

Legislative Weekly Update

April 18, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 29 States in Regular Session
- 20 States Out of Session



State Legislative Round-Up

lowa – After reaching the scheduled end of session on April 16 lawmakers are scrambling to reach agreements on a nearly \$9 billion budget as they work out spending plans, taxes and various policy proposals. **Learn more here.**

Kentucky - The General Assembly has finished up the 2024 session and the GOP majority was able to hold off a number of Democrat backed bills and easily overrode almost all of Governor Andy Beshear's vetoes. **Learn more here**.

Nebraska - Health care proposals will top the charts for spending in 2024 as Nebraska lawmakers round the corner of the 2024 legislative session this week. This comes out to \$2.2 billion in state and federal spending, over 95% of which is allocated toward health care programs, while raising \$672 million in state funds. Learn more here.

New York - Gov. Kathy Hochul says she and lawmakers have a "conceptual agreement" that includes both tax breaks for developers and some new tenant protections. She failed to win approval of an ambitious housing package last year. **Learn more here.**

North Dakota – Supporters of legalized cannabis submitted a petition to the Secretary of State to get a measure placed on the November ballot to adults to use marijuana at home. Supporters would need to collect just under 16,000 valid signatures by July 8 for the measure to appear on the November ballot. Learn more here.

Virginia – Governor Glenn Youngkin and the Democrat controlled General Assembly agreed to come back to Richmond for a Special Session on May 13 for lawmakers to review and vote on a new spending plan. Putting their irreconcilable differences over the state's biennial budget aside, lawmakers will start with a clean state as they craft a new budget. Learn more here.



What We Are Reading

- Marijuana tax revenues fall short of projections in many states, including Colorado - The Conversation
- Tantrums and Turf Wars: The School Car Line Is Chaos – Wall Street Journal
- The Widest-Ever Global Coral Crisis Will Hit Within Weeks. Scientists Say – New York Times
- The Obsolete Zoning Laws that Leave Downtowns Stagnant -Governing
- The Popularity of Marathons; New **York Times**
- Key takeaways from the Explore Act, one of the largest outdoor recreation bills ever - Utah News Dispatch



Cool Jobs

- Director of Government Relations, **Outreach: NCAA**
- State Government Relations Director; **American Heart Association**
- Director, Advocacy and Government **Relations: National School Board Association**
- Government Relations Director; **Center for Al Policy**
- Head of State Government Affairs; **Pacific Life**
- Director, State Government Affairs; **Entertainment Software Association**
- Public Relations Manager; Walt **Disney Company**

Political Industry Events

April 18-19

Republican Attorneys General Association's (RAGA) Energy Summit in Houston, TX

April 22-24

U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2024 Legislative Summit in Washington, DC

April 22-24

National Association of Attorneys General, Spring Symposium in Chicago, IL

National Lieutenant Governors Association,



April 24-26



Spring Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC

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