



Insight

The Week Ahead in Regulation: March 26-30

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As the Supreme Court argues the fate of the Affordable Care Act, there will still be plenty of regulatory action on Capitol Hill and in administrative agencies this week.

Oversight Hearings:

- On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on EPA's efforts to reduce inter-agency pollution.
- The House Transportation Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on Wednesday to review EPA's budget request.
- On Thursday, the House Financial Services Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on the semi-annual report of the newly-created Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Regulations:

- The Department of Energy (DOE) will release [proposed](#) energy conservation standards for battery chargers and external power supplies tomorrow. The proposed rule, during the 30-year implementation window, will impose \$4.2 billion in compliance costs and compel at least 600 paperwork burden hours. Estimated benefits will "continue well beyond 2100," according to DOE.
- Tomorrow, on the day the Supreme Court hears arguments on the individual mandate, the Department of Health and Human Services, will release its [final](#) "Establishment of Exchanges" rule. As the Forum calculated [here](#), the final rule will cost \$3.4 billion and impose more than one million paperwork burden hours.
- FDIC, Department of Treasury, and the Federal Reserve released "[guidance](#)" on leveraged lending this week. Regulated entities would need "a definition of leveraged

finance that facilitates consistent application across all business lines,” among other requirements. In total, the measure will impose 164,614 paperwork burden hours.

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