 5035—To reauthorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and for other Purposes
H.R. 5056—The Research and Development Efficiency Act

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 Education and Workforce Committee)

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)
H.R. 803 Sponsors: Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA); Patty Murray (D-WA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN); Johnny Isakson (R-GA)
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (bipartisan, bicameral agreement) – Amendment in the nature of a substitute (7/9/14 passed House; 6/25/14 passed by Senate; 5/20/14 introduced)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT
H.R. 4366 Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (05/08/14 passed by House; 4/8/2014 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)
SIMPLIFYING THE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID ACT
H.R. 4982  Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)
Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT
H.R. 4983  Sponsor: Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

EMPOWERING STUDENTS THROUGH ENHANCED FINANCIAL COUNSELING ACT
H.R. 4984  Sponsor: Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)
Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (06/26/14 referred to House Committee on Education and the Workforce)

HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABILITY ACT
Draft  Sponsor: Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA)
Higher Education Affordability Act (discussion draft of the bill, comments due to HELP Committee by 08/29/14)

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 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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