THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session, with the House holding “Committee Work Days” under its updated 2020 schedule.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up S. 3422, the Great American Outdoors Act, which would permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nomination of U.S. District Judge Justin Walker to be on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC FGR participated in the Committee for Education Funding’s virtual day of advocacy. The Capitol Hill meetings focused on the need for increased federal education investments in the next coronavirus relief measure and in the FY 2021 appropriations cycle.
- Last week, UC FGR worked with Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s office regarding the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program. On June 11, Sen. Feinstein sent a letter to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf that included a statement declaring non-immigrant visas tied to education or research at institutions of higher education should be exempt from future executive action.
- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
  - On June 5, Vice President for Research and Innovation Theresa Maldonado, the ten campus vice chancellors for research and Associate Vice President for the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Wendy Powers sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requesting an extension of the administrative flexibilities that were promulgated in the March 19 OMB Memo M-20-17.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
- UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
- UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Monday, the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Budget Cuts and Lost Learning: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Public Education."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the energy industry.
• On Tuesday, the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing to conduct oversight of the Federal Communications Commission Spectrum Auctions Program.

• On Tuesday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Reviving our Economy: COVID-19's Impact on the Energy Sector.”

• On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Telehealth: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic."

• On Wednesday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a markup to consider an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 2, the INVEST in America Act, and other matters cleared for consideration.

• On Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee will markup H.R. 7120, the "Justice in Policing Act of 2020."

• On Wednesday the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Health Care Inequality: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 and the Health Care System."

• On Thursday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "COVID-19 and U.S. International Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention, and Response."

• On Thursday, the National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to consider multiple bills including H.R. 5040, the Aerial Incursion Repercussion (AIR) Safety Act of 2019.

• On Friday, the Investigation and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a closed hearing titled, "Repurposing Therapeutic Drugs for COVID-19: Research Challenges and Opportunities."

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