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OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	I am filing this disclosure because: ☒ I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and ☒ A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) will be holding its annual legislative summit in Louisville, Kentucky, from August 5-7, 2024. The conference will include lectures, meetings and networking opportunities for legislators and legislative staff to learn from their counterparts in other states.
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will be attending this year's legislative summit and Traffic Safety Preconference on August 4th.
Date, time and location of activity.	August 4-7, 2024 Louisville, KY
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	NCSL is a major partner and resource for the Massachusetts Legislature. My participation in this year's summit and preconference will allow me to learn the most current, up-to-date public policy information and have valuable interactions with legislators and legislative staff from across the country.

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Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	National Conference of State Legislatures
Address of person or organization.	7700 E. First Place Denver, CO 80230
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Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i> \$670 – airfare
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	\$670 <i>Because NCSL has offered to reimburse up to \$750 and I have not incurred any other costs subject to reimbursement to date, I will submit a reconciliation statement should I incur any additional costs that will be reimbursed by NCSL.</i>
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Employee signature:	
Date:	August 3, 2024

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2024 NCSL Legislative Summit Agenda

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Session Name	Time/Room
 NAPACSL Reception Summary: Reception of the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators (NAPACSL).	Saturday, Aug. 3 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
 Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Privacy Preconference Meeting Summary: The preconference meeting of the task force on Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Privacy will take a deep dive into emerging and current topics in these areas. Track: Technology and Communications Artificial Intelligence	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Omni, 2, Commonwealth 4
 LSCC Breakfast Summary: Breakfast for LSCC members. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	Sunday, Aug. 4 7:00 AM-8:00 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky F
 NCSL Agriculture Task Force Preconference Meeting Summary: The Agriculture Task Force meets to hear from speakers on a variety of trending issues and engage in policy discussions. Participants will receive a federal agriculture policy update and have a chance to share information about state-level agriculture policy. The meeting wraps up with an afternoon of local agriculture site tours. Registration is required. Please email NCSL staffer Megan Bland (megan.bland@ncsl.org) for more information. Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment	Sunday, Aug. 4 7:30 AM-5:00 PM Marriott, 2, Marriott I-II
 SALT Task Force Summit Preconference Meeting Summary: The SALT Task Force meeting features traditional panel and policy discussions on timely state and local taxation issues. Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions	Sunday, Aug. 4 7:30 AM-5:00 PM Omni, 2, Commonwealth 7-8
 Health Innovations Task Force Meeting Summary: NCSL's Health Innovations Task Force explores the issues and opportunities faced by state policymakers as they reform their own health systems. At this meeting, the task force plans to discuss artificial intelligence in health care spaces, and the state legislative role. Track: Health and Human Services Artificial Intelligence	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-3:00 PM Marriott, 2, Marriott IX
 LSCC NCSL 50th Anniversary Work Group Summary: LSCC work group meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky C
 LSCC Professional Staff Association Officers Work Group	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky A

Summary: LSCC work group meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	
■ LSCC Standing Committee Officers Work Group Summary: LSCC work group meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky B
■ LSCC Strategic Planning Work Group Summary: LSCC work group meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky D
■ Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force Preconference Meeting Summary: Join members of the Military and Veterans Affairs Task Force to share state policy options and innovations to assist military service members and veterans in your state on a variety of topics, including veterans housing, occupational licensing and employment of veterans, mental health, the National Guard, veterans justice and working cooperatively with military installations to sustain the military presence. Speaker: Brig. Gen. David L. Stringer, Director of the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility, NASA Speaker: Maj. Gen. Haldane B. Lamberton, Adjutant General, Kentucky Department of Military Affairs Track: Military and Veterans	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Marriott, 2, Marriott III-IV
■ NAPACSL Annual Meeting Summary: Members of the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators gather for their annual meeting. Panelist: Christine Chen, Executive Director, APIAVote Panelist: Harry Budisidharta, In-House Legal Counsel, Aurora Mental Health & Recovery	Sunday, Aug. 4 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Omni, 2, Commonwealth 5
■ Energy Staff Network Meeting Summary: The Energy Staff Network meets for a half day preconference, featuring guest speakers on various relevant energy policy issues and roundtable discussions to share their states' recent energy policy actions and challenges. Moderator: Alex McWard, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment	Sunday, Aug. 4 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Marriott, 2, Thoroughbred
■ LSCC Information Technology, Social Media, E-Learning and Outreach Subcommittee Summary: LSCC subcommittee meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation Downloads: Resource • NCSL: Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee 2024 Summer Meeting (https://www.ncsl.org/legislative-staff/legislative-staff-coordinating-committee-2024-summer-meeting)	Sunday, Aug. 4 9:15 AM-10:15 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky B

 LSCC Legislative Institution Subcommittee Summary: LSCC subcommittee meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation Downloads: Resource • NCSL: Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee 2024 Summer Meeting (https://www.ncsl.org/legislative-staff/legislative-staff-coordinating-committee-2024-summer-meeting)	Sunday, Aug. 4 9:15 AM-10:15 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky D
 LSCC Programs and Professional Development Subcommittee Summary: LSCC subcommittee meeting. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation Downloads: Resource • NCSL: Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee 2024 Summer Meeting (https://www.ncsl.org/legislative-staff/legislative-staff-coordinating-committee-2024-summer-meeting)	Sunday, Aug. 4 9:15 AM-10:15 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky C
 2030 Mason's Manual Commission Preconference Meeting Summary: The 2030 Mason's Manual Commission meets in a work session to discuss additions, changes and education for and about the 2030 Mason's Manual.	Sunday, Aug. 4 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Marriott, 1, Show
 Traffic Safety Preconference Meeting Summary: Learn about causes behind the spike in traffic deaths and crashes, including speeding, impaired driving and increased risk for pedestrians. Connect with national transportation leaders, exchange legislative solutions, discuss technology and enforcement interventions and tools and gather actionable takeaways to improve roadway safety. Please contact NCSL staffer Annie Kitch (annie.kitch@ncsl.org) if you're interested in attending. Track: Transportation	Sunday, Aug. 4 10:15 AM-4:30 PM Marriott, 2, Bluegrass 1-2
 Full Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary: Meeting of the full LSCC. Track: Legislative Staff Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation Downloads: Resource • NCSL: Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee 2024 Summer Meeting (https://www.ncsl.org/legislative-staff/legislative-staff-coordinating-committee-2024-summer-meeting)	Sunday, Aug. 4 10:30 AM-11:30 AM Marriott, 1, Kentucky F

International Legislative Advisory Council Meeting Summary: The International Legislative Advisory identifies and promotes opportunities for greater collaboration and global cooperation between NCSL member states and its international affiliates. Its inaugural meeting will set goals and priorities for the coming year.	Sunday, Aug. 4 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Marriott, 1, Kentucky D
LSCC and Executive Committee Joint Lunch Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation	Sunday, Aug. 4 11:45 AM-1:00 PM Marriott, 1, Kentucky G
NCSL Foundation Board Meeting Summary: Learn about the NCSL Foundation at the Board of Directors Meeting. The Foundation board of directors will approve the Foundation's budget, awards to NCSL and more. All Foundation sponsors are welcome. Lunch will be provided. Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation Downloads: Resource • NCSL Foundation Board Meeting (https://www.ncsl.org/foundation/board-of-directors/ncsl-foundation-board-of-directors-2024-summer-meeting)	Sunday, Aug. 4 11:45 AM-1:15 PM Marriott, 2, Marriott V
Financial Security for an Evolving Workforce Preconference Meeting Summary: This preconference is designed to help legislators develop expertise and leadership on retirement savings initiatives, portable benefits, paid leave, and caregiving policies for private sector workers. This meeting is geared toward legislators who do not currently have retirement savings initiatives or portable benefits in their states and will explore the feasibility of legislative solutions. This preconference is open to all legislators. If you are interested in attending, contact Landon Jacquinot (Landon.Jacquinot@ncsl.org). Track: Economic Development and Labor	Sunday, Aug. 4 12:00 PM-4:30 PM Marriott, 2, Grandstand
Registration	Sunday, Aug. 4 12:00 PM-6:00 PM KICC, 2, Upper South Concourse
ASLCS Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee Summary: The committee will meet to continue its work for the 2023-2024 conference year. This meeting is open only to legislative staff. Contact NCSL staffer Holly South (holly.south@ncsl.org) for more details. Space is limited. Track: Legislative Staff	Sunday, Aug. 4 1:00 PM-1:45 PM Marriott, 1, Kentucky A
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Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: The International Preconference provides the opportunity for globally minded U.S. legislators and staff and their counterparts from around the world to meet and discuss policy issues of international significance.

Speaker: Ben Williams, Associate Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Chris Tuttle, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Speaker: John Mahoney, Project Manager, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: International

Summary: If 2020 proved anything, it's the value of being prepared. Come learn strategies states can employ today to make the 2030 count in their states as accurate as possible. Gather a menu of ideas from leaning more on official partnerships with the Census Bureau to state-led initiatives. (Space is limited! To RSVP or to answer any CLE questions, please contact Ben Williams (ben.williams@ncsl.org).

Track: Elections and Redistricting
Continuing Legal Education

Summary: Meeting of the Executive Committee Budget, Finance and Rules Committee.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Summary: Meeting of the Executive Committee Outreach and Member Services Committee.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Downloads:**Resource**

- **NCSL: Executive Committee 2024 Summer Meeting** (<https://www.ncsl.org/about-us/executive-committee/executive-committee-2024-summer-meeting>).

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Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Meeting of the Executive Committee Legislative Institution Subcommittee.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Downloads:

Resource

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Summary: Meeting of the Executive Committee State-Federal Policy Subcommittee.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Downloads:

Resource

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Summary: The committee will meet to continue its work for the 2023-2024 conference year. This meeting is open only to ASLCS members. Contact NCSL staffer Holly South (holly.south@ncsl.org) for more details.

Track: Legislative Staff

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Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Meeting of the full NCSL Executive Committee.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Downloads:

Resource

- **NCSL: Executive Committee 2024 Summer Meeting** (<https://www.ncsl.org/about-us/executive-committee/executive-committee-2024-summer-meeting>).

Summary: Is this your first Legislative Summit, or has it been a while since you've attended and you'd like a refresher? Join this orientation to learn how to make the most of the meeting and hear all about NCSL. You'll also receive a warm welcome to Louisville from Marianne Eaves, Kentucky's first female master distiller since Prohibition. Eaves will discuss her journey as an entrepreneur and the important role of bourbon in Kentucky's history. Stay after the presentation to network with colleagues at a light reception. NCSL is glad you joined us in Louisville!

Speaker: Katie Ziegler, Associate Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Marianne Eaves, Master Distiller, Eaves

Speaker: Sydne Enlund, State Outreach Manager, National Conference of State Legislatures

Summary: Celebrate NCSL's global connections with international attendees and partners.

Sponsored by: Consulates General of Canada

Track: International

Summary: The task of the 2024 Legislative Staff Nominating Committee is to nominate a slate of 16 staff at-large members and three officers to the NCSL Executive Committee for the 2024-25 conference year. Closed session for interviews.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Summary: Legislators and legislative staff are encouraged to join your NCSL state liaison for coffee before the General Session.

Summary: Nominating committee for legislators for the Executive Committee and officers.

Track: Executive Committee, LSCC and NCSL Foundation

Summary: The newest age in the digital revolution has arrived, and states need to prepare. Join preeminent thought leader Jennifer Pahlka as she explores how to harness technology and attract tech talent to reimagine the way government benefits its citizens.

Speaker: Jennifer Pahlka, Speaker, Code for America

Track: Technology and Communications
Artificial Intelligence

Summary: Formula One, the World Cup and the 2028 Olympics are coming to the U.S., where they'll attract thousands of tourists—and require investments from states and cities to stage. But are those investments worth it? Join us as experts discuss the economic impact that big events have on states and how states can maximize their investments.

Panelist: Dina Neal, State Senator, Nevada Legislature

Panelist: Troy Waymaster, State Representative, Kansas Legislature

Panelist: Victor Matheson, Professor of Economics and Accounting, Ph.D., College of the Holy Cross

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions
Economic Development and Labor

Summary: Cryptocurrencies are recorded in a virtual public ledger called the blockchain, which is maintained by “miners”—anyone, anywhere, willing to invest in the specialized computer hardware to rapidly process complex computations. Concerns have risen regarding the noise and possible effects of these computer systems. Hear an overview of this technology and its enormous potential and challenges.

Track: Technology and Communications
Banking, Financial Services and Insurance

Summary: Join NCSL's Washington, D.C., staff for a fast-paced update on what's going on in the nation's capital, covering topics such as fiscal, education, health care and more.

Moderator: Molly Ramsdell, Vice President of State Federal Affairs, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Austin Reid, Federal Affairs Advisor, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Barrie Tabin, Legislative Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Ben Nasta, Legislative Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Lauren Kallins, Senior Legislative Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Nicole Ezech, Associate Legislative Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Summary: Join us for quick takes on a handful of pertinent policy areas: swatting, bipartisanship in redistricting, and creative solutions to combat catalytic converter thefts.

Speaker: Cheryl Kagan, State Senator, Maryland General Assembly

Speaker: Frank Strigari, Attorney & President of Government Affairs, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC

Speaker: Jeff Wice, Special Counsel, New York Legislature

Speaker: John Albers, State Senator, Georgia General Assembly

Speaker: Ryan McDougale, Senate Minority Leader, Virginia General Assembly

Track: Law and Public Safety
Economic Development and Labor
Elections and Redistricting

Summary: At a time of increasing concern about the state of U.S. politics and democracy, attention has turned to civics education as a means of equipping students with the skills and tools to become informed and engaged citizens, able to participate in civil discourse. How can legislators

equipping students with the skills and tools to become informed and engaged citizens, able to participate in civil discourse. How can legislators and legislative staff work to engage young citizens in the process and institutions of government? By building a foundation of civics knowledge, civility and community equipping the next generation of engaged lawmakers, citizens and stakeholders.

Moderator: Megan McClure, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Melvette Hill, Executive Director, Connecticut General Assembly

Panelist: Myra Hernandez, Director of Civic Education, Washington Legislature

Panelist: Shawn Healy, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, iCivics

Track: Legislative Institution

Legislative Staff

Professional Development

Summary: The Research, Editorial, Legal and Committee staff gathers for its annual business meeting, including the election of its executive committee, presentation of awards, preview of fall professional development opportunities and discussion of association activities.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Explore the vital role of state legislatures in strengthening ties between the U.S. and Ireland. From cultural exchanges to economic partnerships, learn how grassroots efforts at the state level are fostering greater collaboration and mutual understanding.

Presiding: Mark Daly, Senator, Senate of Ireland

Track: International

Summary: Managing up is the essential skill of working effectively with your boss. And everyone in a legislature manages up, either to a direct supervisor, a legislator or a community of stakeholders. Learn what managing up is, why it's important and strategies for successfully managing up to those around you.

Speaker: Jessica Hoffman, Training Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: Professional Development

Summary: What does the future of teaching and learning look like? What's needed, what's possible and what's happening across the country and the world that is innovative, engaging and preparing students for the future of work? Join us as experts lay out a vision for teaching and learning, and the policies and practices that support future-ready students and schools.

Moderator: Michelle Exstrom, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Ulcca Joshi Hansen, Author and Education Expert, Educating Potential

Speaker: Vicki Phillips, CEO, National Center on Education and the Economy

Track: Education

Results-Driven Governing

Livestream Sessions

Summary: Effective speechwriting uses the tools of storytelling. Come hear how speeches work—including the three steps to persuasion, three kinds of audiences, three types of debates and three parts to rhetoric. You'll also learn how to craft different speeches for lawmakers, from committee testimony to floor debate to keynote speeches.

Speaker: Guy Bergstrom, Speechwriter, Washington Legislature

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: What's it really like in today's juvenile justice system? Come hear a young person who's been there talk about that experience with a legislator. Learn how policy changes at the legislative level intertwine with what young people and families face in the system, and hear their perspectives on the current landscape of juvenile justice.

Panelist: Dequantay Smith, Ambassador, REFORM Louisville

Panelist: Whitney Westerfield, State Senator, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Law and Public Safety

Summary: Can the benefits of tax policy outweigh a price tag in the trillions? Join us for a conversation about the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the provisions slated for sunset and policy considerations around extensions for certain parts in any potential federal tax legislation.

Moderator: Curtis Bramble, State Senator, Utah Legislature

Panelist: Jeff Hoopes, Professor, Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Summary: AI has the potential to change all aspects of our society. Join this session to better understand the basics of this technology, how it is

currently being used, and approaches states are taking to balance the opportunities and challenges AI presents.

Moderator: Robert Rodriguez, Senate Majority Leader, Colorado General Assembly

Speaker: Evi Fuelle, Global Policy Director, Credo.AI Corp

Track: Technology and Communications

Results-Driven Governing

Livestream Sessions

Artificial Intelligence

Summary: When it comes to parliamentary procedure, it's best to go by the book—but which one? Join us for an entertaining and informative session on the vagaries of parliamentary procedure. And remember: How you answer the question might depend on which guide is in front of you!

Moderator: Angela Smith, Assistant Clerk of the House, Louisiana Legislature

Panelist: Lee Cassis, Clerk of the Senate, West Virginia Legislature

Panelist: Michelle Fontenot, Clerk of the House, Louisiana Legislature

Panelist: Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate, Washington Legislature

Track: Legislative Institution

Legislative Staff

Summary: Come learn from a seasoned pro about essential photography techniques and equipment advice tailored to legislative settings. What are best practices for capturing impactful moments, ensuring your images effectively communicate the legislative process to constituents? Whether you're snapping photos for social media or official publications, join us to learn the skills to elevate your photography game.

Speaker: Perry Bennett, Photographer, West Virginia Legislature

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: The National Association of Legislative Information Technology members elect new officers, hear committee reports and preview the fall professional development seminar. It's also an opportunity to recognize the winners of the NALIT Legislative Staff Achievement Awards and the Online Democracy Award.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Michael Kidd-Gilchrist went from NBA star to a champion for those who stutter, something he has done since childhood. His leadership led to the passage of Kentucky's first bill covering speech therapy services for stuttering. Join us to hear the inspirational story of a true leader and changemaker whose dedication to empowering individuals who stutter is reshaping perceptions and policies nationwide.

Speaker: Brandon Markosek, State Representative, Pennsylvania General Assembly

Speaker: Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Founder and CEO, Change & Impact

Speaker: Michael Pollock, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Summary: What are states doing to their capitol buildings to improve security? Join us as expert John Maulin highlight aspects of capitol architecture, such as bollard systems, crime prevention through environmental design and screening installations, among other things.

Speaker: John Maulin, Architect Principal, CSHQA

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: No matter what bill you're looking for, NCSL and partner State Net/LexisNexis have got you covered! Come learn about this powerful research tool, along with how to utilize NCSL's 50-state legislative databases.

Speaker: Amber Widgery, Program Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Laura Carper, Senior Program Coordinator, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Mikell Gonzales, Client Manager, LexisNexis State Net

Track: Legislative Staff

Professional Development

Summary: With elections taking place in 2024, over half the world will vote on the future direction of their countries. This year also marks significant advancements in artificial intelligence. AI has been used to influence voters and interfere with electoral processes in the U.S. and around the globe. Come learn how generative AI is being used in elections and what can be done to both prevent and deter bad actors—and how AI can be used for good. Lunch will be provided.

Moderator: Natalie Wood, Vice President, Research and Policy, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Cait Conley, Senior Advisor to the Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Panelist: David Scanlan, Secretary of State, State of New Hampshire

Panelist: David Vornaus, Director, Google

Track: Elections and Redistricting
Artificial Intelligence

Summary: Feeling a bit overwhelmed? Join the Women's Legislative Network for a professional development lunch session about promoting well-being while juggling the demands of being a leader and public servant. Learn new strategies to foster balance in your life!

Moderator: Melissa Ballard, State Representative, Utah Legislature

Speaker: Lisa Williams, Associate Dean, University of Kentucky

Track: Women's Legislative Network

Summary: As more electric vehicles hit the road, how can the nation's EV charging network meet the growing demand? Join us to learn about efforts to expand charging infrastructure, the impact on the grid and how state legislatures can help ensure a reliable and efficient EV charging system. Hear about funding opportunities to help states achieve these goals.

Panelist: Alexa Voytek, Deputy Director - Programs, Innovation & Transportation, Communications, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Office

Panelist: Josh Cohen, Head of Policy, SWITCH Energy

Panelist: Katherine Stainken, Technical Leader III, Electric Transportation, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Summary: Artificial intelligence offers both promise and peril in the health and human services sectors. Join us as experts explore hypothetical cases and a high-level overview of federal rulemaking. What are considerations for various guardrails related to privacy, data integrity, specificity and transparency in algorithms and other safeguards?

Moderator: Doug Howard, Vice President, Maximus

Panelist: Brian Clapier, Senior Vice President for Programs, Foster America

Panelist: Cody Bumgardner, Associate Professor & Chief of Pathology Informatics, University of Kentucky

Track: Health and Human Services
Artificial Intelligence

Summary: Come enjoy lunch and explore the world of upskilling and reskilling and how innovations around individual accounts can change how we empower individuals to finance education and training. Hear from thought leaders and a bipartisan pairing of legislators about how various lifelong learning accounts and newly proposed innovations, such as skill savings accounts, can meet state workforce and education goals.

Moderator: Steve Taylor, Director and Senior Fellow- Education & Workforce, Stand Together Trust

Panelist: Austin Reid, Federal Affairs Advisor, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Caroline Whistler, CEO and Co-Founder, Third Sector

Panelist: Jason Tyszko, Senior Vice President, Policy and Programs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Panelist: Laura Murphy, Senate Assistant Majority Leader, Illinois General Assembly

Panelist: Matt Gress, State Representative, Arizona Legislature

Panelist: Peter Beard, Senior Vice President-Regional Workforce Development, Greater Houston Partnership

Panelist: Robert Behning, State Representative, Indiana General Assembly

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Track: Economic Development and Labor
Education

Summary: Committee officers are asked to review the memorandum, "Policy Directives, Resolutions and Amendments for Consideration at the 2024 Legislative Summit." Committee officers have the opportunity to ask for additional committee referrals of policies.

Summary: State and local governments are reshaping conventional economic development strategies to attract and retain businesses and workers. Despite the interconnected nature of state and local economic development, efforts are not always aligned. Join us to explore policies that encourage intergovernmental collaboration, innovation and sustainable economic growth.

Moderator: Leo Garcia, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Jeff Noel, Secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

Speaker: Ufuk Akcigit, Professor of Economics - University of Chicago, Intuit Quickbooks

Track: Economic Development and Labor
Results-Driven Governing

Summary: As the market transitions to meet the growing demand for renewable energy technologies, securing crucial minerals such as lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and graphite presents both an economic opportunity and an environmental conundrum. Join us to explore state and

industry actions to develop a domestic supply of these important substances, including recycling of end-of-life batteries.

Moderator: Kristen Hildreth, AVP Government Relations & Strategic Partnerships, Recycled Materials Association (ReMA)

Panelist: Alexis Georgeson, Vice President, Government Relations & Communications, Redwood Materials

Panelist: Daniel Shapiro, Deployment Manager, U.S. Department of Energy

Panelist: Javier Sancho Velazquez, Head of Global Issues and Innovation, European Union

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Summary: High-speed internet is a necessity, connecting people to educational, employment and telehealth opportunities as never before. Learn what's next for the Affordable Connectivity Program, BEAD program implementation, and other federal and state initiatives that help ensure quality broadband is available and affordable for all.

Panelist: Carlos Sanchez, President - AT&T Kentucky, AT&T

Panelist: David Voegelé, Judge-Executive, Oldham County Fiscal Court

Panelist: Herb Tyson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, BroadbandUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce, NTIA

Track: Technology and Communications

Summary: Learn more about third-party litigation funding, or TPLF, the \$10 billion industry where financiers invest in lawsuits in exchange for a percentage of any settlement or judgment. Hear how private business, state law and the Department of Justice fit into this new landscape.

Moderator: JJ Gentry, Counsel, South Carolina General Assembly

Panelist: Keith Sharfman, Professor of Law, St. John's University

Panelist: Phil Goldberg, Office Managing Partner and co-chair, Public Policy Practice Group

Track: Law and Public Safety

Summary: On Nov. 5, voters will decide thousands of legislative seats, nearly a dozen governorships and ballot questions galore. Is major political change coming to states? NCSL experts break down the data and discuss the key issues and trends framing the 2024 elections. Join us and see into the possible future!

Speaker: Ben Williams, Associate Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Helen Brewer, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: Elections and Redistricting

Summary: The NCSL Standing Committee on Budgets and Revenue will meet to discuss, consider and review NCSL's policies on federal budget and tax policy, and vote on any new policy directives and resolutions submitted for consideration.

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Budgets-and-Revenue-Committee.pdf>)

Summary: As the future of work rapidly changes, so does the demand for AI-ready and skilled workers. Hear from experts and policymakers on state efforts to create career pathways for every student and promote quality nondegree credentials that lead to the jobs of tomorrow.

Moderator: Suzanne Hultin, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Amanda Ballantyne, Director, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Speaker: Tim Taylor, Co-Founder & President, America Succeeds

Track: Economic Development and Labor

Education

Livestream Sessions

Artificial Intelligence

Summary: The transformative power of artificial intelligence is reshaping the public sector worldwide, presenting unprecedented opportunities and ethical challenges. In this session, we will explore the complex landscape of AI ethics, discussing responsible deployment and the potential for misuse. Gain insights into the moral and legal considerations surrounding AI applications in state legislatures, public services and beyond.

Moderator: Mark Quiner, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Christian Moriarty, Professor of Ethics & Law, St. Petersburg College, Applied Ethics Institute

Track: Legislative Institution

Legislative Staff

Professional Development

Continuing Legal Education

Artificial Intelligence

Summary: The pandemic shed light on long-standing fractures in the global supply chain. Federal efforts such as the CHIPS Act and IRA sought to strengthen the U.S. manufacturing footprint, increase supply chain resilience and fill workforce shortages. Hear what states are doing to boost their global economic competitiveness.

Speaker: Danielle F. Waterfield, Senior Advisor and Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist, CHIPS for America, U.S. Department of Commerce

Speaker: Jeffrey Langer, General Counsel, Zoeller Company

Speaker: Jennifer Danner Ricardi, Senior Trade Advisor, Delegation of the European Union in Washington D.C

Track: Economic Development and Labor
Technology and Communications

Summary: People released from jails and prisons are 12 times more likely to die in their first two weeks of freedom, particularly from overdose. Recent federal policy permits states to provide Medicaid benefits up to 90 days pre-release—a change that brings hope for improved long-term outcomes along with complex implementation challenges. Learn how states are connecting Medicaid and state corrections systems to improve care for this population.

Moderator: Kimberly Moser, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Panelist: Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary and Medicaid Director, Arkansas Department of Human Services

Panelist: Lisa Flynn, Health Services Administrator, Washington State Department of Corrections

Panelist: Vikki Wachino, Executive Director, Health and Reentry Project

Track: Law and Public Safety
Health and Human Services

Summary: Time is running out on \$39 billion in pandemic relief funding for child care, and states are already seeing the impact the looming funding cliff on families and employers. Join us to learn about the economics of child care and how legislatures can take bold steps to turn this crisis into an opportunity to create affordable and sustainable systems.

Panelist: Erica Phillips, Executive Director, National Association for Family Child Care

Panelist: Kelly Klundt, Principal Analyst, New Mexico Legislature

Panelist: Rob Grunewald, Economist and Public Policy Consultant, Independent Consultant

Panelist: Samara Heavrin, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Health and Human Services
Results-Driven Governing

Summary: The Transportation Standing Committee meets to consider policy directives and resolutions of the committee that will guide NCSL's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration.

Track: Transportation

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Transportation-Committee-v3.pdf>)

Summary: In his study of myths and folk tales throughout history, Joseph Campbell popularized the concept of the "Hero's Journey," a template detailing the key events that unfold over the course of a heroic quest. In this session we will consider your own personal legislative leadership journey, comparing its development to the crucial moments in Campbell's paradigm, and noting the parallels between your leadership experience with those of the great heroes of the past.

Speaker: Curt Stedron, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: Professional Development

Summary: The 2024 campaign trail will be a little different than previous years. On the AI front, come learn about state actions regulating AI in campaigning. On the campaign finance front, see state actions on permissible uses of campaign funds both during the race and once it's over. Who knows—we may call on you to share stories of your own!

Moderator: Alexis Stangl, Director, Office of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis, Minnesota Legislature

Speaker: Adam Kuckuk, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Adav Noti, Executive Director, Campaign Legal Center

Speaker: Amanda Mays Bledsoe, State Senator, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Elections and Redistricting

Summary: Committee members discuss, consider and review policies, and vote on any new policy directives and resolutions submitted for consideration.

Track: Banking, Financial Services and Insurance

Downloads:

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Banking-Financial-Services-and-Insurance-Committee-v2.pdf>)

Summary: Military veterans and their families face a variety of challenges as they transition from military service to the civilian world. Though many services and benefits are available from federal and state agencies to assist veterans with housing, employment, health care, education, food security and child care, accessing the relevant assistance often becomes a daunting task. The job of helping veterans is exacerbated by the increasing incidence of fraudulent operators preying on unsuspecting veterans. This session will highlight both these challenges and the innovative policies enacted by states to better serve our nation's heroes and their families.

Moderator: Mari Leavitt, House Deputy Majority Whip, Washington Legislature

Panelist: Jim Seward, Director, Veterans Justice Commission, Council on Criminal Justice

Panelist: Kathryn Monet, Chief Executive Officer, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

Panelist: Troy Broussard, State Director-AARP Kentucky, AARP

Track: Law and Public Safety

Military and Veterans

Results-Driven Governing

Livestream Sessions

Summary: The LED Committee handles state and federal issues related to labor, employment, workforce, economic development, international trade, housing and cultural affairs. Join us as the committee debates and votes on policies that guide its advocacy work in Washington, D.C.

Track: Economic Development and Labor

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Labor-and-Economic-Development-Committee-v4.pdf>)

Summary: Harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to aid legislative work has huge possibilities, as well as possible peril. Join us to learn how state legislatures are starting to manage use of AI for legislative work and what kinds of guardrails are they setting to ensure safe use of this evolving technology.

Moderator: Kae Warnock, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Cody Malloy, Information Technology Manager, North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Panelist: Jeff Ford, Chief Technology/Security Officer, Indiana General Assembly

Panelist: Will Clark, Program Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: Legislative Institution

Legislative Staff

Technology and Communications

Results-Driven Governing

Artificial Intelligence

Summary: Have you ever heard someone in your chamber refer to the order of precedence but were too nervous to ask for clarification on what it is? Now is your chance to learn! Dig into this section of Mason's Manual with parliamentary experts to learn what the order of precedence is and how to use it in your chamber.

Speaker: Jennifer Novak, Secretary of the Senate, Idaho Legislature

Speaker: Paul Smith, Clerk of the House, New Hampshire General Court

Track: Legislative Institution

Legislative Staff

Summary: For over 100 years, states have relied on gas taxes to support the construction and maintenance of surface transportation systems. Now, the combination of electric vehicle purchases and heightened fuel efficiency is threatening state transportation budgets. Learn about the looming funding crisis and the options states are exploring to ensure adequate transportation funding. Presented by the NCSL Alternative Transportation User Fees Foundation Partnership.

Moderator: Shannon Francis, State Representative, Kansas Legislature

Panelist: Andrew McLean, Transportation Policy Specialist, CDM Smith

Panelist: Baruch Feigenbaum, Senior Managing Director of Transportation Policy, Reason Foundation

Panelist: Chris Tomlinson, Managing Director, Deloitte Consulting LLP

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Transportation

Summary: From the creation of the Pritchard Committee decades ago to its innovative data system that integrates crucial education and workforce information, Kentucky has long prioritized improvements and innovation in education. Come hear from Kentucky education leaders

workforce information, Kentucky has long prioritized improvements and innovation in education. Come hear from Kentucky education leaders about their biggest accomplishments—and lessons learned along the way.

Moderator: Stephen Pruitt, President, Southern Regional Education Board

Panelist: Aaron Thompson, Council President, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Panelist: Brigitte Blom, President & CEO, Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence

Panelist: James Tipton, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Panelist: Matt Berry, Executive Director, Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

Panelist: Max Wise, State Senator, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Education

Summary: Join us as the NCSL Task Force on Higher Education unveils a comprehensive national strategy to advance a higher education system that provides more degrees of value for students. Task force members will reflect on their year-long study of key challenges in higher education and discuss the leadership role state legislatures can play to ensure more students get the postsecondary education and training to fill in-demand jobs.

Moderator: Austin Reid, Federal Affairs Advisor, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Ann Millner, Senate Majority Whip, Utah Legislature

Panelist: Donna Mercado Kim, State Senator, Hawaii Legislature

Panelist: Michael Dembrow, State Senator, Oregon Legislative Assembly

Panelist: W. Briggs Hopson, State Senator, Mississippi Legislature

Track: Education

Summary: What was once fantasy is becoming reality! Join us to learn about new technologies in the transportation space, including autonomous vehicles and advanced air mobility, as well as new uses for drone technology by first responders. Come hear from public and private transportation leaders about the state of these technologies as well as potential federal legislation and regulations.

Panelist: Ben Husch, Director of Policy and Community Affairs, Skydio

Panelist: Chris Lee, Senate Assistant Majority Whip, Hawaii Legislature

Panelist: Josh Bray, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Transportation

Summary: Committee members review, consider and vote on policy resolutions that are up for review and may also conduct other committee business related to protecting states' interests in federal decisions regarding behavioral health, disabilities, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare, long-term care, medical record privacy, health IT, AI and more.

Track: Health and Human Services

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Health-Committee-v3.pdf>)

Summary: Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances were once lauded as miracles of science. But their famed durability is now leading to questions on impacts to human health. Join us for an in-depth discussion on how states are managing PFAS contamination, and what's in store for cleaning up and breaking down so-called "forever chemicals."

Speaker: Brandon Smith, State Senator, Kentucky General Assembly

Speaker: Cristina Harvey, Program Manager, Environmental Restoration, Department of Defense

Speaker: Elizabeth Biser, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Speaker: Jake Wilhelm, Environmental Scientist, Certified Ecologist, GSI Environmental Inc.

Speaker: Zach Schafer, Director of Policy and Special Projects - Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Military and Veterans

Results-Driven Governing

Summary: Policies for the committee will be considered and voted upon.

Track: Law and Public Safety

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Summary: Gary Ware helps professionals level-up their confidence, creativity and happiness using play. To do this, he incorporates techniques used by professional improvisers to create amazing experiences with no script. Ware has over half a decade of improvisation experience and has spent more than 14 years in digital marketing. He has helped hundreds of companies and thousands of professionals make major breakthroughs

in their lives.

Speaker: Gary Ware, Founder, Breakthrough Play

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Data Centers are a key piece of an increasingly digital world, helping store and process data driving a range of activities from social media and telecommunications to healthcare and financial services. As the importance of data services continues to grow, along with the growth of data innovations like artificial intelligence, the energy needed to power data centers has also grown significantly. This session will address this challenge, exploring how states can help power the data needs of the future while ensuring reliable energy supply and minimizing ratepayer impacts.

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Summary: Technology is changing employment opportunities and economic growth across the nation, but much of it has been focused on urban areas. With the expansion of remote work and the high cost of city living, rural communities are ripe with opportunities to lure workers and build communities. Hear from experts and policymakers on strategies and policies to strengthen rural America.

Moderator: Leesa Hagan, State Representative, Georgia General Assembly

Panelist: Ashli Watts, President & CEO, Kentucky Chamber

Panelist: Matt Dunne, Executive Director, Center on Rural Innovation

Track: Economic Development and Labor

Technology and Communications

Summary: Over a year since economists predicted a recession, the U.S. economy remains resilient, with low unemployment and declining inflation. But can it continue? External threats to growth persist, and inflation remains stubbornly high in certain sectors. Hear from a Wall Street expert about where the economy may be heading now, and what it means for states.

Speaker: Joyce Chang, Chair of Global Research, JPMorgan Chase

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Livestream Sessions

Summary: Meet and mingle with your colleagues at the Summit's opening reception. Enjoy views of the Ohio River, great food and live music in the heart of Louisville's Museum Row.

Summary: Evening reception for LSMI alumni to catch up with each other. Presented by the NCSL Foundation.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Food, fun, friends new and old—we've got it all! Join other young legislators and legislative staff for a night of networking and a chance to win in our raffle. Bring your business cards and make valuable connections with your legislative peers from across the nation! The reception will be held at the Tavern on Fourth.

Summary: Please join the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices for its annual business meeting. NALFO members will elect new officers, present awards for outstanding staff achievements and discuss other association business. All legislative staff with fiscal responsibilities are members of NALFO and are welcome to attend.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Each year, the Legislative Research Librarians professional staff association sponsors the competition for outstanding state and legislative documents that explore topics of interest to legislators and legislative staff, present substantive material in an outstanding format and showcase the wide range of legislative information available. Join us to honor the winners during the NDA award ceremony and breakfast. Presented by the Legislative Research Librarians Professional Staff Association.

Facilitator: Ta'Vion Hampton, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: All attendees are welcome to hear an inspirational message at the prayer breakfast as they participate in a time of bipartisan fellowship.

Speaker: Mark Whitacre, Executive Director, t-factor initiative, Coca-Cola Consolidated

Summary: Join the Elections and Redistricting Standing Committee for breakfast with substantive updates from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and on recent redistricting litigation.

Speaker: Adam Hall, Senior Policy Counsel, Washington Legislature

Speaker: Ben Hovland, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Speaker: Frank Strigari, Attorney & President of Government Affairs, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC

Track: Elections and Redistricting

Summary: What's on your mind? Join your women colleagues for expert-led small group policy discussions. Come ready to learn, share and connect with other women on a policy area of interest, ranging from women as caregivers to building an inclusive workforce.

Moderator: Chelsea Hill, Director of Data, Center For American Women and Politics

Moderator: Jean Sinzdek, Associate Director, Center for American Women and Politics

Moderator: Kelly Dittmar, Director of Research, Center For American Women and Politics

Moderator: Melanie Phillips, Senior Researcher, Citizen Data

Moderator: Mindy Finn, CEO, Citizen Data

Moderator: Nicole Taylor, Senior Project Manager, Citizen Data

Track: Women's Legislative Network

Summary: This is an opportunity for alumni of the Legislative Staff Institutional Essentials and Legislative Staff Certificate Programs to get together and network over coffee and pastries.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: No matter what bill you're looking for, NCSL and partner State Net/LexisNexis have got you covered! Come learn about this powerful research tool, along with how to utilize NCSL's 50-state legislative databases.

Speaker: Amber Widgery, Program Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Laura Carper, Senior Program Coordinator, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Mikell Gonzales, Client Manager, LexisNexis State Net

Track: Legislative Staff
Professional Development

Summary: In the era of digital communication, it sometimes feels as if objective truth doesn't stand a chance against bias, lies and spin. But there is hope. Join leading brain scientist John Medina as he shows how the latest research can help us sharpen our critical thinking skills to evaluate data and differentiate between fact and falsehood.

Speaker: John Medina, Molecular Biologist, Medina Scientific International

Track: Professional Development

Summary: Explore the Exhibit Hall's more than 260 companies, snag swag and enjoy light bites and coffee to the sounds of local bluegrass band the Whiskey Bent Valley Boys. Be sure to swing by the NCSL booth to meet watercolorist Aimee Griffith, the official artist of the 148th Kentucky Derby and cover illustrator of the 2024 Legislative Summit edition of State Legislatures magazine, to receive a free limited-edition cover art poster signed by Griffith.

Summary: Enjoy a delicious lunch with your colleagues and visit exhibitors from around the nation with unique information and a wide range of policy perspectives.

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Sponsored by: PrizePicks

Summary: Come honor the contributions of legislative staff to their legislatures and NCSL. Let's celebrate the important work of legislative staff! Doors open at 11:30 am.

Speaker: Juli Fuls, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Marshall University

Track: Legislative Staff

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Sponsored by: Convention of States

Summary: In the heat of a campaign or an impassioned floor debate, it's easy to see a political opponent as the enemy. World-renowned brain science expert John Medina shares insights about the wiring that shapes the way we think about political opponents and how we can train ourselves to have a more positive perspective.

Speaker: John Medina, Molecular Biologist, Medina Scientific International

Track: Professional Development

Summary: Connecting manufacturers and retailers, wholesalers operate within the three-tiered state alcohol distribution system that provides safety, oversight and integrity. Come tour a wholesaler's facility to learn more about the role and responsibilities of wine and spirit distributors, and enjoy a tasting of specially selected cocktails and wine paired with light appetizers. Please email NCSL staffer Heather Morton (heather.morton@ncsl.org) for more information and inquiries about registration. Buses for this tour will pick up on Market St., right next to the Oak & Brew coffee shop.

Track: Technology and Communications

Summary: What do you need to know about election processes to confidently respond to constituent questions? What worries do you hear about election policies and administration? Join your colleagues to share stories and strategies on communicating accurate information about what happens before, during and after elections. Be prepared to talk, too!

Moderator: Carlton Wing, State Representative, Arkansas General Assembly

Panelist: Ben Hovland, Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Panelist: Dawn Euer, State Senator, Rhode Island General Assembly

Panelist: Michael Adams, Secretary, Kentucky Secretary of State

Track: Elections and Redistricting
Livestream Sessions

Summary: The NCSL Standing Committee on Education will meet to discuss, consider and review NCSL's federal education policies and vote on any new policy directives and resolutions submitted for consideration.

Track: Education

Downloads:

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Summary: Legislatures have broad discretion to issue subpoenas—with limits. Come hear from experts about what constitutes a legitimate inquiry and where legislatures get the authority to subpoena witnesses. What are the steps a legislative committee or audit office must take to determine whether subpoena is the right remedy? And what are the alternatives? Presented by NLPES and RELACS.

Panelist: Alexis Stangl, Director, Office of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis, Minnesota Legislature

Panelist: Frank Arey, Attorney at Law, Private Practice

Panelist: Kade Minchey, Auditor General, Utah Office of the Legislative Auditor General

Track: Legislative Institution
Legislative Staff
Continuing Legal Education

Summary: NCSL asked legislative fiscal offices across the country to determine the top fiscal issues in the states. And the survey says—come to

the session and find out!

Moderator: Jonathan Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Utah Legislature
Panelist: Eric Syverson, Senior Policy Analyst, National Conference of State Legislatures
Panelist: Fatima Yousofi, Principal Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Panelist: Heather Wilson, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
Panelist: Michael D'Arcy, Director, U.S. Public Finance, Fitch Ratings
Panelist: Michelle Exstrom, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
Panelist: Susan Banta, Director of Research, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Summary: Is it true that what goes up must come down? With sky-high housing prices squeezing renters and homebuyers alike, what can policymakers do to bring down prices? Increasing the supply of housing affordable for working families is an option to at least flatten the curve. Discover what strategies state legislatures are testing, how they are stimulating housing supply and what we can learn from available evidence.

Moderator: Andrew Justus, Housing Policy Analyst, Niskanen Center
Panelist: April Berg, State Representative, Washington Legislature
Panelist: Randy Bridges, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly
Panelist: Steve Elkins, State Representative, Minnesota Legislature
Track: Economic Development and Labor
 Health and Human Services
 Results-Driven Governing

Summary: Foodborne illnesses cost the U.S. economy over \$15 billion a year. With proper food safety protocols in place, hundreds of lives could be saved and economic impacts could be dramatically reduced. This food safety presentation will offer valuable insights into steps states can take to reduce foodborne illnesses. You'll also get a behind-the-scenes tour of the exclusive caterer for the NCSL Legislative Summit to learn how food is ordered, stored properly, and transformed into delicious, house-made meals and treats. Participants will be rewarded with a sweet, homemade Kentucky treat! Space is limited: Contact environment-info@ncsl.org to register today.

Facilitator: Doug Farquhar, Director of Government Affairs, National Environmental Health Association
Speaker: Mark Reed, Food Safety Branch Manager, Kentucky Department for Public Health
Speaker: Sunny Muir, Retail Food Specialist, Office of State Cooperative Programs, Office of Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Food & Drug Administration
Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

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Sponsored by: POLITICO

Summary: The Natural Resources, Energy and Environment Standing Committee meets to consider policy directives and resolutions of the committee that will guide NCSL's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration.

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Natural-Resources-Energy-and-Environment-Committee-v5.pdf>)

Summary: The Mason's Manual Commission discusses recent judicial cases involving legislative power, privilege and procedure.

Speaker: Obie Rutledge, Secretary of the Senate, Oregon Legislative Assembly
Speaker: Paul Smith, Clerk of the House, New Hampshire General Court
Speaker: Yolanda Dixon, Secretary of the Senate, Louisiana Legislature
Track: Legislative Institution
 Continuing Legal Education

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Sponsored by: American Kratom

Summary: How do the folks in Louisville do it? Join NCSL's elections team to tour the offices of the Jefferson County Clerk Election Center to find out! Learn about voter registration, processing absentee ballots, vote counting and more. This tour is capped at 25 attendees, so please email NCSL staffer Katie King (katie.king@ncsl.org) to reserve your spot. Preference will be given to legislators and legislative staff. Transportation from KICC will be provided. Buses for this tour will pick up on Market St., right next to the Oak & Brew coffee shop.

Track: Elections and Redistricting

Summary: How do legislatures ensure that laws and agencies function as intended? Many legislatures use administrative rules review—but it can be controversial, and courts have made rulings for and against it. Join us to explore the different ways that states are using this tool, and the challenges they have faced.

Moderator: John Bjornson, Legislative Council Director, North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Panelist: Adair Burgess, Director of Legislative Rule-Making, West Virginia Legislature

Panelist: Catherine Thomas, Regulation Review Committee Administrator, Connecticut General Assembly

Panelist: Don DeWitte, State Senator, Illinois General Assembly

Panelist: Elizabeth Bowen, Legal Counsel, Idaho Legislature

Track: Legislative Institution

Continuing Legal Education

Summary: Committee members review, consider and vote on policy resolutions that are up for review and may also conduct other committee business related to protecting states' interests in federal decisions regarding child care, child welfare, child support, food, housing and economic security and more.

Track: Health and Human Services

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Children-Families-and-Human-Services-Committee.pdf>)

Summary: Overdose deaths have quintupled since 1999, taking the lives of more than 1 million Americans. Come hear experts highlight the most pressing facets of the opioid epidemic—from fentanyl-driven overdose deaths to emerging threats such as xylazine, and ongoing efforts to use settlement dollars effectively. Gain valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities states face in 2024.

Moderator: Charlie Severance-Medaris, Project Manager, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: Keith Humphreys, Professor, Stanford University

Speaker: Tisha Wiley, Assistant Director for Criminal Justice, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Track: Health and Human Services

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Sponsored by: America's Credit Unions

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Sponsored by: American Heart Association

Summary: Amid fierce competition to recruit and retain workers in the post-pandemic economy, one policy has proven increasingly popular: paid leave. Come hear from policymakers about how states are increasing access to paid leave in all its forms, and how the states—not just employees—stand to benefit.

Moderator: Glenn Jacoby, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: D.J. Bettencourt, Commissioner, New Hampshire Insurance Department

Panelist: Katie Dempsey, State Representative, Georgia General Assembly

Track: Economic Development and Labor
Results-Driven Governing

Summary: Discussions around the next iteration of surface transportation legislation begin in earnest in fiscal year 2025. Join political and policy experts to learn more about the expected federal priorities and policies that will shape one of the largest and most consequential legislative packages in Congress.

Panelist: Jordan Baugh, Senior Policy Advisor, Majority Staff, Senate Energy and Public Works Committee

Panelist: Susan Howard, Director of Policy and Government Relations, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Track: Livestream Sessions
Transportation

Summary: The committee will hear a presentation from the chief of the FCC's Office of Intergovernmental Relations. Members will then have an opportunity to discuss, consider and review policies, and vote on any new policy directives and resolutions submitted for consideration.

Panelist: Bridgette Gomez, Chief, Intergovernmental Affairs Division, Federal Communications Commission

Track: Technology and Communications

Downloads:

View the policy book for this committee. (<https://documents.ncsl.org/wwwncsl/State-Federal/2024%20Policy%20Books/Policy-Book-Technology-and-Communications-Committee-v2.pdf>)

Summary: In an age of hyperpartisanship and discontent, how can we center civility in our legislatures and in ourselves? In this session, author Alexandra Hudson explores how civility can coexist with political debate, when it is necessary to prioritize honesty over politeness, and what lessons we can draw from history and other cultures to embrace the noble and challenging task of integrating civility into our work and lives. The first 150 attendees will receive a free copy of Hudson's book, "The Soul of Civility." Hudson will sign copies following the session

Speaker: Alexandra Hudson, Author, Civic Renaissance

Track: Legislative Institution
Professional Development

Summary: Crime often grabs the headlines, but what's really going on? Join us for this session to examine the complex and disparate causes and rates of crime. Come hear researchers and criminologists discuss the statistics, trends in crime and how accurate criminal justice data can inform policymaking.

Moderator: Roger Goodman, State Representative, Washington Legislature

Speaker: Alex Piquero, Professor, University of Miami

Speaker: Beth Huebner, Professor, Arizona State University

Track: Law and Public Safety
Results-Driven Governing

Summary: What's on your mind? Join your women colleagues for expert-led small group policy discussions. Come ready to learn, share and connect with other women on a policy area of interest, ranging from women as caregivers to building an inclusive workforce.

Moderator: Debbie Walsh, Director, Center For American Women and Politics

Track: Women's Legislative Network

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Sponsored by: Everytown for Gun Safety

Summary: Imagine the joy of never again being burdened or frustrated by stubborn, wrongheaded, or defensive colleagues or coworkers! Join communication expert Eric M. Bailey as he weaves together the art and brain science of removing communication barriers to help you improve all the relationships in your life.

Speaker: Eric Bailey, President of Bailey Strategic Innovation Group, Bailey Strategic Innovation Group

Track: Professional Development

Summary: Committee officers will report on the action taken on policy directives and resolutions considered during their meeting. They indicate on which calendar each policy directive and resolution should be placed for the business meeting: consent, debate or memorial.

Summary: The Kentucky Women's Caucus proudly hosts the joint NCSL Women's Legislative Network (WLN) and Women in Government (WIG) reception. Join WLN and WIG for wine, cocktails and appetizers. Meet, network and enjoy a casual hour with colleagues at Summit.

Track: Women's Legislative Network

Summary: Join your Democratic colleagues for breakfast featuring White House Senior Advisor Tom Perez. This breakfast is for Democratic legislators only.

Speaker: Tom Perez, senior advisor and assistant to the president and director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, -

Summary: Sarah Calhoun has been called a "revolutionary figure in rural business today" and a "powerhouse of inspiration for women in business." Her dynamic style and inspiring experiences as an entrepreneur make her a highly sought-after keynote speaker. She has given numerous TEDx talks, dozens of keynote addresses, and has been featured on national television programs such as CNBC, CNN and Bloomberg. As Calhoun has risen to the top echelons of success as a rural entrepreneur, she is paying it forward by actively encouraging and mentoring other women starting their own businesses. Join us for this life-changing session! For legislative staff only.

Speaker: Sarah Calhoun, Owner, Red Ants Pants

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: An opportunity for Foundation sponsors to gather and network with each other and Foundation staff.

Summary: Join your GOP colleagues for breakfast featuring U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.). This breakfast is for Republican legislators only.

Speaker: Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Republican leader, -

Summary: All legislators and legislative staff are encouraged to attend the annual NCSL Business Meeting to consider policy directives and resolutions that will guide NCSL's advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration, elect NCSL officers and Executive Committee members, and approve the NCSL budget. All Summit attendees are welcome to observe. Parliamentarians: Tom Bottern, secretary of the Senate, Minnesota Legislature and Jennifer Novak, secretary of the Senate, Idaho Legislature. Presiding: Brian Patrick Kennedy, House speaker pro tempore, Rhode Island General Assembly.

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Sponsored by: AARP

Summary: ASLCS President Yolanda J. Dixon, secretary of the Louisiana Senate, presides over the Executive Committee meeting. All ASLCS members are welcome.

Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Do you ever think back on redistricting and wish you'd done things differently? Will you be involved in redistricting for the first time in 2030? Either way, this session is for you! Come hear what veterans of the redistricting process are doing to prepare between now and the next time their districts are redrawn, and learn about the legal lay of the land, too. This session is eligible for CLE credit.

Panelist: Ben Williams, Associate Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Helen Brewer, Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: Jeff Wice, Special Counsel, New York Legislature

Panelist: Jonathan Cervas, Assistant Teaching Professor, Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy & Technology

Panelist: Karin Mac Donald, Director, California Statewide Database

Panelist: Quiven Do, Deputy Research Director, Oklahoma Legislature

Panelist: Kayla Bo, Deputy Research Director, Montana Legislature

Track: Elections and Redistricting
Continuing Legal Education

Summary: The risk of cyberattacks remains high for government and schools, and the costs of preventing, insuring against and recovering from them grow. Join us to learn how states have budgeted for cybersecurity, what federal grant programs are out there and how states can take advantage of them.

Moderator: Sean McSpaden, Principal Legislative IT Analyst, Oregon Legislative Assembly

Panelist: Giovanni Capriglione, State Representative, Texas Legislature

Panelist: Meredith Ward, Deputy Executive Director, National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO)

Track: Technology and Communications
Livestream Sessions

Summary: The upcoming election promises to play a significant role in determining how states move forward. Come hear national experts from across the political spectrum discuss the major early learning, K-12 and higher education issues at the state and federal level. Panelists will explore opportunities for bipartisan consensus and offer unique perspectives on how they think the parties should approach key issues.

Moderator: Linda Jacobson, Senior Writer, The 74

Panelist: Joyce Elliott, Education Expert and Former State Senator, Arkansas Legislature

Panelist: Michael Petrilli, President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute

Panelist: Patricia Levesque, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation for Excellence in Education

Panelist: Ross Wiener, Vice President, Aspen Institute

Track: Education

Summary: More than 40 years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court created something known as the Chevron doctrine that instructed federal agencies to determine a reasonable interpretation when laws are ambiguous. Join us to learn how this new decision will affect how federal agencies implement and enforce laws and the impact on state governments. Presented by the RELACS Law and Public Safety Committee.

Speaker: Thomas W. Merrill, Charles Evans Hughes Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

Track: Law and Public Safety
Legislative Staff
Continuing Legal Education

Summary: Join us for a timely session on the latest trends and critical issues shaping supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). We'll navigate through the evolving landscape of supports with a focus on options available to states to address challenges in special education, home and community-based services and criminal justice involvement of people with IDD. We will also touch on successful policy initiatives and models from different states to provide insights into how policy frameworks can be leveraged to promote collaboration and ensure the long-term sustainability of support systems.

Moderator: Barbara Ballard, State Representative, Kansas Legislature

Speaker: Joanne Cashman, Member Services, National Association of State Directors of Special Education

Speaker: Leigh Anne McKingsley, Senior Director Criminal Justice Initiatives, The Arc

Speaker: Mary Sowers, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)

Track: Law and Public Safety
Education
Health and Human Services

Summary: The Louisville Free Public Library acts as a cornerstone of the local community and a beacon of knowledge, innovation and civic engagement. In this informative tour, librarians can explore the library's state-of-the-art facilities and learn about its creative initiatives in technology, literacy and community outreach, models for legislative libraries nationwide. Presented by the Legislative Research Librarians Professional Staff Association. Please email NCSL staffer Ta'Vion Hampton (tavion.hampton@ncsl.org) for more information and inquiries about registration.

Facilitator: Ta'Vion Hampton, Policy Associate, National Conference of State Legislatures
Track: Legislative Staff

Summary: Nearly every state has changed or added to law enforcement training in the last few years. Join us to see the evolution of tactics and training firsthand in a demonstration by training officers. Learn about the impact on their work and recruitment of new officers.

Moderator: Barry Usher, Senate Majority Whip, Montana Legislature

Speaker: Amber B. Widgery, Program Principal, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speaker: George Hissung, Program Specialist 4, Criminal Justice Training Commission, Applied Skills Division

Speaker: Jason Tucker, Lead Defensive Tactics Instructor/Coordinator, Seattle Police Department

Speaker: Kenny Lott, Lead Use of Force Control Defensive Tactics Instructor, Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
Speaker: Richard Peterson, Use of Force/Control Defensive Tactics Program Manager, Washington Criminal Justice Training Center
Track: Law and Public Safety
 Economic Development and Labor
 Continuing Legal Education

Summary: The National Guard is a distinctive part of the U.S. military that has both state and federal responsibility. The guards are state organizations and state laws give governors the authority to activate them to respond to domestic emergencies such as natural disasters, civil disturbances, and domestic violence. Learn the essentials of the important role the National Guard plays in international and domestic operations from the commander of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard.

Moderator: Bryce Reeves, Senate Minority Whip, Virginia General Assembly
Panelist: Maj. Gen. Haldane B. Lamberton, Adjutant General, Kentucky Department of Military Affairs
Track: Military and Veterans

Summary: A latest nuclear technology has brought exciting advances in reactor design, safety and fuel. Come learn the basics about how advanced reactors work, including modern generation designs and small modular reactors. Hear about advanced reactor operations, safety, fuel and waste, and gain an understanding of how nuclear reactors might meet energy needs in your state.

Speaker: Katl Austgen, Senior Project Manager of New Nuclear, Nuclear Energy Institute
Speaker: Patrick White, Research Director, Nuclear Innovation Alliance
Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Summary: Stories bring to life important policy issues in ways that other forms of communication cannot. Come learn from an expert how to harness the power of effective storytelling for the strategic benefit of an organization and society as a whole. Learn how to develop your personal storytelling skills as well as build a culture of storytelling in your legislature. Presented by the NCSL Young and New Professionals Group.

Speaker: John D. Trybus, Professor, Director, Georgetown University's Center for Social Impact Communication
Track: Legislative Institution
 Legislative Staff
 Professional Development

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Sponsored by: Rare Access Action Project

Summary: States are harnessing the power of AI to assist with law enforcement, public benefits distribution, fraud detection, workforce, housing, transportation and more. Join us to explore how AI can enhance the delivery of services and what steps policymakers can take to ensure AI is seamlessly and fairly integrated into the work of state government.

Moderator: Whitney Westerfield, State Senator, Kentucky General Assembly

Panelist: Daniela Combe, Vice President, Emerging Technology Advocacy, IBM

Panelist: James Maroney, Senate Deputy Majority Leader, Connecticut General Assembly

Panelist: Jamia McDonald, Principal, Deloitte

Track: Technology and Communications

Artificial Intelligence

Summary: Join us for a forward-looking discussion on the future of NATO and its role in addressing emerging security challenges. Explore potential areas for NATO's expansion, cooperation with partner countries, and the organization's role in promoting a rules-based international order.

Panelist: David Scheffer, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Panelist: Jovita Neliupšienė, Ambassador, European Union

Track: International

Summary: With significant transmission development expected nationwide, lawmakers debate who should construct it—and many states are considering right of first refusal legislation for incumbent utilities to help speed the process. Come learn more about this hot topic!

Moderator: Kent Chandler, Former Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission

Panelist: Devin Hartman, Director, Energy and Environmental Policy, R Street Institute

Panelist: Ellen Nowak, Vice President of State & Federal Affairs, ATC

Panelist: Greg Poulos, Executive Director, Consumer Advocates of PJM States

Panelist: Tony Clark, Senior Advisor, Wilkinson Barker Knauer

Track: Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

Summary: States are watching their insurance markets shrink as insurers deal with repetitive losses from disasters. Many insurers are opting out of certain markets or raising homeowner premiums to sky-high levels. Join us to dig deeper and explore solutions to help states better protect and prepare their residents for future disasters and ensure the affordability and availability of insurance.

Moderator: Heather Morton, Director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Panelist: David Snyder, Vice President, International Policy and Counsel, American Property Casualty Insurance Association

Panelist: Kristine Reeves, State Representative, Washington Legislature

Panelist: Nicole Booth, Head of Public Policy and Operations, Zillow Group

Panelist: Vicki Lopez, State Representative, Florida Legislature

Track: Banking, Financial Services and Insurance

Summary: Join NCSL's Economic Development and Labor Committee for an exclusive look at the inner workings of the Omni Louisville Hotel. Learn more about the critical role the hospitality industry plays in driving economic growth and job creation, and enjoy a delicious dessert at the end. Registration required. To register, email annie.miller@ncsl.org.

Track: Economic Development and Labor

Summary: A water main breaks every two minutes, and an estimated six billion gallons of treated water is lost each day in the U.S. This reduces access to clean water for millions and drives up the cost of water. Come learn how states are utilizing federal funds, establishing funding mechanisms and turning to innovative solutions to deal with this billion-dollar problem.

Moderator: David McGimpsey, Partner, Dentons

Speaker: Cathy Bernardino Bailey, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Speaker: Chris Freeland, State Representative, Kentucky General Assembly

Track: Budget, Taxes and Pensions

Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

 Strengthening an Evolving Institution Summary: How do legislatures hold on to tradition as their membership, role and responsibilities continue to evolve? Join legislators and staff to discuss where the institution started, how it has evolved, and how to continue working to ensure that it survives and thrives. Moderator: Raúl Burciaga, Esq., New Mexico, Director, Legislative Council Service Panelist: Cyrus Anderson, Senate Deputy Sergeant-At-Arms, Wisconsin Legislature Panelist: Lori Mathis, Maryland, Director of Division of Administrative Services Panelist: Robert Stivers, Senate President, Kentucky General Assembly Track: Legislative Institution	Wednesday, Aug. 7 1:30 PM-2:45 PM KICC, 1, M109/110
 Youth Mental Health: Getting the Kids to "Alright" Summary: Faced with increasing rates of youth depression and suicide, states are using innovative policies to make a difference. Join us to learn more about the current stressors youth are facing and hear from state leaders on unique approaches to prevent and treat youth mental health challenges. Moderator: Luanne Southern, Chief Behavioral Health Strategist, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Panelist: Dafna Michaelson Jenet, State Senator, Colorado General Assembly Panelist: Robert Behning, State Representative, Indiana General Assembly Speaker: Kathleen Ethier, Director of Adolescent and School Health in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Track: Education Health and Human Services Results-Driven Governing	Wednesday, Aug. 7 1:30 PM-2:45 PM KICC, 1, M100/103
 General Session: Down to the Wire: Donna Brazile and Kellyanne Conway on the Home Stretch of the 2024 Races Summary: With 90 days left until Election Day, who's up, who's down, and what does it mean for the states? Two veteran campaign strategists who have each helmed presidential campaigns join NCSL to give their takes on the state of the race up and down the ballot and share insights about what a second administration of either presidential candidate would mean for policymaking in the states. Moderator: Bryan Thomas, Chief Communications Officer, National Conference of State Legislatures Panelist: Donna Brazile, Democratic Political Strategist, Author and Media Contributor Panelist: Kellyanne Conway, Republican Political Strategist, Former Counselor to the President of the United States	Wednesday, Aug. 7 3:00 PM-4:30 PM KICC, 1, Ballroom ABC
 How 2020 Changed 2024's Election Policies (CLE Credit Available) Summary: The 2020 election brought attention to election policies in ways not seen since the 2000 election. This meeting for legislators, legislative staff and others will look at what changed in the last four years, what's up for the 2024 election and what might be coming to legislatures in the next four years. Space is limited and registration is required. Please contact Katy Owens Hubler (katy.owenshubler@ncsl.org) to sign up for this event and to answer any CLE questions. Track: Elections and Redistricting Continuing Legal Education	Thursday, Aug. 8 9:00 AM-2:30 PM

2024 NCSL Legislative Summit Featured Sessions

Here's a sampling of the exclusive sessions set to take place.

A Healthier Way to View Political Opponents

Professional Development

In the heat of a campaign or an impassioned floor debate, it's easy to see a political opponent as the enemy. World-renowned brain science expert John Medina shares insights about the wiring that shapes the way we think about political opponents and how we can train

ourselves to have a more positive perspective.

Artificial Intelligence Is Here: Are States Ready?

Technology and Communications

The newest age in the digital revolution has arrived, and states need to prepare. Join preeminent thought leader Jennifer Pahlka as she explores how to harness technology and attract tech talent to reimagine the way government benefits its citizens.

Communicating for Voter Confidence

Elections and Redistricting

What do you need to know about election processes to confidently respond to constituent questions? What worries do you hear about election policies and administration? Join your colleagues to share stories and strategies on communicating accurate information about what happens before, during and after elections. Be prepared to talk, too!

The Future of Education: Creating a Vision for Excellence

Education

What does the future of teaching and learning look like? What's needed, what's possible and what's happening across the country and the world that is innovative, engaging and preparing students for the future of work? Join us as experts lay out a vision for teaching and learning, and the policies and practices that support future-ready students and schools.

True Crime: Behind the Trends

Law and Public Safety

Crime often grabs the headlines, but what's really going on? Join us for this session to examine the complex and disparate causes and rates of crime. Come hear researchers and criminologists discuss the statistics, trends in crime and how accurate criminal justice data can inform policymaking.

The Challenges of Reentry and Medicaid

Health and Human Services

People released from jails and prisons are 12 times more likely to die in their first two weeks of freedom, particularly from overdose. Recent federal policy permits states to provide Medicaid benefits up to 90 days pre-release—a change that brings hope for improved long-term outcomes along with complex implementation challenges. Learn how states are connecting Medicaid and state corrections systems to improve care for this population.

Building an AI-Ready Workforce

Economic Development and Labor

As the future of work rapidly changes, so does the demand for AI-ready and skilled workers. Hear from experts and policymakers on state efforts to create career pathways for every student and promote quality nondegree credentials that lead to the jobs of tomorrow.

Charging Ahead: Strategies for Growing Reliable EV Infrastructure

Natural Resources, Energy and Environment

As more electric vehicles hit the road, how can the nation's EV charging network meet the growing demand? Join us to learn about efforts to expand charging infrastructure, the impact on the grid and how state legislatures can help ensure a reliable and efficient EV charging system. Hear about funding opportunities to help states achieve these goals.

What Telling Stories Means for Great Policymaking**Professional Development**

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