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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up H.R. 2500, the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which passed out of committee earlier this month.
- This week, the House is expected to take up H.R. 7301, the Emergency Housing Protections and Relief Act of 2020, aimed at providing relief for homeowners and renters struggling amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
- On Monday, the House is expected to take up H.R. 1425, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, a bill expanding the Affordable Care Act.
- On Thursday, the House is expected to take up H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, an infrastructure bill that would provide funding for transportation and the expansion of broadband and investments in schools and hospitals.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, UC President Janet Napolitano participated in the briefing, “Rapid Response Briefing: Implications of Supreme Court’s Decision on DACA,” hosted by the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, TheDream.US and the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education.
- Last week, UC Systemwide Title IX Coordinator Suzanne Taylor participated in the roundtable, “Survivors Deserve Better: Why Secretary Devos’ Title IX Rule Makes Us Less Safe,” hosted by the House Democratic Women’s Caucus.
- Last week, UC Deputy General Counsel Margaret Wu participated in the webinar, “U.S. Supreme Court’s DACA Decision,” hosted by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.
- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
  - On June 22, UC FGR sent a letter to the California delegation from University President Janet Napolitano and the 10 campus chancellors outlining the UC’s education and research requests as related to the fourth COVID-19 emergency legislation.
  - On June 23, UC FGR sent a letter to the California delegation from Executive Vice President of UC Health Carrie Byington outlining the UC’s health requests as related to the fourth COVID-19 emergency legislation.
  - On June 24, UC FGR hosted its fourth virtual briefing, “UC COVID-19 Briefing Series: Impacts of NSF RAPID Grants.” The briefing was hosted by UC’s Vice President of Research and Innovation Theresa Maldonado and panelists included researchers from the UC campuses at Berkeley, Irvine, Riverside and San Diego.
  - On June 24, H.R. 7308, the Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act was introduced by Reps. Diana DeGette (D-CO-1), Fred Upton
(R-MI-6), Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18), Frank Lucas (R-OK-3), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30) and Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH-16). The bill authorizes $26 billion for research at academic institutions to ramp up work that has been disrupted, delayed or shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- On June 26, UC FGR sent a letter from Executive Vice President of UC Health Carrie Byington and UC Vice President of Research and Innovation Theresa Maldonado to the Senate Committee for Health, Education, Labor and Pensions outlining the University’s recommendations for addressing future pandemics.

**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 Tuesday, the Government Operations Subcommittee of the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Frontline Feds: Serving the Public During a Pandemic.”
- On Tuesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “High Anxiety and Stress: Legislation to Improve Mental Health During Crisis.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, “COVID-19: Update on Progress Toward Safely Getting Back to Work and Back to School.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “COVID-19 and U.S. International Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention, and Response: Additional Perspectives.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to examine the nomination of Derek Kan to be deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Exploring a Compensation Framework for Intercollegiate Athletes.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Better, Faster, Cheaper, Smarter and Stronger: Infrastructure Development Opportunities to Drive Economic Recovery and Resiliency.”
- On Wednesday, the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program: Status Update from the Administration.”
- On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Operation Warp Speed: Focusing on Researching, Manufacturing and Distributing a Safe and Effective Coronavirus Vaccine.”