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This Week in Washington

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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, December 6, 2021

None.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

None.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

None.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Webinar: Redefining Student Success in Postsecondary Settings (H)

Subject: The Hunt Institute will host a webinar on “Redefining Student Success to Represent Today’s Postsecondary Students.”

Participants: Randy Gardner, chancellor, Ohio Department of Education; Tiffany Beth Mfume, assistant vice president for student success, Morgan State University; and Kathe Pelletier, director, Teaching and Learning Program, Educause.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: The Growing Hostility of Education Politics (E&S, H, D)

Subject: The Brookings Institute will host a webinar to examine how education policy issues over the last two years, including COVID-induced school closures, mask and vaccine mandates, critical race theory, and transgender students' rights have contributed to a growing hostility around the politics and government of education.

Participants: Jon Valant, director, Brown Center on Education Policy, Brookings (Moderator); Martin West, academic dean and professor of education, Harvard School of Education; Lauren Camera, senior education writer, *U.S. News & World Report*; and Jonathan Collins, assistant professor of international and public affairs, Brown University.

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Environmental Literacy Education (E&S, H)

Subject: The U.S. Department of Education and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will host a webinar to discuss the federal government's support for environmental literacy education.

Participants: Patti Curtis, STEM education fellow, U.S. Department of Education (Moderator); Andrea Falken, U.S. Department of Education; Sarah Schoedinger, NOAA Environmental Literacy Program; Shannon Sprague, NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office; Bronwen Rice, NOAA Bay Watershed Education and Training Program; Bart Merrick, NOAA Environmental Science Training Center; and Frank Niepold, NOAA Climate Program Office

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Webinar: Importance of Educator Diversity (E&S, H)

Subject: The Education Trust will host a webinar on "Education Diversity: Why it Matters & How to Make it Happen, Development, Identity, and Impact."

Participants: Eric Duncan, senior p-12 data and policy analyst for educator diversity, The Education Trust; Julia Burrola-Ortiz, math teacher, Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School, NM; Takeru "TK" Nagayoshi, English teacher, New Bedford High School, MA; and Andrea Thomas, 3rd grade teacher, Central Consolidated Schools District, NM.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Register [here](#).

Friday, December 10, 2021

None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate Floor:

[H.R.4350](#) – National Defense Authorization Act
Consideration of agency nominations

House Floor:

[H.R. 5314](#) – Protecting our Democracy Act
Consideration of the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act
Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to the Debt Limit
Possible Consideration of Legislation Related to End of the Year Healthcare Provisions

Bills to Watch

[H.R. 5376](#) – Build Back Better Act (11/22/21 passed by the House)

FY 2022 Appropriations

Continuing Resolutions

[H.R. 6119](#) *Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes. (through 2/28/22)*

Sponsor: [Rep. Rosa DeLauro \(D-CT\)](#)

[\(12/3/21 Signed by President; 12/2/21 Passed by Senate; 12/2/21 Passed by House\)](#)

[H.R. 5305](#) *FY 2022 Extending Funding and Emergency Assistance Act (through 12/3/21)*

Sponsor: [Rep. Rosa DeLauro \(D-CT\)](#)

[\(9/30/21 Signed by President; 9/30/21 Passed by Senate; 9/30/21 Passed by House\)](#)

Minibus Package

[H.R. 4502](#) *FY2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education; Agriculture, Rural Development; Energy and Water Development; Financial Services and General Government; Interior, Environment; Military Construction-VA; Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2022)*

Sponsor: [Rep. Rosa DeLauro \(D-CT\)](#)

[\(7/29/21 Passed by House\)](#)

Select Individual Appropriations Bills

[H.R. 4356](#) *Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Rep. Sanford Bishop, Jr. \(D-GA\)](#)

[\(7/29/21 Passed by House; 6/30/21 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/25/21 Passed by Subcommittee\)](#)

[S. 2599](#) *Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Sen. Tammy Baldwin \(D-WI\)](#)

[\(8/4/22 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 8/2/22 Passed by Subcommittee\)](#)

[H.R. 4505](#) *Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Rep. Matt Cartwright \(D-PA\)](#)

[\(07/15/21 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/12/2021 Passed by Subcommittee\)](#)

[S. 3042](#) *Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Sen. Jeanne Shaheen \(D-NH\)](#)

[\(10/21/21 Introduced\)](#)

[H.R. 4549](#) *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Rep. Marcy Kaptur \(D-OH\)](#)

[\(7/29/21 Passed by House; 07/16/21 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/12/2021 Passed by Subcommittee\)](#)

[S. 2605](#) *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: [Sen. Dianne Feinstein \(D-CA\)](#)

[\(08/04/21 Passed by Senate Appropriations Committee\)](#)

[H.R. 4372](#) *Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2022*

Sponsor: Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME)
(7/29/21 Passed by House; 7/1/2021 Passed by Appropriations Committee; 6/28/21 Passed by Subcommittee)

[S. 3034](#) *Interior and Environment Appropriations Act of FY 2022*
Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
(10/20/21 Introduced)

[H.R. 4502](#) *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*
Sponsor: Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)
(07/29/21 Passed by House; 7/15/21 Passed by House Appropriations Committee; 7/12/2021 Passed by Subcommittee)

[S. 3062](#) *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2022*
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
(10/25/21 Introduced)

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