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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nominations of Lisa Monaco to be deputy attorney general and the re-appointment of Gary Gensler to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, the University of California Advocacy Network (UCAN) held its first federal Capitol Hill Advocacy Day during which UCAN Student Ambassadors participated in support of [Double the Pell](#).

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

- On Tuesday, the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior."
- On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Environmental Protection Agency."

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Building Capacity, Building Community: Increasing Investments in Community Colleges."
- On Tuesday, the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "For-Profit College Conversions: Examining Ways to Improve Accountability and Prevent Fraud."
- On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Generating Equity: Deploying a Just and Clean Energy Future."
- On Tuesday, the House Select Committee on Climate Crisis will hold a hearing titled, "Making the Case for Climate Action: Creating New Jobs and Catalyzing Economic Growth."
- On Tuesday, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Defense Health Program."
- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee will hold a hearing titled, "COVID-19 Recovery: Supporting Workers and Modernizing the Workforce Through Quality Education, Training, and Employment Opportunities."

- On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in Our Nation's Future."
- On Wednesday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Working Towards Climate Equity: The Case for a Federal Climate Service."
- On Wednesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Leading the Wireless Future: Securing American Network Technology."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a business meeting to consider [S.413](#), a bill to establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, and [S. 1169](#), the Strategic Competition Act of 2021, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Improving Access and Inclusivity in the Patent System: Unleashing America's Economic Engine."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Bill Nelson to be administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, among other nominations.
- On Wednesday, the Senate HELP Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Cynthia Minette Marten to be deputy secretary, and James Richard Kvaal to be under secretary, both of the Department of Education, among other nominations.
- On Wednesday, the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing to receive testimony on science and technology, technology maturation and technology transition activities.
- On Thursday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Jewel Hairston Bronaugh to be deputy secretary of the Department of Agriculture.
- On Thursday, the Senate HELP Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Protecting U.S. Biomedical Research: Efforts to Prevent Undue Foreign Influence."
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Carbon Utilization Technologies." Gaurav Sant, professor of civil and environmental engineering, UCLA, will testify.

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