
Informed policy through collaboration.

THE INSTITUTE FOR STATE POLICY LEADERS

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

As technology continues to rapidly change how we live, do business, and socially engage with others, state policymakers have the responsibility to ensure state governments are ready to meet these challenges, maintain economic well-being, and promote the public good of their state residents.

The Institute for State Policy Leaders was created to assist state policymakers in making informed policy decisions by conducting nonpartisan educational programming. Programming is geared toward state elected leaders and focuses on complex emerging and current issues that are national in scope, but that impact states or are subject to state legislative, executive, and regulatory action — especially in light of federal stagnation.

The Institute will host several two-to-three-day programs on selected topics throughout the year. Each program will provide policymakers with a balanced deep dive on a policy topic and allow them to discuss their concerns and questions with the leading experts on the topic and their lawmaker peers in other states. The goal of these programs is to provide a thorough and thoughtful understanding of a policy area so that state leaders are able to achieve desired policy outcomes and minimize unintended consequences when drafting and implementing public policies. Additionally, the Institute will serve as a forum for state leaders to gather, discuss, and deliberate on policy issues where interstate cooperation, whether through model legislation or guiding principles, would benefit states and their citizens. The Institute will provide stipends to state policy leaders which will cover their costs to attend these policy programs and forums at no expense to state taxpayers.

The Institute plans to engage on a number of issues, including Autonomous Vehicles, Blockchain and Web3, Cannabis, Clean Energy, Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, Digital Taxation, Electric Vehicles, EPR for Packaging, Remote Worker Taxation, and Worker Classification. For more information on scope or programming related to these policy areas, please visit the Institute website, www.statepolicyleaders.org.

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INSTITUTE STAFF

Neal Osten serves as Executive Director of the Institute. He has decades of experience convening state and federal leaders to solve problems, explore emerging issues, and facilitate collaboration across state lines and between the public and private sectors. Prior to leading the Institute for State Policy Leaders, Neal served as Director of the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Washington, D.C. Office. In this position he directed NCSL's state-federal relations. Prior to this, Neal directed NCSL's Executive Committee Task Force on State and Local Taxation, leading the efforts to address the collection of sales taxes on out of state transactions which resulted in the landmark 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* Neal has also served in the administration of President George H.W. Bush (41st) as Director of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Department of Agriculture, Chief of Staff to the Assistant Majority Leader of the New York State Senate, and Committee Director for the Senate Banking Committee. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Villanova University and attended the Legislative Administration Program at the School of Public Affairs at the State University of New York at Albany.



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