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The House and Senate are in session this week. Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and federal advocates are monitoring the week of July 23, 2012.

House Hearings

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

10:00 AM Committee on Ways and Means | Subcommittee on Health
Physician Organization Efforts to Promote High Quality Care and Implications for Medicare Physician Payment –
The hearing will focus on how physician organization efforts to promote quality and efficiency can inform Medicare physician payment reform.

10:00 AM Committee on Natural Resources | Full Committee
The Impact of Catastrophic Forest Fires and Litigation on People and Endangered Species: Time for Rational Management of our Nation's Forests -
The hearing will examine the impact of megafires on communities, endangered species, and their habitats and how environmental litigation has contributed to the deterioration of forest health. Environmental groups use litigation or the threat of litigation as a means to stop forest thinning and timber sales, practices that help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. This hearing will look at how megafires that destroy endangered species and their habitats could be reduced with better management of our forests.

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

12:00 AM Committee on Small Business
Tales of Resilience: Small Business Survival in the Recession –
The purpose of the hearing is to examine how, despite the harrowing recession and tough economy, some small business owners have grown by innovating and strategically adapting their business models in order to find success. The hearing will focus on how certain small firms overcame obstacles created or exacerbated by the economic climate. Further, it will examine methods utilized and cultivated by a portion of small businesses to achieve prosperity, such as: reducing costs, diversifying portfolios, capitalizing emerging industries, and fostering innovation.

9:30 AM Committee on Ways and Means | Oversight
Public Charity Organizational Issues, Unrelated Business Income Tax, and the Revised Form 990 –
The Subcommittee will examine the revised Form 990, reasons for the increasing organizational complexity of public charities, including unrelated business income tax issues, and their effect on transparency and tax compliance.

10:00 AM Committee on Veterans' Affairs | Full Committee
Back From the Battlefield: DoD and VA Collaboration to Assist Servicemembers Returning to Civilian Life-

10:00 AM Committee on Education and the Workforce | Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions - *Examining Proposals to Strengthen the National Labor Relations Act -*

2:00 PM Committee on Ways and Means | Subcommittee on Human Resources
The Use of Technology to Improve the Administration of SSI's Financial Eligibility Requirements -

The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.

Senate Hearings

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

2:30 PM Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power

Water Efficiency and Energy Impacts –

An oversight hearing to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine the role of water use efficiency and its impact on energy use. Mr. GP Russ Chaney, Chief Executive Officer of the IAPMO Group, Ontario, CA is listed on the witness list.

2:30 PM Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security

Assessing Grants Management Practices at Federal Agencies -

This hearing will examine assessing grants management practices at Federal agencies.

Thursday, July 26, 2012

10:00 AM Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families

Reauthorization: Helping to Meet the Child Care Needs of American Families-

The hearing will examine the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) reauthorization, focusing on helping to meet the child care needs of American families.