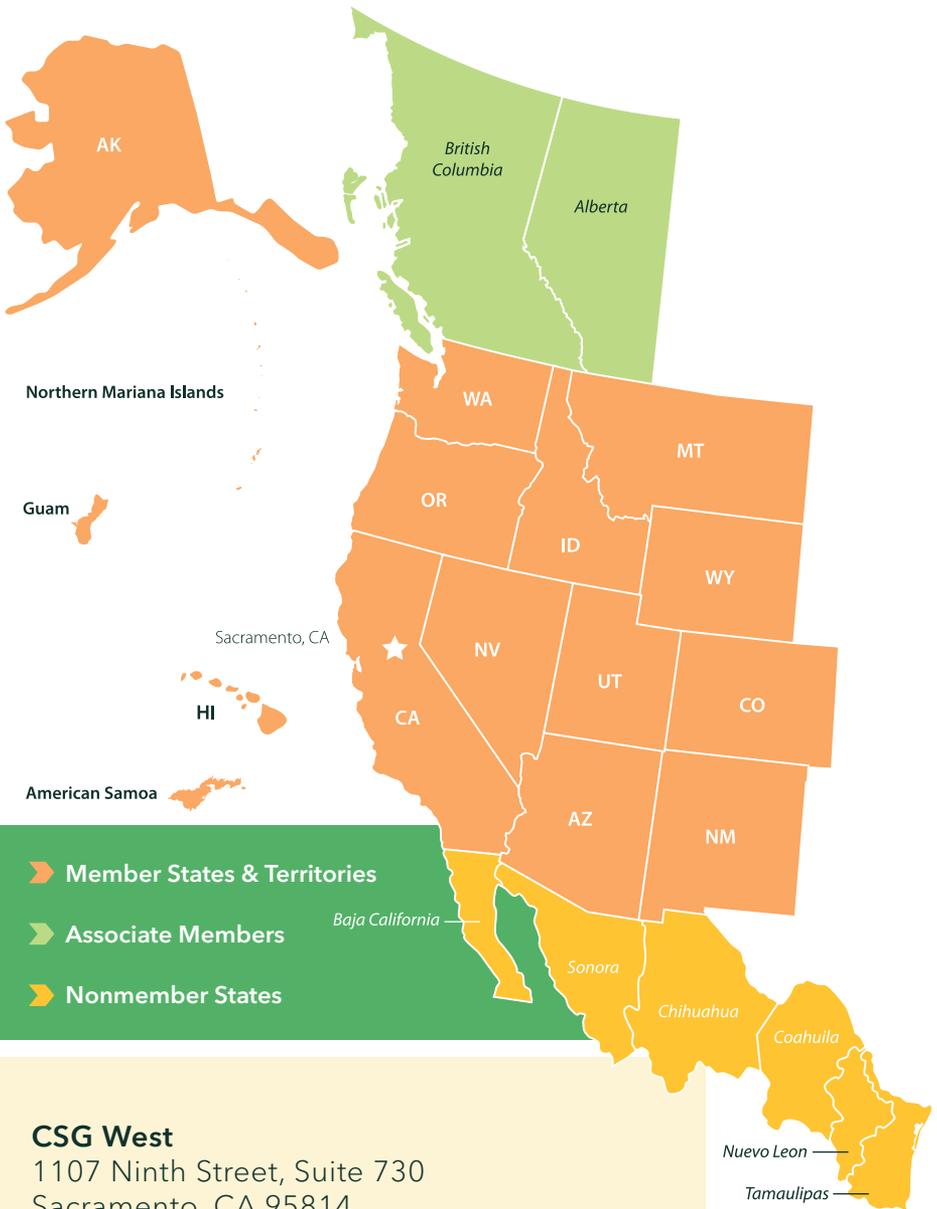




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# THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS WEST



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## WHO WE ARE

CSG West is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that fosters the exchange of insights and ideas among western state legislators and legislative staff, advocates multi-state partnerships, cultivates leadership, and promotes a regional vision based on common interests that transcend state and international borders. As one of the four regions of The Council of State Governments, a national community of states, CSG West engages members on a more intimate, regional level while also providing a national platform for the exchange of ideas and information.

## WHAT WE DO

In support of our members, CSG West convenes a variety of programs and events that facilitate collaborative learning aimed at addressing regional concerns. This includes policy committees, policy academies, professional development training programs, and international relations opportunities designed to strengthen legislative institutions. Information about our 2021 committees, programs, services, and events is included in this booklet.

## HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

CSG West is governed by our Officers and the Executive Committee, which is comprised of western legislative leaders. The Officers, which provide direct oversight of the organization, are elected annually and rotate in accordance with the organization's rules to ensure bipartisan governance. Acting as a governing board, the CSG West Executive Committee meets annually to review the work of policy committees, adopt policy positions, and review the ongoing development of the organization, as well as select participants for the Western Legislative Academy.



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“CSG West is a great place to interact with other western legislators. CSG West has regional focus on regional issues but has national impact... combine the knowledge of 13 states, 3 territories and 2 Canadian Provinces [and] I believe we make better, more informed decisions.”

*Idaho Representative Clark Kauffman, CSG West Chair*



# 75<sup>TH</sup> CSG WEST ANNUAL MEETING

BOISE, IDAHO | JULY 19-22, 2022

*discover what's possible*



We are pleased to host the diamond anniversary of the CSG West Annual Meeting. Please join us in Boise, Idaho as we celebrate 75 years of conversation and regional collaboration among the west. All CSG West policy committees, working groups, and leadership will convene at the Annual Meeting. Through committee sessions, educational forums, professional development training seminars, and various networking events, the opportunities to learn and connect are endless. Save the date for the 75<sup>th</sup> CSG West Annual Meeting!





## *Early-bird registration*

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE  
THROUGH JUNE 16, 2022.**



Learn more at [www.csgwest.org](http://www.csgwest.org)



## *Why Attend?*

- Engage in policy committee conversations
- Learn from topic experts and enhance leadership skills
- Network with over 500 attendees from across the West

# POLICY COMMITTEES

CSG West policy committees and working groups provide a structured forum for the exchange of ideas and collaborative learning on key regional topics. Through the coordination of the committee co-chairs, each committee convenes members and topic experts for conversations addressing select policy issues and to identify collaborative solutions. Committees convene during the CSG West Annual Meeting, as well as other times throughout the year.



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“Excellent, relevant keynotes. Policy committee best-practice sharing was excellent.”

*2021 Annual Meeting participant*





## BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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The Border Legislative Conference (BLC) is the premier facilitator for ongoing dialogue among legislators of the U.S. – Mexico border region. State legislators and key stakeholders convene with topic experts and discuss unique, regional policy concerns such as health, trade, ports of entry, water, and more.

Membership is comprised of state legislators from California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas in the U.S., and Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Tamaulipas in Mexico. Members are appointed by their respective state leadership each biennium.

California Assemblymember Jose Medina, BLC Chair, will host the XXXIII meeting in Riverside, California in April 2022.

For more information, please contact: *Martha Castañeda, Director of Policy & International Programs at [mcastaneda@csg.org](mailto:mcastaneda@csg.org).*

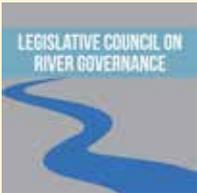
**“ We share much more than a border with Mexico. We share opportunities, communities and a forward vision. Now more than ever, communication and collaboration with our neighbors is a vital part of our success as a nation and as a region.”**

*California Assemblymember Jose Medina, BLC Chair*





## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON RIVER GOVERNANCE



The Legislative Council on River Governance (LCRG) engages legislators from Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington on issues facing the Columbia and Snake River Basins. Members share relevant legislative actions in their respective states enabling them to learn from one another and identify areas of potential collaboration. Resource experts from a range of agencies, academia, and other community organizations join the conversation allowing members to learn from the most current

information on the health and wellbeing of the basin, as well as the communities dependent on it for food, water, recreation, and power. Recent meetings have addressed topics such as aquatic invasive species, fisheries, the Columbia River Treaty negotiations, energy, and water quality.

Oregon Senator Bill Hansell, LCRG Chair, will host the 2022 meeting in Boardman, Oregon in August.

For more information, please contact: *Jackie Tinetti, Policy Analyst at [jtinetti@csg.org](mailto:jtinetti@csg.org).*



**“The significance and importance of the Columbia River to those of us who live and work in its basin can never be overstated. The Columbia is absolutely critical to our way of life in the Pacific Northwest. The LCRG provides a forum for the Columbia River Basin legislators to discuss, collaborate, and work on solutions to the issues associated with this mighty river.”**

*Oregon Senator Bill Hansell, LCRG Chair*

## COLORADO RIVER FORUM



With ongoing negotiations regarding the governance of the Colorado River, the Colorado River Forum provides a much-needed opportunity for state legislators to connect and address pressing issues and opportunities of this important river system to the Western region. Appointed members, as well as other key stakeholders, convene annually to exchange information and identify regional strategies that will inform the rule-making process that will govern the Colorado River into the future.

For more information, please contact: *Jackie Tinetti, Policy Analyst at [jtinetti@csg.org](mailto:jtinetti@csg.org).*



## WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY



The Western Legislative Academy (WLA) brings together western state legislators for an intensive multi-day training designed to sharpen leadership skills on communications, consensus building, time management, ethics, and more. Sessions are interactive and hosted by national leaders and academic authorities. Additionally, class members learn from each other allowing the opportunity to develop lasting relationships with legislative peers.

Participation in the WLA is limited to legislators in their first four-years of cumulative service. Those interested in being considered must submit an application outlining the following criteria:

1. Dedication to public service and the legislative institution
2. Interest in improving the legislative process
3. Desire to improve personal effectiveness as a legislator

Selected members will be invited to join the 2022 WLA class in Colorado Springs in December. Applications will be available on the CSG West website **through April 28**.

For more information about the program or application process, please contact: *Jennifer Schanze, Director of Operations at [jschanze@csg.org](mailto:jschanze@csg.org).*

“ The Western Legislative Academy creates opportunities to not only learn how to be a better, more effective legislator through the sessions, but also to learn from the other amazing legislators who join you in the program, with whom you also create long lasting relationships.”



*Wyoming Representative Mike Yin, WLA 2021 Class President*



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Through this unique program, CSG West works with states to offer training to legislators and legislative staff in a local setting. Professional trainers and academic instructors offer interactive sessions designed to help participants sharpen their professional skills. A wide range of topics are

available, including media relations, stress management, public speaking, meeting management, ethics, and negotiations.

For more information, please contact: *Edgar Ruiz, Director at [er Ruiz@csg.org](mailto:er Ruiz@csg.org).*

“**Informative and completely spot on...addressed many of the needs of our organization.**”

*Session Participant*

## HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP

Hosted at the CSG National headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky, the Toll Fellowship program convenes 48 of the nation's top officials from all three branches of state government for an intensive leadership boot camp. The program's sessions are designed to stimulate personal assessment and growth, while also providing relationship-building opportunities.

For more information, please contact: *[leadershipdevelopment@csg.org](mailto:leadershipdevelopment@csg.org).*

# LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCY & RESEARCH DIRECTORS

The Legislative Service Agency & Research Directors (LSA/RD) committee offers nonpartisan legislative staff a forum where they can learn and share best practices. The committee, which meets annually, is comprised of western legislative service agencies directors in the legal, research and administrative departments.

The annual training seminar focuses on developing management skills, as well as sharing state innovations within nonpartisan offices. Through collaborative learning, members support their respective efforts to deliver superior customer service to their legislatures.

This year, the meeting will convene in the fall in Oregon state.

For more information, please contact: *Jennifer Schanze, Director of Operations at [jschanze@csg.org](mailto:jschanze@csg.org).*



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## CSG WEST STAFF

In addition to convening a variety of programming, CSG West staff serve as an extension of legislative staff across the region. Please contact us if we can be of any assistance to you or your staff in connecting you with resource experts or regional colleagues on a particular topic or issue of interest. We are here to support you in your legislative work. Please let us know how we can be of service to you.

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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

### REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Offering information on events, resources, and topics important to the western region, the Regional Roundup newsletter delivers semimonthly updates in an easy to read, electronic format. Sign up for our newsletter and stay up to date with CSG West.

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### LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE SERIES

The ability of state officials to engage with one another to exchange insights and experiences is a fundamental element in the development of regional solutions and strengthening of legislative institutions. Through the Legislative Exchange Series, legislators and legislative staff can participate in virtual gatherings focused on development training and policy issues affecting the Western region. Complimenting the work of CSG West's policy committees and programs, the series provides insightful and interactive sessions. Sessions are free to attend. Information about upcoming events and recorded content is available on our website.

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### CSG CAPITOL IDEAS

Produced by CSG National, the *CSG Capitol Ideas* magazine provides information and insights relevant to state governing. Offering organization updates, regional perspectives and in-depth analysis of key policy issues, the magazine is a great way to stay updated on a variety of topics affecting states.

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### THE BOOK OF THE STATES

Providing easy-to-read summaries, tables and charts, *The Book of the States* is an invaluable reference tool for legislators and legislative staff. Initially published in 1935, CSG produces an annual collection of information illustrating how state governments operate. The 2019 edition offers information collected from more than 500 sources.

### JUSTICE CENTER

The CSG Justice Center works with state officials in all three branches of government to develop research driven strategies designed to increase public safety and strengthen communities. Through the use of in-depth data analyses and extensive engagement with officials within the criminal justice system, the Justice Center fosters collaborative policy efforts to address state specific challenges.

For more information visit: [csgjusticecenter.org](http://csgjusticecenter.org)



### NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS

The CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts promotes the use of interstate compacts to meet the demand for cooperative state action. Acting as an information clearinghouse, as well as providing training and technical assistance, the Center works with states to review, revise, and create new interstate compacts designed to address multistate problems and provide alternatives to federal preemption.

For more information visit: [compacts.csg.org](http://compacts.csg.org)

### CENTER OF INNOVATION

The CSG Center of Innovation provides a practical resource for state officials in all three branches of government with data-driven solutions to pressing state issues. Some of the current programs include Shared State Legislation, Occupational Licensure, Overseas Voting Initiative (OVI), Retaining Employment and Talent after Injury/Illness Network (RETAIN), State Exchange on Employment and Disability (SEED), National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC), and many others.

For more information visit: [csg.org/work/csg-center-of-innovation](http://csg.org/work/csg-center-of-innovation)



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