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.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Monday, March 21, 2022**
None.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**

**Webinar: Advancing DEI in STEM Organizations (E&S, H)**

**Subject:** The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a webinar on "Advancing Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM Organizations: A Consensus Study."

**Participants:** Susan Fiske, committee co-chair, Committee on Advancing Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEM Organizations (Moderator); James Jones, director, Center for the Study of Diversity, University of Delaware; and Lincoln Quillian, professor of sociology, Northwestern University.

**Time:** 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

**Hearing: Senate HELP Committee on Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Programs (E&S, H)**
Subject: The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing, “Strengthening Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Programs: Opportunities, Challenges, and Emerging Issues.”
Witnesses: Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Carole Johnson, administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., director, National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.
Time and Location: 10:00 a.m.; 430 Dirkson SOB.
Contact: Live stream available [here](#).

Thursday, March 24, 2022
None.

Friday, March 25, 2022
**Webinar: Call to Action for Science Education (E&S, H)**
Subject: The U.S. Department of Education will host a webinar to discuss “The Call to Action for Science Education” issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and efforts to implement the report’s recommendations to prioritize science education in K-12 and postsecondary institutions.
Participants: Patti Curtis, STEM education fellow, U.S. Department of Education (Moderator); Mark Schneider, director, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education; Jim Short, program director for leadership and teaching to advance learning, Carnegie Corporation; Margaret Honey, president and CEO, New York Hall of Science; Heidi Schweingruber, director, Board on Science Education, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine; Nancy Hopkins-Evans, senior director of state partnerships, Instruction Partners; Erika Shugart, executive director, National Science Teaching Association; and James Brown, executive director, STEM Education Coalition.
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Register [here](#).

Future Hearings and Events
Thursday, March 31, 2022
**Webinar: Higher Education’s Role in Democracy (H)**
Subject: Brookings will host a webinar on “What Universities Owe Democracy” to discuss the relationship between liberal democracy and universities, the importance of civic education in democracy, how universities can create a shared sense of truth for the citizenry, and what more universities can do to promote social mobility and free speech on campuses.
Participants: Elaine Kamarck, founding director, Center for Effective Public Management, Brookings (Moderator); and Ron Daniels, president, Johns Hopkins University.
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Register [here](#).

On The Floor This Week

**Senate Floor:**
[H.R.4521](#) – America COMPETES Act of 2022

**House Floor:**
District work week
Bills to Watch

Authorization Bills

**H.R.5376**  *Build Back Better Act*
Sponsor: Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY)
(11/22/21 passed by the House; 9/27/21 Introduced in House)

**H.R.4521**  *America COMPETES Act of 2022*
Sponsor: Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)
(2/4/22 Passed by House; 7/19/21 Introduced in House)

**S.1260**  *United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021*
Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
(6/8/21 Passed by Senate; 4/20/21 Introduced in Senate)

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

U.S. House and Senate 2022 Schedule
U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor
U.S. Senate Budget Committee
U.S. House Budget Committee
Congressional Budget Office
Federal legislative information

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