



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WIG at Work: January 2019

New Year, New Women In Government Conferences

Registration for WIG's 2019 *National Legislative Conference-Chicago* is **OPEN!**
Join with Women In Government as we bring together women state legislators and policy experts to engage across a variety of top issues and network with each other in the Windy City

Where: The Blackstone Hotel – Chicago, Illinois

When: 1:00 PM, Thursday, June 13 - 11:30 AM Saturday, June 15, 2019
[Board Luncheon Meeting: Saturday, June 15 after the conference adjourns]

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Visit www.womeningovernment.org/attend/upcoming-events for all WIG conference updates & see if WIG is coming to your state soon!

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SAVE THE DATE: STATE OPIOID TAXES- ECONOMIC & HEALTH POLICY IMPLICATIONS POLICY BRIEFING AT THE HALL OF STATES

Come join us over coffee and continental breakfast for a discussion of “State Opioid Taxes: Economic & Health Policy Implications” at our new offices at The Hall of States! Alex Brill of Matrix Global Advisors will be discussing this white paper commissioned by Women In Government that addresses the burdens of the opioid epidemic on states and potential policy solutions.

Where:

Room 285, The Hall of States, 444 N. Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

When:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Please RSVP to Laura Blake, Outreach and Development Manager, if you would like to join us for this event.

NEWLY ELECTED LEGISLATOR RESOURCES

Women In Government (WIG) congratulates

and warmly welcomes you as a new member of your state legislature! We're here to serve as a resource for you, and we'd like to point you towards advice for new women legislators and recent policy resources:



Read: [Pearls of WIGdom](#)- Wise words and quotations from women state legislators.

Listen: [Podcast & Article](#)- featuring Rep. Lauren Matsumoto (HI) describing her first term and advice to new legislators by Governing Magazine

Use: Legislative Toolkits on [Bone Health](#), [Economic Security and Opportunities for Vulnerable Families](#), and [State Exchange on Employment and Disability](#)

Participate: WIG hosts [two national conferences](#) and events in state capitals. Check us out in Chicago, IL in 2019!

2019 By The Numbers

- In 2019, at least **2,112** women will serve in state legislative offices across the country
- In 2019, the proportion of seats in state legislatures held by women will be at least **28.6%**
- **Nevada** becomes the first state to have **majority** representation of women in its state legislature with **50.8%**; followed closely by **Colorado** with **45%**

** Data Provided by NCSL's Women's Legislative Network

Be sure to also check out the **Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP)** for all the latest stats on women in political office!

- [Current Numbers](#)
- [Women in State Legislatures 2019](#)

ISSUES TO WATCH IN 2019

2019 legislative sessions are upon us and as we look to a busy year ahead here are some of the major policy issues that many states will be facing:

- Healthcare
- Tax Reform
- Transportation Funding
- Education Funding
- Opioid Taxes
- Cybersecurity
- Marijuana

Check out [Governing Magazines Issues to Watch](#) article for more information.

Policy Highlight: Transportation

Transportation and Infrastructure issues have long been a challenge for many states to find the resources to fund. According to the National Governors Association report



The Transportation Innovation Curve: A Policy Roadmap for States, "the U.S. is experiencing a transportation technology revolution that is moving us toward a future that is increasingly autonomous, connected, electric and shared." Check out the report to learn more about how your state can embrace transportation innovation.

[Check Out The Full Report Here](#)

LUCY GETTMAN ON THE 2018 ELECTION AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF WOMEN SERVING IN

GOVERNMENT

Check out WIG Executive Director Lucy Gettman on the [Lobbying Show](#) podcast talking about the growing number of women serving in government.

[Check Out The Full Podcast Here](#)

THE **LOBBYING**
SHOW

HAIL AND FAREWELL

Women In Government congratulates WIG at Work editor and Policy Manager Katie Lanzarotto, who after more than three years with WIG is moving on to a new professional opportunity. She'll still be working with state legislators and legislation though, so this is not goodbye, just "until we meet again." Good luck Katie!



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