

Policy and Politics: Senator Durbin and Education Experts Discuss DREAM Act

Washington, D.C. - Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL), the chief sponsor of the DREAM Act (the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act), has placed the bill on the Senate calendar for debate later this week. A new report shows that, while the benefits of the DREAM Act to individual immigrant students may be obvious, the benefits to society as a whole of a more highly educated, higher income tax-base are substantial. Leaders from the field of education will comment on the DREAM Act and the benefits it could provide if adopted.

WHAT:

On the record briefing with Q&A on the DREAM Act, plus a new report on the cost of not educating DREAM Act students

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WHO:

- **Sen. Richard Durbin**, (D-Ill.), introduced the DREAM Act in the U.S. Senate.
- **Robert J. Birgeneau**, Chancellor, University of California at Berkeley ([bio](#) [2])
- **Reg Weaver**, President, National Education Association (NEA) ([bio](#) [3])
- **Gov. Bob Wise**, President, [Alliance for Excellent Education](#) [4] and former governor of West Virginia
- **Roberto G. Gonzales**, University of California at Irvine, and author, "[Wasted Talent and Broken Dreams: The Lost Potential of Undocumented Students](#) [5]" (Immigration Policy Center, October 2007)
- **Angela Kelley**, Director, Immigration Policy Center (American Immigration Law Foundation), Moderator

WHEN: Tuesday, October 23 at 12:00noon ET

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