NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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NCSL Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Infrastructure

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NCSL’s Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee is one of nine NCSL Standing Committees. These committees are vital to NCSL’s successful representation of state interests in Washington, D.C., and the facilitation of policy innovation among state and territorial legislatures. Please contact any of the committee staff for details about the committee, state-federal policies under its jurisdiction, or upcoming meetings and events.

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**The National Transportation Safety Board listed distracted and impaired driving as the top two traffic safety issues for 2019 and lawmakers seem to concur, given the amount of debate on these topics in statehouses. Human behavior accounts for 94% of all traffic crashes, according to NHTSA. Hear legislators and law enforcement provide insight on how to enact enforceable laws that reduce distracted and impaired driving.**

**Moderator:**
- **Jennifer Ryan**, state government affairs director, AAA
- **Douglas Shinkle**, transportation program director, NCSL

**Panelists:**
- **Representative John Carson**, Georgia
- **Representative Frank Hornstein**, Minnesota
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| 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. | **Opening Act: Music City Country Picnic**  
Join us in downtown Nashville, where decades of country music come to life! Experience authentic southern cuisine in a picnic-style affair at Walk of Fame Park and enjoy the musical stylings of singer/songwriter Jeffrey Steele. Immerse yourself in country legends with a tour through the Country Music Hall of Fame, open exclusively to Summit attendees! You must have your badge to enter.  
For details on shuttles to the picnic see [here](#), or contact (615) 957-4596 one hour prior to your desired pick-up time should you need special assistance. |
| **Tuesday, August 6** |  
| 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. | **Food and Farm Breakfast**  
The 2018 Farm Bill expanded interest in cultivating hemp programs across the country. States continue to explore this rapidly developing industry and to promote cultivation and production. Several challenges continue to face this industry – product development and testing; transportation; and changing regulatory frameworks. Join us for the annual food and farm breakfast as we take a deep dive and hear from state, federal and industry experts on next steps for hemp legalization  
Panelists:  
*Sonia Jiminez,* deputy administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service  
*Courtney Moran,* chief legislative strategist, Agricultural Hemp Solutions  
*Annie Self,* plant certification administrator, Tenn. Department of Agriculture  
*David Waddell,* legal and policy director, Tenn. Department of Agriculture  
*NCSL gratefully acknowledges Archer Daniels Midland for its support of this breakfast.* |
| 10:15 – 12 p.m. | **Transportation Infrastructure for the 21st Century**  
It’s no secret that states have been the place to come for solutions to transportation infrastructure funding over the past few years, especially compared to the federal government. But will the changing |
transportation environment require a more complete rethink about how we fund our roads, bridges and transit systems? Join us for an interactive discussion as we cover some new pavement.

Moderator:  
**Bruce Starr**, citizen

Panelists:  
- **Representative Andrew McLean**, Maine  
- **Beth Osborne**, director, Transportation for America  
- **Robert Poole**, director of transportation policy, Reason Foundation  
- **Bill Shuster**, senior policy advisor, Squire Patton Boggs

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| 12:00–1:45 p.m. | **Exhibit Hall Luncheon**  
Enjoy a delicious lunch with your colleagues and visit exhibitors from around the nation with interesting information and policy perspectives |

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| 2:00–3:15 p.m. | **What States Need to Know about the 2018 Farm Bill**  
The federal Farm Bill, which is reauthorized twice a decade on average, represents one of the most important pieces of federal legislation for the agriculture industry and rural communities. The bill covers everything from crop insurance to conservation practices and rural energy to hemp legalization, among other topics. Join us for a discussion with national agriculture policy experts to learn the key takeaways for states from the 2018 Farm Bill. |

Moderator:  
**Representative Jennifer James Arndt**, Colorado

Panelists:  
- **Britt Aasmundstad**, associate director of public policy, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture  
- **Bette Brand**, administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business Service  
- **Sonia Jiminez**, deputy administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service  
- **Andrew Walmsley**, director of congressional relations, American Farm Bureau Federation

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| 3:30–5:00 p.m. | **Rural Economies: Left Behind or Poised for Resurgence**  
For decades, Americans have been moving away from rural hometowns to seek jobs and opportunities in America’s cities. But can that trend be reversed? Hear experts discuss the realities that rural economies face and innovative ways that states are supporting economic growth in rural communities. |

Moderator:  

Representative Julie McCluskie, Colorado

Panelists:
**Sammie Arnold**, assistant commissioner of community and rural development, Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

**Kenneth Poole**, president/CEO, Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness

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<td><strong>Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee Business Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>All legislators and legislative staff are encouraged to attend the Business Meeting and consider Policy Directives and Resolutions that will guide the NRI Committee’s advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration. Join us as the committee debates and votes on policies that guide the Committee’s advocacy work in Washington, D.C.</td>
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<td>Presiding: <strong>Representative Stephen G. Handy</strong>, Utah, Co-Chair NRI Committee <strong>Representative Andrew J. McLean</strong>, Maine, Co-Chair NRI Committee</td>
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<td>10:30 – 11:45 a.m.</td>
<td><strong>State Action on Carbon Emissions</strong></td>
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<td>The federal government has scaled back regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity and transportation sectors. Some states are raising renewable generation requirements, expanding carbon pricing efforts or tackling transportation emissions. What does the shrinking role of the federal government mean for the future of carbon emissions.</td>
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<td>Speakers: <strong>Skiles Boyd</strong>, vice president of environmental management and resources, DTE Energy <strong>James Bradbury</strong>, mitigation program director, Georgetown Climate Center <strong>Janet Peace</strong>, senior vice president of policy and business strategy, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions</td>
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<td><strong>Juicing Up for Electric Vehicles</strong></td>
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|                    | Electric vehicles have the potential to transform the way we fuel transportation, introducing many new energy and infrastructure
challenges. Questions include who should own the infrastructure, who should regulate the sale of electricity at charging stations, and will utilities be able to handle these new demands? Also, examine policy approaches to addressing equity and access among consumers in an interactive exploration of what’s ahead for the electric vehicle market.

Moderator:  
**Representative Stephen G. Handy**, Utah, Co-Chair NRI Committee

Speakers:  
**Jennifer Bosco**, staff attorney, National Consumer Law Center  
**Phillip Jones**, executive director, Alliance for Transportation Electrification  
**Johnathon Levy**, vice president strategic initiatives, Evgo Service

| 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
*Convention Center 204*  
**Addressing America’s Growing Water Quality Crisis**  
From lead in pipes to nutrient pollution, Americans face growing threats to accessing clean water. Hear how the federal government and state legislatures are helping fund clean water infrastructure, assisting homeowners in replacing lead pipes, and testing private water wells to ensure that drinking water is safe.  
Moderator:  
**Doug Farquhar**, program director, NCSL  
Panelists:  
**Julia Anastasio**, executive director and general counsel, Association of Clean Water Administrators  
**Representative Lee Chatfield**, speaker of the house, Michigan  
**Representative Todd Novak**, Wisconsin  
**Dr. Lauren Weinrich**, senior scientist, American Water

| 6:15 – 9:30 p.m.  
*CC Marty Dickens Terrace and 5th Avenue*  
**Boot Scootin’ Block Party (5th Avenue Downtown)**  
Dust off your boots and join us for an unforgettable evening featuring country music legend Trace Adkins! A Nashville icon for over two decades. Adkins has enjoyed more than 20 singles on the Billboard country music charts and over 11 million albums sold. Enjoy local eats and this headlining concert held exclusively for Summit attendees! You must have your badge to enter.  
For details on shuttles to the picnic see [here](#), or contact (615) 957-4596 one hour prior to your desired pick-up time should you need special assistance.

**Thursday, August 8**

| 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
**NCSL Business Meeting: Setting the States’ Agenda**
All legislators and legislative staff are encouraged to attend the annual business meeting to consider policy directives and resolutions that will guide NCSL’s advocacy efforts before Congress and the administration, elect NCSL officers and executive committee, and approve the NCSL budget. All Summit attendees are welcome to observe.

### Moving Forward with Autonomous Vehicles

Autonomous vehicles picked up speed in 2018 and 2019, from testing and deployment of driverless technology to new state laws to updated federal guidance. Hear from experts working to provide a consistent regulatory framework that balances public safety with vehicle innovations that are helping pave the way for this potentially game-changing technology. You can watch the livestream on NCSL's Facebook page.

**Moderator:**  
**Ben Husch,** federal affairs counsel, NCSL

**Panelists:**  
**Jamie Boone,** vice president of government affairs, Consumer Technology Association  
**April Sanborn,** assistant to the secretary for rural development, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles  
**Bryant Walker Smith,** economist, University of South Carolina School of Law

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The NCSL Natural Resources & Infrastructure Committee (NRI) is pleased to notify you of our updated website, where you can find up-to-date committee information and resources at any time.

- **COMMITTEE HOMEPAGE**: Overview page for the NRI Committee including links to specific resource pages (listed below) and timely news alerts.

- **COMMITTEE POLICIES**: All state-federal policies that have been approved by the committee, used for NCSL’s advocacy in Washington, D.C.

- **NRI COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS**: Regularly updated collection of letters and testimonies sent to the U.S. Congress, related to NRI Committee policy.

- **NEWSLETTERS**: 3 monthly Federal Updates covering energy and agriculture; environment and transportation issues and two monthly state-federal policy newsletters on transportation (the Transporter) and energy (Plugged In).

- **INFO ALERTS & ARCHIVES**: A one-stop-shop for all NRI Committee-related info alerts (concise informational briefs on breaking news of interest to our committee).

- **MEETING RESOURCES**: Information from recent NCSL meetings—including agendas, presentations from our sessions (when available) and other resources of interest—plus details about upcoming events.

- **NATURAL RESOURCES & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL-TRACKING DATABASES**: A series of up-to-date databases that track legislation introduced in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico:
  - **ENERGY**
  - **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**
  - **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**
  - **TRANSPORTATION**
NCSL NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 7, 2019
7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Room 106 AB

• Overview & Review of Procedures

• Consideration of (listed in order of consideration):
  o Existing Policy Resolutions
  o Proposed Amendments to Existing Policy Resolutions
  o Proposed Amendments to Existing Policy Directives
  o New Policy Resolutions
POLICY SUMMARIES

The Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee will consider the following policy directives and resolutions at the 2019 Legislative Summit:

**Existing Policy Resolutions**

**Autonomous Vehicles:** This is an existing resolution that recognizes the need to clearly define state and federal roles as well as to avoid unnecessary federal preemption and burdensome federal mandates as states and the federal government work to understand and regulate autonomous vehicles.

**Black Vulture:** This is an existing resolution that calls upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to transition from a pilot program in the statewide depredation permit process for the Black Vulture, to standard operating procedure, providing relief to all affected, not just some, by the Vulture.

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** This is an existing policy resolution to address the issue of Chronic Wasting Disease and urges the federal government to pass legislation providing resources to address the crisis.

**National Appliance Efficiency Standards:** This is an existing resolution that urges Congress and the Department of Energy to provide full funding for the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, to amend standards as statutorily required, and to regularly review standards and resist the repeal of existing standards.

**State Sovereignty in Air Ambulance Regulation:** This is an existing resolution that urges Congress to amend the Airline Deregulation Act to provide states the authority to enforce insurance regulations on air ambulance providers to protect consumers.

**Proposed Amendments to Existing Policy Resolutions**

**Climate Change:** This an existing resolution that focuses on the state-federal relationship for the development of any potential funding and regulations of air emissions. Proposed amendments are offered by Rep. Charles Isenhart of Iowa which among many include amending the title, urging the federal government to join the United States to the Paris Agreement, and requiring climate risk assessments as part of all federal agency rulemaking.

**Proposed Amendments to Existing Policy Directives**

**Animal Agriculture Production:** This is an existing policy directive with an amendment proposed by Rep. Mark Meek of Oregon, to strike lines 25-55, “Equine Industry and USDA Inspection of Horse Meat.”

**Aviation:** This is an existing policy directive. Staff has proposed merging the Airport Infrastructure Funding Directive into it. It supports an increase in the cap of the Passenger Facility Charge. The PFC is used to help fund airport infrastructure.
Energy Security: This is an existing policy directive which urges Congress to direct the U.S. Department of Energy through the national laboratories and technology centers to develop a national energy strategy for moving the United States toward independence from non-North American energy sources. Amendments are proposed by Rep. Charles Isenhart of Iowa, which would add language to de-carbonize the energy sector and includes striking language urging Congress and the Administration to “encourage and assist in the development of enhanced oil and gas refining capacity and technology.”

National Energy: This is an existing policy directive which urges the federal government to continue working cooperatively with state, local and tribal governments to develop, implement and maintain an expansive, integrated, environmentally-sensitive and cost-effective national energy policy. There are two sets of proposed amendments. Staff has proposed updating language striking lines 203-222 as the Crude Oil Overcharge Refund Program has ceased; ensuring all actionable provisions are directed at the federal government; and made slight edits to ensure proper sentence structure. A second set of amendments was proposed by Rep. Charles Isenhart of Iowa would add language to de-carbonize the energy sector remove provisions referencing promoting fossil fuel production as they relate to de-carbonization.

Surface Transportation Federalism: This is an existing policy directive. It guides staff on how to lobby on federal surface transportation programs. Amendments proposed by Rep. Stephen Handy of Utah include updating lines 28-30 to provide for state flexibility in using federal funds, lines 88-92 prioritizing formula funding; and lines 110-113 stating state expertise in complying with federal requirements. Staff amendments which would urge U.S. Department of Transportation to provide greater flexibility for states in appropriating federal highway safety funding are on lines 242-246.

Water Policy: This is an existing policy directive. It urges the federal government to provide a clearer and more coordinated and consistent set of policies for regulating water. It also urges the federal government to recognize that water policy should be developed at the state level. An amendment on lines 170 – 189 is proposed by Rep. Tina Wildberger of Hawaii to address the duty of the federal government to protect aquifers and to more stringently regulate under fuel storage and transporting infrastructure.

Proposed Policy Resolutions
Asian Carp: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Sen. Mike Bell of Tennessee addressing the invasive Asian Carp and urges Congress to authorize and appropriate additional funding to support state and interstate aquatic nuisance species management plans.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund: This is a new resolution proposed by Sen. Mike Gabbard of Hawaii urging the President of the United States and Members of Congress to act to pass and sign into law the Land and Water Conservation Fund Permanent Funding Act.

Microplastics Research: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Rep. Rick Hansen of Minnesota urging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to increase research efforts on microplastics.
Raising the Federal Motor Fuels Tax Rate: This is a new policy resolution proposed Rep. Andrew McClean of Maine encouraging Congress to increase the federal motor fuels tax rate to the level that matches its previous purchasing power in 1993, in addition to indexing the rate to inflation to fund necessary infrastructure investments.

Recovering America’s Wildlife: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Rep. Nicole Lowen of Hawaii encouraging Congress to pass the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act which would provide additional funding to state wildlife agencies to accelerate their implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans.

Saving America’s Pollinators: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Rep. Rick Hansen of Minnesota urging Congress to pass and sign into law the Saving America’s Pollinators Act of 2019, which will provide urgent and necessary regulatory restrictions and review of certain pesticides for their toxicity to pollinators.

Switcher Locomotive Emission Standards: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Rep. Stephen Handy of Utah urging Congress or the Environmental Protection Agency to provide states the authority to regulate switcher locomotive standards.

Offshore Drilling: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Del. Fraser-Hidalgo of Maryland calling upon the President to and the Department of Interior to immediately halt the processing of permits for oil and gas exploration in all coasts; to establish a moratorium on all future leasing to expand oil and gas exploration, production and drilling in all coasts; and to maintain the regulatory enforcement of standards and oversight of existing and future offshore drilling activities established following the BP Deepwater Horizon accident.

Wildlife Corridors: This is a new policy resolution proposed by Sen. Mimi Stewart of New Mexico encouraging the President and Congress to establish a national system to implement and promote wildlife corridors and crossings similar to that of the federal Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019.