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Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, July 26, 2021
None.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Hearing: Senate Energy and Natural Resources on FY2022 Interior Budget (H)
Subject: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine the President’s budget request for the Department of the Interior for FY2022.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 366 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Hearing: Senate Banking Subcommittee on Student Loan Borrowers and Upcoming Transitions (H)
Subject: The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Economic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing on “Student Loan Borrowers and the Economy in Upcoming Transitions.”
Witnesses: Letitia James, attorney general, State of New York; and Randi Weingarten, president, American Federation of Teachers.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; 538 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.
Wednesday, July 28, 2021

**Webinar: Improving Labor and Education Data Systems after COVID-19 (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The Brookings Institution will hold a discussion on "Improving Labor and Education Data Systems After the COVID-19 Unemployment Crisis."

**Participants:** Aimee Jahnke, business analyst, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Kris Stadelman, director, NOVA Workforce Investment Board; Jason Tyszko, vice president, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Center for Education and Workforce; and Nicol Turner Lee, director, Brookings Center for Technology Innovation.

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

**Webinar: Higher Education in the American Families Plan (H)**

**Subject:** Third Way will host a webinar to discuss key higher education investments in the American Families Plan: bolstering the Pell Grant program, ensuring students can attend community college tuition-free, establishing a first-of-its kind grant program focused on retention and completion, and investing in minority-serving institutions.

**Participants:** Carrie Warick, director of policy and advocacy, National College Attainment Network; Marshall Anthony, Jr., senior policy analyst, Center for American Progress; Amanda Martinez, senior policy analyst, Education Policy Project, UnidosUS; Deneece Huftalin, president, Salt Lake Community College; Alexander Mayer, director of postsecondary education, MDRC; and Tashauna Stewart, recent graduate, Northern Arizona University.

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

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

Thursday July 29, 2021

**Hearing: House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Pell Grant Enrollment (H)**

**Subject:** The House Education and Labor Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee will hold a hearing on "Keeping the Pell Grant Promise: Increasing Enrollment, Supporting Success."

**Time:** 10:15 a.m.

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

Friday, July 30, 2021

None.

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**Future Hearings and Events**

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

**Agency Meeting: NSF STEM Education Advisory Panel (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) will host a meeting by teleconference of the STEM Education Advisory Panel.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

**Webinar: Sustainably Funding Higher Education and Promoting Affordability (H)**

**Subject:** The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) will host a webinar to discuss how states and the federal government can chart a sustainable future that improves access and affordability throughout the higher education system.

**Participants:** Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME); Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI); Amy Loyd, acting assistant secretary and deputy assistant secretary for policy and strategic initiatives, Office of Career, Technical and Adult
On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of various nominations
Possible Consideration of bipartisan Infrastructure package

House Floor:


**S. 848** – Consider Teachers Act of 2021

Possible Consideration of **H.R. 4346** – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022

Possible Consideration of **H.R. 4373** – Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2022

Possible Consideration of **H.R. 4505** – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022

COVID-19 Related Bills

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