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This Week in Washington, a weekly publication of BPAG, provides an overview of upcoming events in Washington, D.C. affecting CUR and its members. Please use the bookmarks below to navigate to your area of interest.

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

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 Education, U.S. Department of Education; Wayne Lewis Jr., president, Houghton College; and Michele Streeter, associate director of policy and advocacy, The Institute for College Access & Success.
Time: 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Contact: Register here.
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Markup: Senate HELP Committee on Legislation and Nominations (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a markup of the "21st Century Assistive Technology Act" and to vote on the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon to be Assistant Education Secretary for Civil Rights.

Time: 10:00 a.m.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Hearing: Senate Judiciary on Student Loan Bankruptcy Reform (H)

Subject: The Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on “Student Loan Bankruptcy Reform.”

Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 226 Dirksen SOB.
Contact: Live stream available here.

Agency Meeting: NSF Committee on External Engagement (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Science Foundation Committee on External Engagement will hold a teleconference to discuss highlights of the Tennessee Roundtable and the rollout of the S&E Indicators Elementary and Secondary STEM education report.

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: RSVP to nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov at least 24 hours prior to the event for dial-in information.

Agency Meeting: NSF Science Board Meeting (E&S, H)

Subject: The National Science Board will hold its 2-day quarterly board meeting from August 3 – 4.

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on August 3; and 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on August 4.
Contact: RSVP and full agenda here.

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

None.

Thursday August 5, 2021

Webinar: Virtual Learning and Postsecondary Pathways (E&S, H)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on “Postsecondary Pathways: Virtual Learning: Sweep It or Keep It?”

Participants: Zora Mulligan, commissioner of higher education, Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development; Janet Godwin, CEO, ACT; and Gerard Robinson, vice president for education, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture.

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register here.

Friday, August 6, 2021

None.

Future Hearings and Events

On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
Consideration of **H.R.3684** - bipartisan Infrastructure package

**House Floor:**
In recess

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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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- U.S. House and Senate 2021 Schedule
- Updated 2021 U.S. House Schedule
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