This Week in Washington

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
None.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014

Data-Driven Innovation

Subject: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host an event, “The Future of Data-Driven Innovation,” to discuss the size and scope of the data-driven economy, the policies to enable data-driven innovation, and the consequent positive impacts.

Participants: Julie Brill, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission (FTC); Marjory Blumenthal, Executive Director, President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; Robert Sutor, Vice President, IBM Research; Carolyn Parnell, Commissioner and CIO, State of Minnesota; Benjamin Wittes, Senior Fellow and Research Director, Brookings Institution; Roger Gordon, President, Food Cowboy; Mary Snapp, Deputy General Counsel, Microsoft; Marc Berger, Vice President, Pfizer Inc.; Leslie Bradshaw, Managing Partner, Made By Many; Qing Wu, Senior Economist, Google; and David Chavern, President, Center for Advanced Technology & Innovation, Executive Vice President, United States Chamber of Commerce.

Time and Location: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Social Impact Bonds
Subject: The National Juvenile Justice Network will host a webinar, “Social Impact Bonds/Pay for Success—Pros Cons, Promises and Risks.”
Participants: John K. Roman, Senior Fellow, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute; Kelly Walsh, Senior Research Associate, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute; and Kyle McKay, Policy Analyst, Texas Legislative Budget Board.
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

21st Century Competencies
Subject: The Alliance for Excellent Education (AEE) will host a webinar, “Advancing a Research Agenda for ‘Hard-to-Measure’ 21st Century Competencies.”
Participants: Marc Chun, Education Program Officer, Hewlett Foundation; Roberto J. Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education, White House Domestic Policy Council; Brian M. Stecher, Associate Director, RAND Education; and Laura S. Hamilton, Senior Behavioral Scientist, RAND Corporation.
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Register at: http://all4ed.org/webinar-event/oct-7-2014/.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014
Diversity in STEM
Subject: The American Institutes for Research (AIR) will host an event, “Breaking the Mold: Diversifying STEM Academia.”
Participants: Michael J. Feuer, Professor of Education and Dean, Graduate School of Education and Human Development, George Washington University; Kerry Ann Rockquemore, President and CEO, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity; Courtney Tanenbaum, Senior Researcher, AIR; and Audrey Williams June, Senior Reporter, The Chronicle of Higher Education.
Time and Location: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Washington DC.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014
None.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014
None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:
The Senate will be in recess until November 12.
House Floor:
The House will be in recess until November 12.

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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)

H.R. 5  
Sponsor: Rep. John Kline (R-MN)  
Student Success Act to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (6/19/13 passed by House Ed and Workforce Committee)

STRENGTHENING EDUCATION THROUGH RESEARCH ACT
H.R. 4366  
Sponsor: Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN)  
Strengthening Education through Research Act (09/17/14 passed by Senate HELP Committee; 05/08/14 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)

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT
S. 2757  
Sponsor: Sen. John Rockefeller (D-WV)  
America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Reauthorization Act of 2014 (07/31/14 referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

H.R. 4186  
Sponsor: Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN)  
Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science and Technology Act of 2014
(03/10/14 reported out of committee by voice vote)

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 Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:  
http://help.senate.gov

U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor:  
http://edlabor.house.gov

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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