

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES

CSG West is one of 4 regions of the Council of State Governments that form part of a national community of states. CSG's regional and national structure invites focused participation from members on a more intimate, regional level while also providing a national platform to exchange ideas and information access a myriad of national policy research, and to stay abreast of national trends and developments in Washington, D.C. impacting state governments.



CSG WEST STAFF

Serves as an extension of legislative staff through research, analysis, and providing resource connections. Please reach if we can help you with anything. You can reach us at csgw@csg.org



WESTRAIN

In-state training for legislators and staff on various professional development topics such as communication, time management, negotiation and consensus-building, media relations, conflict resolution, and ethics. Expert trainers offer nonpartisan perspectives and hands-on instruction.



CENTER FOR INNOVATION

Objective, in-depth analysis and technical assistance on the states' critical issues, including occupational licensing, workforce development, election policy, and health and human services policy.



NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS

Assistance for states in the development of interstate compacts that foster multi-state problem-solving. Search the more than 200 interstate compacts in effect today by state, name, or year on the CSG website.



JUSTICE CENTER

The Justice Center combines the power of a membership association that serves state officials in all three branches of state government with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.



SHARED STATE LEGISLATION

Effective, data-driven practices and solutions where the criminal justice system intersects with other disciplines, such as public health and education.



BOOK OF THE STATES

A state government encyclopedia featuring easy-to-read summaries, tables, and charts that serve as an invaluable reference tool that has withstood the test of time.



WESTERN LEGISLATIVE NEWS & MEDIA

The Regional Roundup e-newsletter delivers semimonthly updates amplifying the latest people, policies, and events advancing Western state governments. Sign up at csgwest.org/newsletter

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WEST

2026 PROGRAMS & EVENTS



CSG WEST ANNUAL MEETING

Western members engage regionally on relevant topics, connect and develop relationships with colleagues, and learn from experts. All policy committees, working groups, and leadership convene at the Annual Meeting.

July 7-10, 2026 | Salt Lake City, Utah



HENRY TOLL FELLOWSHIP

One of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials. Each year, the Toll Fellowship convenes 48 of the nation's top officials from all three branches of state government for an intensive five-day "leadership boot camp."

August 21-25, 2026 | Lexington, KY

COLORADO RIVER FORUM



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The Colorado River Forum is a nonpartisan venue for state legislators of the seven Colorado River Basin States in the U.S., as well as the bordering Mexican states of Baja California and Sonora. The Forum offers state legislators an opportunity to engage in collaborative conversation with colleagues, as well as hear from key experts and stakeholders.

September 9-11, 2026 | San Diego, California



BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Legislators from the ten U.S. and Mexico border states convene for ongoing dialogue to strengthen bilateral cooperation and develop solutions to shared challenges along the border.

September 17-19, 2026 | El Paso, Texas



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON RIVER GOVERNANCE

Legislators from the four Columbia River basin states of Idaho, Oregon, Montana, and Washington, facilitates discussion on the everyday challenges of managing water resources in the basin. Legislative leaders appoint members.

August 24-26, 2026 | Ontario, Oregon



CSG NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Brings together state-elected and appointed officials from across the country, providing a space for policymakers to engage on many policy issues facing the country.

December 3-6, 2026 | Anaheim, California



WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY

An intensive professional development program designed to help newer legislators become more effective leaders and strengthen legislative institutions. Admission to the program is by application, and the selection process is competitive.

December 15-18, 2026 | Colorado Springs, CO



LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE SERIES

Legislators and legislative staff can participate in virtual gatherings focused on training and policy issues affecting the Western region. Complementing the work of the policy committees and programs, the series provides insightful and interactive sessions.