This Week in Washington

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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of WPLLC, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. that are relevant to CUR’s interests. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 27, 2015
Investing in Science Research
Subject: Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) invite you to a panel discussion on federal investments in scientific research.
Participants: Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Dr. Carol Espy-Wilson, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Maryland; Dr. Aaron S. Kesselheim, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; and Dr. Mariana Mazzucato, Professor in the Economics of Innovation, University of Sussex. The event will be live streamed on YouTube here.
Time and Location: 3:00 p.m.; 216 Hart SOB.
Contact: Open to the public, no RSVP.

43rd Anniversary of Title IX
Subject: The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) will host a briefing, “Celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of Title IX.”
Participants: Lisa Maatz, Chair, NCWGE, director of government relations, American Association of University Women (AAUW); Sue Klein, education equity director, Feminist Majority Foundation; Erin Prangley, associate director for government relations, AAUW; Neena Chaudhry, senior counsel and director of equal opportunities in athletics, National Women’s Law Center;
Nancy Hogshead Makar, CEO, Champion Women; Lisalyn Jacobs, vice president for government relations, Legal Momentum; and Connie Cordovilla, associate director, American Federation of Teachers.

**Time and Location:** 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; G11 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to sklein@feminist.org.

**College Affordability**

**Subject:** The Campaign for Free College Tuition will host a webinar on national efforts to make college tuition free including President Obama’s administration’s America’s College Promise.

**Participants:** Ted Mitchell, undersecretary of education, U.S. Department of Education; and Morley Winograd, president, Campaign for Free College Tuition.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Tuesday, July 28, 2015**

**National Student Aid Programs**

**Subject:** The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) will host a briefing, “National Student Aid Profile: Overview of 2015 Federal Programs.”

**Participants:** Megan McClean, managing director of policy and federal relations, NASFAA; and Charlotte Etier, senior research analyst, NASFAA.

**Time and Location:** 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 430 Dirksen SOB.

**Contact:** Register here by July 27.

**Innovations in Assessment**

**Subject:** The Educational Testing Service (ETS) will hold an event, “Innovations in Student Learning Assessments for Higher Education.”

**Participants:** Alberto Acereda, senior director of business development, Global Education Division; Javarro Russell, senior research and assessment advisor, Global Education Division; Ou Lydia Liue, director of research for higher education, Foundational & Validity Research Center; and Katrina Roohr, associate research scientist for higher education, Foundational & Validity Research Center.

**Time and Location:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1800 K Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC.

**Contact:** Register here.

**State WIOA Implementation**

**Subject:** The National Skills Coalition will hold a webinar, “2015 State Policy Legislative Round-Up”

**Participants:** Bryan Wilson, state policy director, National Skills Coalition; Brooke DeRenzis, senior state policy analyst, National Skills Coalition; Elizabeth Creamer, advisor for Workforce Development Secretary of Commerce and Trade Office of Governor Terence R. McAuliffe; and Andrea Ferstan, director of education and jobs, Greater Twin Cities United Way.

**Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Contact:** Register here.

**Wednesday, July 29, 2015**

**Senate HELP Committee Hearing**

**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) will hold a hearing, “Reauthorizing the Higher Education Act: Combating Campus Sexual Assault.”

**Witnesses:** Panel I: Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO); Senator Dean Heller (R-NV); Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). Panel II: Janet Napolitano, president, University Of California, Oakland, CA; Dana Bolger, co-founder, Know Your IX, Washington, DC.; Dolores Stafford, executive director, National Association of Clergy Compliance Officers & Professionals and president & CEO, D. Stafford & Associates, Rehoboth Beach, DE; and Mollie Benz Flounlacker, associate vice president for federal relations, Association Of American Universities, Washington, DC.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m.; 216 Hart SOB.

**Contact:** For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.5375.
Thursday, JULY 30, 2015
None.

Friday, July 31, 2015
Teacher Professional Development Research
Subject: The New Teacher Project (TNTP) will hold an event to release the report, *The Mirage: Confronting the Hard Truth about Our Quest for Teacher Development.*
Participants: Daniel Weisberg, CEO, TNTP; Karolyn Belcher, president, TNTP; Amanda Ripley, investigative journalist, TIME Magazine; Jennifer Corroy Porras, teacher, IDEA Public Schools; John King, senior advisor, U.S. Department of Education; Kaya Henderson, chancellor, DC Public Schools; and Michael Garet, vice president, Education Program, institute fellow, American Institutes for Research.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 1001 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: [Register here](#).

Future Hearings and Events
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Policy and Choice in Higher Education (H)
Subject: The American Enterprise Institute (AEI) will hold an event, “Matching All Students to Postsecondary Opportunities: How College Choice is Influenced by Institutional, State, and Federal Policy.”
Participants: Andrew P. Kelly, resident scholar, AEI; Matthew Holsapple, Chicago Consortium of School Research; Jessica Howell, College Board; Nicole Farmer Hurd, College Advising Corps; Michael S. McPherson, Spencer Foundation; Thomas R. Bailey, professor, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University; Crystal Byndloss, MDRC; Harry J. Holzer, professor, Georgetown University; Awilda Rodriguez, professor, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan; Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj, professor, Seton Hall University; Michael Bastedo, professor, Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education, University of Michigan; Lindsay C. Page, Learning Research and Development Center, University of Pittsburgh; and Lesley Turner, professor University of Maryland.
Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.; 1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
Contact: [Register here](#).

On The Floor This Week
Senate Floor:
**H.R.22** – legislative vehicle for a Highway bill

House Floor:
**S. 1482** – Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015
**H.R. 427** – Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2015
Possible Consideration of H.R. ___ – VA Budget and Choice Improvement Act
Bills to Watch

**APPROPRIATIONS**

**H.R.2578** Sponsor: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

**S. #** Sponsor: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

**H.R.2822** Sponsor: Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)

**S. 1645** Sponsor: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

**H.R. #** Sponsor: Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK)
Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of FY 2016 (6/24/15 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/17/2015 Passed by Subcommittee)

**S. 1695** Sponsor: Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA)**

**S. 1177** Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 (4/16/2015 Passed HELP Committee and moved to the Senate Legislative Calendar)

**H.R. 5** Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)
Student Success Act (2/27/2015 Debated and amended on the House Floor. A final vote is still pending; 2/11/15 Education and the Workforce Committee mark up.)

**EDUCATION SCIENCES REFORM ACT (ESRA)**

**S. 227** Sponsor: Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)
Strengthening Education through Research Act (2/04/2015 Passed HELP Committee)

**AMERICA COMPETES ACT**
H.R. 1806  Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 (05/20/2015 Passed the House, 04/22/2015 Passed the Science, Space and Technology Committee)

Links for Up-to-Date Information on Hearings, Legislation, and Events

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U.S. Senate 2015 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
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Congressional Budget Office
Federal legislative information

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