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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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**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014**

NONE.

**TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014**

**Gaming in Education**

**Subject:** Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) and the Entertainment Software Association (ESA) will host an event, “Advancing Education through Gaming.”

**Participant:** Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX).

**Time and Location:** 11:30 a.m.; 2325 Rayburn HOB.

**Contact:** RSVP to drosso@semiconductors.org.

**Basic Skills Development**

**Subject:** The National Skills Coalition and Representatives Tony Cardenas (D-CA) and Judy Chu (D-CA) will host an event, “Basic Skills are Everyone’s Business.”

**Participants:** Peggy McLeod, Deputy Vice President of Education and Workforce Development, National Council on La Raza (NCLR); Marita Etcuban, Director of Programs, Asian American Justice Center (AAJC); Joseph Jones, Founder, President and CEO, Center for Urban Families (CFUF); and Marcie Foster, Senior Policy Analyst on Workforce Development, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP).
Time and Location: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 210 Cannon HOB.
Contact: RSVP to info@nationalskillscoalition.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2014
House Science Committee Hearing on Carbon Pollution
Subject: The House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing, “EPA’s Carbon Plan: Failure by Design.”
Witnesses: The Honorable Jeffrey Holmstead, Partners, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP; The Honorable Charles McConnell, Executive Director, Energy & Environment Initiative, Rice University; David Cash, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environment Quality; and Gregory Sopkin, Partner, Wilkinson, Barker, Knauer, LLP.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 2318 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: For inquiries about the hearing call: 202.225.6371.

Technology in Education
Subject: The National Coalition for Technology in Education and Training (NCTET) will host a briefing, “Seizing Opportunity in the Digital Age: New Directions in Professional Learning.”
Participants: Wendy Drexler, Chief Innovation Officer, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE); Kevin Hogan, Content Director; Tech&Learning; Dr. Karen A. Couch, Superintendent, Kent County Public Schools, Rock Hall, MD; and Daisy Dyer Duerr, Principal, St. Paul Schools, Huntsville School District, St. Paul, AR.
Time and Location: 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.; 385 Russell SOB.
Contact: RSVP to whitney@jbernsteinstrategy.com.

Financial Aid
Subject: The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) will hold an event, “Student Aid 101 Briefing,” to discuss fundamentals of the Title IV aid programs.
Time and Location: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; 2175 Rayburn HOB.
Contact: RSVP to philedmondb@nasfaa.org.

National Science Board Teleconference
Subject: The National Science Board’s Executive Committee will hold a teleconference.
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: For inquiries about the teleconference contact Peter Arzberger at nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov.

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014
STEM Degrees
Subject: The Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center will host an event, “What Policies and Programs are Needed to Help More Students Attain Post-Secondary STEM Certifications and Degrees?”
Participants: Tom Sugar, Complete College America; Deborah Santiago, Excelencia in Education; and Antoinette S. Mitchell, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, District of Columbia.
Time and Location: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center, 901 K Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.
Contact: Register at: https://live.iplanevents.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=reg.page&event_id=2569.

Senate Hearing on Student Financial Aid
Subject: The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs will hold a hearing “Financial Products for Students: Issues and Challenges."
Witnesses: David Bergeron, Vice President, Postsecondary Education Policy, Center for American Progress (CAP); Christine Lindstrom, Program Director for Higher Education, U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG); Kenneth Kocer, President, South Dakota Association of...
Student Financial Aid Administrators, Director, Financial Assistance; and Richard Hunt, President and CEO, Consumer Banking Association (CBA).

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 538 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: For inquiries on the hearing, contact: 202.224.7391.

FRIDAY, AUGUST, 2014
NONE.

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
S. 2569 – Bring Jobs Home Act

House Floor:
S. 1799 – The Victims of Child Abuse Act (under suspension of the rules)
H.R. 4315 – 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act
H.R. 4994 – IMPACT Act (under suspension of the rules)
H.Res. 676 – Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States

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)

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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