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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

• This week, the House and Senate are in session.
• This week, Congress and the administration are expected to continue negotiating on a continuing resolution to keep the government open starting Oct. 1.
• This week, the House is expected to vote on H.Res. 908, Condemning all forms of anti-Asian sentiment as related to COVID-19.
• This week, the House is expected to vote on H.R. 2694, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.
• This week, the House is expected to vote on two bills aimed at helping promote diversity and prevent discrimination in education” H.R. 2639, the Strength in Diversity Act of 2019, and H.R. 2574, the Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act.
• This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Mark Scarsi, Stanley Blumenfeld, John Holcomb, Todd Robinson, David Dugan, Stephen McGlynn, Iain Johnston and Franklin Valderrama, each to be district judges.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

• On Tuesday, law professor and Director of the Othering and Belonging Institute at UC Berkeley John A. Powell will participate in the virtual town hall, “Conversations on Race,” hosted by Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (CA-11), Barbara Lee (CA-13) and Jackie Speier (CA-14).
• On Wednesday and Thursday, researchers from several UC campuses and health centers will participate virtually in the annual Rally for Medical Research advocacy day in support of the National Institute of Health.
• On Friday, UC FGR will meet with the UC Student Association (UCSA) as part of a meet-and-greet with UCSA's new leadership.
• On Friday, Reps. Jared Huffman and Mike Levin are sponsoring the congressional briefing, “Advancing Desalination Technologies to Develop Clean, Safe and Affordable Water for the Nation,” to highlight the work of the National Alliance for Water Innovation, which is a Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory-led research consortium that was selected to lead Department of Energy’s Energy-Water Desalination Hub.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

• UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
• UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit
• UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Compensating College Athletes: Examining the Potential Impact on Athletes and Institutions.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Matters Relating to the Budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will mark up S. 4286, the Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Stakeholder Reactions: The Navigable Waters Protection Rule Under the Clean Water Act.”
- On Wednesday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Review of Coronavirus Response Efforts.”
- On Wednesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Modernizing VA’s Medical Supply Chain: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic.”
- On Thursday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland.”
- On Thursday, the Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Interim Review of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence Effort and Recommendations.”
- On Thursday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Matters Relating to the Budget of the National Nuclear Security Administration.”
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Time to Finish Fixing FAFSA.” Rachel Feldman, former financial aid director at UC Berkeley, will testify.

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