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Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker to Testify at Upcoming Competitiveness Crisis Council Summit Sept. 21

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Without action now, California is going to experience a significant decline in per capita income in little more than a decade, President Warren J. Baker of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo will tell members of a U.S. House subcommittee at a hearing on Friday, Sept. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

He will cite several prestigious reports that document a strong continuing demand for science and technology workers in the California and U.S. economies.

The statistics show that by 2020, California will experience a decline in per capita income of almost \$2,500 if rates of educational participation and completion are not increased.

In his testimony before the U.S. House Education and Labor Sub-Committee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness at Cal Poly Pomona, Baker will:

- o discuss the growing need for graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines
- o share with sub-committee members information about steps Cal Poly is taking to address the need
- o comment on additional policy measures that might be implemented at the federal level to help us address the issue at the state and local level

The hearing is part of a two-day summit entitled "California is at Great Risk – Securing Our Competitiveness in a Global Market," hosted by Cal Poly, Pomona and the Competitiveness Crisis Council. It will be led by Representatives Ruben Hinojosa (D-Texas) and Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii).

The summit will address issues and present solutions regarding California's struggle to remain a technological leader in the global economy.

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