



Executive Committee Task Force on Immigration and the States

Co-Chairs:

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, Washington & Senator John Watkins, Virginia

*NCSL Legislative Summit
Georgia World Congress Center
Atlanta, Georgia
August 11-15, 2013*

Monday, August 12

5:00 pm- 6:00 pm: **Task Force on Immigration and the States: Business Meeting**
GWCC Level 3-B305 **Coke, Wine & Cheese Reception**

Task Force members will discuss the latest news on the progress of immigration reform in Congress and potential impacts on the states. NCSL staff will provide highlights from the 2013 report on state immigration laws.

Moderators:

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, *Washington*
Senator John Watkins, *Virginia*

Wednesday, August 14

11:00 am-12:15 am: **Immigration: Finally A Federal Fix?**
GWCC Level 2-B203 *Co-Sponsored by the Task Force on Immigration and the States, Health & Human Services Committee, Law & Criminal Justice Committee, and Legal Services Staff Section*

On June 27, 2013, the Senate passed S.744 by a vote of 68-32. The legislation addresses border security; reauthorizes the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP); provides for earned legalization of unauthorized immigrants; creates new temporary worker visas; and improves the legal immigration system. The legislation does not include state impact aid to offset the increased costs for education and health care for new immigrant populations. In the House, Judiciary Chairman Goodlatte (Va.) has been taking up individual bills on border security, E-Verify, agricultural guest workers and skills based visas, and state law enforcement.

For this session, Charles Kuck, a nationally-recognized immigration lawyer and President of the Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers, will explain the key provisions in S.744 of relevance to states, and the potential impact of the pending House bills on state laws, policies, services and budgets. This presentation will be followed by a conversation among state legislators on key immigration issues and whether the bill addresses those challenges.



Speakers:

Charles Kuck, Kuck Immigration Partners LLC, Atlanta, Georgia
Senator Curtis Bramble, *Utah*
Senator Mo Denis, *Nevada*
Senator Ellen Roberts, *Colorado*
Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, *Washington*