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**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- On Monday, the Senate is expected to consider the nominations of Andrea Palm to be a deputy secretary of health and human services and Cynthia Marten to be a deputy secretary of state for political affairs.
- On Wednesday, President Joe Biden is expected to meet with Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12), Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23).

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

- Last week, the University of California Student Association (UCSA), in partnership with UC, hosted a [Double the Pell organizing webinar](#) for students from across the country.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

- [UC's FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker](#)
- [UC's FY 2021 Funding Priorities](#)
- Upcoming Congressional Activity:
  - On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The FY 2022 HHS Budget."

**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- On Monday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Jewel Bronaugh to be deputy secretary of the Department of Agriculture.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Michael McCord to be undersecretary (comptroller) and Ronald Moultrie to be undersecretary for intelligence and security, both for the Department of Defense.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, "An Update from Federal Officials on Efforts to Combat COVID-19."
- On Tuesday, the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Equity in Transportation Infrastructure: Connecting Communities, Removing Barriers and Repairing Networks across America."
- On Tuesday, the Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight Subcommittee of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a

hearing titled, "Prevention, Response and Recovery: Improving Federal Cybersecurity Post-SolarWinds."

- On Wednesday, the Worker and Family Support Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Making a Difference for Families and Foster Youth."
- On Wednesday, the Conservation and Forestry Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Title II Conservation Programs: Exploring Climate Smart Practices."
- On Wednesday, the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "COVID-19 Variants and Evolving Research Needs."
- On Wednesday, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "USDA Research, Education and Economics Mission Area."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a business meeting during which the committee is expected to consider the soon-to-be introduced Safeguarding American Innovation Act, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will markup [S. 1260](#), the Endless Frontier Act, among other legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nominations of Shannon Estenoz to be assistant secretary of fish and wildlife and parks for the Department of Interior; and Radhika Fox to be assistant administrator for water and Michal Freedhoff to be assistant administrator for chemical safety and pollution prevention, both for the Environmental Protection Agency.
- On Wednesday, the Immigration, Citizenship and Border Safety Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Essential Role of Immigrant Workers in America."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Examining the COVID-19 Response in Native Communities: Native Tourism Economies One Year Later."
- On Wednesday, the Health Care Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond: Improving Mental Health and Addiction Services in Our Communities."
- On Thursday, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Mental Health Emergencies: Building a Robust Crisis Response System."
- On Thursday, the Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Reauthorization: Creating Opportunities for Youth Employment."

- On Thursday, the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The CLEAN Future Act: Superfund Proposals to Advance Cleanups, Equity and Climate Resilience."
- On Thursday, the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Overview of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs."
- On Thursday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Tommy Beaudreau to be deputy secretary of the Department of Interior.
- On Thursday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "DHS Actions to Address Unaccompanied Minors at the Southern Border."

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