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The Week in Washington D.C. – May 6, 2013

Congress returns this week from a week-long recess. Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of May 6, 2013 below.

House Hearings

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Developing a Viable Medicare Physician Payment Policy | 10 AM | House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health. The hearing will focus on physician and other stakeholder input on how to best reform the Medicare physician payment system. Click [here](#) for the Hearing Advisory.

Local and Private Sector Initiatives to Combat International Human Trafficking | 10 AM | Committee on Foreign Affairs| At this hearing, the Committee will focus on innovative local and private sector partnerships that are connecting and equipping communities around the world to combat this modern-day slavery. LA County Supervisor, Don Knabe, is scheduled to testify. Watch the live video [here](#).

Raising the Bar: Exploring State and Local Efforts to Improve Accountability |10 AM | Education and the Workforce Committee. The hearing will offer members an opportunity to examine the appropriate federal role in accountability and explore innovative state and local efforts to hold schools accountable for student performance. Watch the live video [here](#).

Impediments to Public Recreation on Public Lands | 2 PM | Natural Resources Committee: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulations.

FY14 Interior and Environment |10:30 AM | Senate Appropriations Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Committee on Veterans Affairs Committee | 9 AM | Markup of the following:

[H.R.570](#) — American Heroes COLA Act - Requires that, whenever there is an increase in benefit amounts payable under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) shall increase by the same percentage the amounts payable as veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

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.

[H.R. 602](#) - *Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act* – Prohibits considering any person who is mentally incapacitated, deemed mentally incompetent, or experiencing an extended loss of consciousness from being considered adjudicated as a mental defective for purposes of the right to receive or transport firearms without the order or finding of a judicial authority of competent jurisdiction that such person is a danger to himself or herself or others.

[H.R. 671](#) - *Ruth Moore Act of 2013* - Directs the Secretary of VA, in any case in which a veteran claims that a covered mental health condition was incurred in or aggravated by military sexual trauma during active duty, to accept as sufficient proof of service-connection a diagnosis by a mental health professional together with satisfactory lay or other evidence of such trauma and an opinion by the mental health professional that such condition is related to such trauma.

[H.R. 1412](#) – *Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013*.

Role of Immigration in Economic Strength | 10 AM | Joint Economic Committee

Thursday, May 9, 2013

The Health Insurance Fee – Impact on Small Businesses | 10 AM | Small Business Committee

Friday, May 10, 2013

Overview of the Federal Housing Administration | 10 AM | Appropriations Committee: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

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Senate Floor Action

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

[S. 601](#) (Boxer) *Water Resources Development Act of 2013* | 2 PM | Floor Action. This bill would provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

[S. 743](#) *Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013* | 2 PM | Floor Action. This bill would restore states' sovereign rights to enforce state and local sales and use tax laws - authorizing state and local governments to collect already-owed sales and use taxes on online sales transactions.

Senate Hearings

Thursday, May 9, 2013

[S. 744](#) *Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act* | 10 AM | Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting. Watch the live video [here](#).

Friday, May 10, 2013

FY14 Agriculture, Rural, FDA Budget Hearing | 10 AM | Senate Appropriations. Hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Agriculture.

Overview of the Federal Housing Administration | 10 AM | Senate Appropriations Committee: Transportation, HUD