

SCR 11 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Sollman, Sen. Starr

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 02/19/25

Action: Do adopt.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Golden, Jama, Manning Jr, Thatcher

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/19

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure recognizes and honors the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The mission and commitment of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and its value to legislators and staff
- NCSL's resources, activities, and its 50th anniversary conference in Boston in August
- Whether a third-party legislator can lead the organization

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975 from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits. Over the past 50 years, NCSL has evolved to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff.

NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives:

- to advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures;
- to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and
- to ensure states have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system.

NCSL

- facilitates the exchange of ideas,
- provides research and information, and
- encourages a rigorous review of the complex issues confronting communities, states, and the nation.

It serves America's 50 states, commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia. All state legislators and staffers are members of the organization and have complete access to the latest policy research, training resources, and technical assistance. Through its Institution for International Cooperation, it also strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community.