

Legislative Weekly Update

April 5, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 32 States in Regular Session
- 18 States Out of Session

*Idaho was scheduled to go out on March 22; their session is continuing into the first week of April



State Legislative Round-Up

Florida – Gov. Ron DeSantis is under pressure from dozens of environmental, progressive and faith groups to veto a bill that prevents any city, county, or municipality in the state from adopting legislation aimed at protecting outdoor workers from extreme heat. Learn more here.

Georgia – After a lengthy 15-hour final day of session, lawmakers adjourned sine die early on Friday morning, March 29. The General Assembly passed a \$36 billion state budget, increased the child tax credit, approved school vouchers and income tax cuts, but rejected legalized sports betting. Gov. Brian Kemp will have 40 days to sign, veto, or allow legislation to become law without his signature after the session ends. Learn more here.

Idaho – Lawmakers are continuing the 2024 legislative session well past the initial March 22 adjournment date and their second target date of March 29. The legislature resumed on Tuesday with a focus on transportation, education and Medicaid. Learn more here.

Kentucky – The General Assembly is on a two-week veto recess and will reconvene later this month for the last two days of session. During this time, Governor Andy Beshear can veto or sign bills passed by lawmakers. When the Republican supermajority returns to Frankfort on April 12 they are expected to review and override the Governor's vetoes. **Learn more here**.

Oregon – In 2020, Oregon voters approved making small amounts of personal recreational drugs a misdemeanor. On Monday, the first in the nation experiment ended when Democratic Governor Tina Kotek signed a bill recriminalizing recreational drugs. **Learn more here.**

Vermont – Lawmakers are moving forward with a bill that would allow the state to charge companies for their contributions to damage caused by climate change. The state would charge companies based on their share of emissions. The bill is expected to pass the Senate this week before consideration before the House. Learn more here.



What We Are Reading

- How States Are Addressing the High Cost of Housing, Governing, Spring 2024
- California Lawmaker Wants to End Exclusive Control Over Ticket Sales, POLITICO
- 200+ Artists Urge Tech Platforms: Stop Devaluing Music, Artist Rights Alliance
- Your State-by-State Guide to the 2024 Supreme Court Elections, Bolts



Cool Jobs

- Director, State and Local Government Relations, Honeywell
- Manager, State and Local Public Policy, Amazon
- Florida Government Relations Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- Account Manager, Political Advocacy and Government, Roku
- Manager, State and Local Government Affairs, Bosch

Political Industry Events

April 6-8

National School Boards Association, Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA

April 15-17

State Government Affairs Council's (SGAC) National Summit. April 15-17 in Dallas, TX

April 16-18

AAPC Pollie Awards Conference in Washington, DC



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