



# The Fiscal Link

Your connection to the latest fiscal information in the states

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## NCSL & National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices (NALFO) Updates

- NCSL experts dive into how fiscal recovery funds are being leveraged in the six-part [Fiscal Road to Recovery Brief Series](#).
- State Legislatures News [examined](#) transportation, water, and broadband programs under the federal bipartisan infrastructure law.
- NCSL's Employment, Labor and Retirement Program [discussed](#) the use of federal funds to stabilize unemployment systems.
- NCSL continues to [track](#) fiscal year 2023 state budget status.
- Are you a new legislative fiscal staffer looking to build your skills portfolio? NCSL is hosting an introductory preconference to [Staff Hub ATL](#) on Sunday, October 9th designed to provide skills training for newer legislative staff, or staff who want a refresher course. [Learn more and register here!](#)

### Interested in Becoming a NALFO Officer?

Read about NALFO's Executive Committee and how to apply [here!](#)

#### JUNE FISCAL BRIEF

## Travel is Taxing in More Ways Than One

Summer is here. The arrival of June officially kicks off the season with longer days and warmer weather. For many people that also means it's time to pack up the family and head out on the annual ritual known as "summer vacation". And two years into a global pandemic, the summer of 2022 is shaping up to be big for tourism. That also means additional revenues for state governments that levy taxes on services that target tourists, such



as short-term accommodations and car rentals.

[Read more](#)

## NCSL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

# How to Leverage State Purchasing Power

State purchasing practices usually fly under the radar, but the pandemic and supply chain disruptions have put procurement in the spotlight. Join us **Aug. 1-3 at the NCSL Legislative Summit** in Denver to learn about current trends and how states can strengthen their processes to navigate inflation and supply chain uncertainty.

[Register](#)



## State News and Reports

- **Arizona** | The Joint Legislative Budget Committee produced a summary of ARPA fund allocations for the state.
- **District of Columbia** | The Office of the Budget Director issued a report on a proposed resident transit subsidy program. A health note on the proposal was also issued in collaboration.
- **Massachusetts** | The Massachusetts Gaming Commission released its annual report for FY 2021.
- **Nebraska** | The Legislative Research Office published a report that offers a primer on electric vehicles, including the effect they will have on state transportation funding.

## Federal News and Reports

- The Congressional Budget Office released a report that analyzes the budgetary effects of lowering the age of eligibility for Medicare to 60.
- The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis reviewed how the Fed will reduce its balance sheet. The Congressional Research Service examined dynamic scoring in the Congressional budget process.
- The Government Accountability Office found federal agencies need to improve information about federal funds that benefit Native Americans.

## Other Items of Interest

- Pew Charitable Trusts published an article about personal income changes across the states as a part of its Fiscal 50 project.

- The Volker Alliance [released](#) a publication on state and local budgeting in the COVID era.
- The Rockefeller Institute of Government [is tracking](#) the balance of payments between states and the federal government.

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#### NCSL EVENT

## Staff Hub ATL 2022

Staff Hub ATL 2022 will be held Oct. 10-12 in Atlanta. This meeting is sponsored by six of NCSL's professional staff associations, including NALFO. The purpose of this meeting is to foster cross-pollination and shared learning between and increase synergy among the participating associations.



[Learn more](#)

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## Additional Resources

- Visit the [NCSL Fiscal Affairs Program homepage](#).
- Visit the [NALFO homepage](#).
- Consult a [list of legislative fiscal offices](#) that maintain webpages.
- Check out [NCSL Fiscal Briefs](#).
- Review [NALFO's Staff Achievement Award criteria](#).

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