



NCDA Monthly Report February 2022

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On The Hill

With another continuing resolution funding the government through March 11th, the FY22 Appropriations process continues to drag on. The House and Senate have reached a framework agreement to pass a spending bill through September 30, 2022, but details have not been made public yet.

The President's State of the Union is scheduled for March 1st. The State of the Union address is generally an opportunity for the President to outline his budget proposals for the next fiscal year; we anticipate that this will provide some clarity on where key Biden Administration priorities stand and serve as a launching point for FY23 appropriations negotiations. The FY23 cycle will likely be a whirlwind as Congress works to make up for lost time, and the window to submit appropriations requests may be narrower than usual.

Current events will also impact the Congressional calendar. The conflict in Ukraine is likely to cause Congress and the Administration to consider aid and sanctions packages. Hearings and votes on the newly-named Supreme Court nominee will also suck up oxygen on Capitol Hill. Because of all of these factors, the available calendar time for consideration of legislative items is filling up quickly for the next several months.

WIOA

Negotiations continue on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), but we are not yet at the point where an outline of changes to funding or programs has been released. While we await a clearer picture on the timeline, our team is working on solidifying our relationships with key staff and offices to ensure we are well positioned to advocate for programs benefitting membership and their clients.

America COMPETES Act/USICA

The America COMPETES Act, the House's version of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (which passed the Senate over the summer), passed nearly along party lines this month. The bill includes most of the same provisions of the USICA, but also includes more progressive foreign policy, climate, and workforce development priorities. The Senate's USICA passed with much more significant bipartisan support than the America COMPETES Act.

Of particular interest to NCDA, the bill includes provisions of the National Apprenticeship Act and for STEM workforce development. As a next step, the bill will go to a conference committee where the House and Senate will hash out their differences. Given that progressive provisions in the House version, such as the National Apprenticeship Act, have faced opposition in the Senate before, getting 60 Senate votes for the America COMPETES Act as it's written now would be very unlikely.

Our team is working on a draft letter to Congress in support of workforce development provisions on behalf of NCDA.

Other Updates

During tomorrow's State of the Union address, we have been told that President Biden will express support for workforce provisions including registered apprenticeships and skills-based training and hiring programs, affordability of higher education, STEM workforce development, and a \$15/hr minimum wage.

We have been informed that a Senate version of the Employer Directed Skills Act (which AWFS endorsed) will be dropped in the next few weeks. The House version of the bill now has 3 cosponsors.

Our team is also closely tracking the FY23 appropriations timeline to ensure that funding for programs benefitting members is not on the chopping block. If we learn of cuts to programs, we will work with NCDA to determine our next steps (for example, a comprehensive outreach strategy).

This month, we also provided NCDA Government Relations Committee members with a comprehensive update on what is happening on the Hill and how it impacts membership.

We were pleased to work with NCDA to honor a Congressional staffer for this year's legislative award. We worked with the committee to develop a nomination package for a staffer who has been very active for several years in supporting career counselors.

Bills by Issue

National Career Development Association (28)

State US	Bill Number HR 6255	Last Action Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 12 13	Status In House
Title Employer-Directed Skills Act		Introduction Date: 2021-12-13	
Primary Sponsors Elise Stefanik			
State US	Bill Number HR 5376	Last Action Motion To Reconsider Laid On The Table 2021 11 19	Status In Senate
Title Build Back Better Act		Introduction Date: 2021-09-27	
Primary Sponsors John Yarmuth			
State US	Bill Number S 1886	Last Action Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 27	Status In Senate
Title Apprenticeships to College Act		Introduction Date: 2021-05-27	
Primary Sponsors Amy Klobuchar			
State US	Bill Number HR 3342	Last Action Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 05 19	Status In House
Title Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2021		Introduction Date: 2021-05-19	
Primary Sponsors Josh Harder			

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1696	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 19	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-19
Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Tina Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1534	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 05 10	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-05-10
REO Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Gary Peters

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1225	Referred To The Subcommittee On Immigration And Citizenship 2021 04 28	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-23
National Security Diversity and Inclusion Workforce Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Gerry Connolly

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2733	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 04 21	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-04-21
Counseling for Career Choice Act

Primary Sponsors
Jim Langevin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 1026	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 03 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-25
American Apprenticeship Act

Primary Sponsors
Amy Klobuchar

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 2174	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 03 23	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-23
Success for Rural Students and Communities Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Elise Stefanik

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 885	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions Sponsor Introductory Remarks On Measure Cr S 1674 2021 03 22	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-03-22
Success for Rural Students and Communities Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Susan Collins

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 636	Referred To The Subcommittee On Immigration And Citizenship 2021 03 22	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-01
PARTNERS Act

Primary Sponsors
Suzanne Bonamici

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1319	Became Public Law No 117 2 2021 03 11	Enacted

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-24
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
John Yarmuth

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 1402	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 26	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-26
More Choice for Career Training Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
John Carter

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 477	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Finance 2021 02 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-25
Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Catherine Cortez Masto

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 447	Received In The Senate And Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 25	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-25
National Apprenticeship Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 487	Referred To The Subcommittee On Nutrition Oversight And Department Operations 2021 02 24	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-01-25
RESET for America's Future Act

Primary Sponsors
Abigail Spanberger

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 396	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 23	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-23
Apprenticeship Hubs Across America Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Chris Coons

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 854	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 04	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-04
Youth Corps Act of 2021

Primary Sponsors
Freddie Wilson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 200	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 03	In Senate

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-03
Relaunching America's Workforce Act

Primary Sponsors
Patty Murray

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 702	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
To direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to develop, administer, and evaluate early childhood education apprenticeships, and for other purposes.

Primary Sponsors
Brett Guthrie

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 703	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Apprenticeship Futures for All Act

Primary Sponsors
Pramila Jayapal

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 720	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
CHANCE in TECH Act

Primary Sponsors
Seth Moulton

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 691	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Expanding Opportunity through Pre-Apprenticeships Act

Primary Sponsors
Tony Cardenas

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 683	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 02 02	In House

Title	Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Apprenticeship Access for All Act of 2021	

Primary Sponsors
Alma Adams

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 186	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 02 02	In Senate

Title	Introduction Date: 2021-02-02
Early Educators Apprenticeship Act	

Primary Sponsors
Todd Young

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	HR 602	Referred To The House Committee On Education And Labor 2021 01 28	In House

Title	Introduction Date: 2021-01-28
Relaunching America's Workforce Act	

Primary Sponsors
Bobby Scott

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status
US	S 52	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Health Education Labor And Pensions 2021 01 26	In Senate

Title	Introduction Date: 2021-01-26
Gateway to Careers Act of 2021	

Primary Sponsors
Maggie Hassan