

NCEL 2025 National Forum Agenda

Thursday, July 31 - Saturday, August 2, 2025

Thursday, July 31 Session and Time	
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Pre-Forum Session: ISO-NE Building the Grid of the Future <i>This event is designed for state legislators of ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, and CT.</i>
11:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Pre-Forum Session: Ocean Challenges and Opportunities – A Convening for West Coast Legislators <i>This event is designed for state legislators of AK, CA, HI, OR, and WA.</i>
3:30 - 5:30 PM	Special Session for New Legislators <i>This event is designed for state legislators in their first or second term.</i>
6:00 - 9:00 PM	Opening Reception
Friday, August 1 Session and Time	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration table opens. Breakfast starts serving at 8:00.
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Welcome and 2025 Legislative Highlights
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Plenary Session: Innovative Financing Options for State Policy
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Networking Break
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World is on Fire: Who to Hold Accountable and How to Keep Constituents Insured • State Innovations in Sustainable Agriculture • Habitat Connectivity Workshop: Visioning for a Connected Country
12:45 - 2:00 PM	Lunch and Awards

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reliability, Resiliency, & Affordability: Grid Policies that Let Clean Energy Do it All • Reducing PFAS in Our Lives: From Beauty Products to Biosolids • State Ocean Biodiversity Strategy for Resilient Coasts
3:15 - 3:45 PM Networking Break with snacks
3:45 - 5:00 PM Workshop: Embedding Equity Into Policy: Best Practices In A Shifting Political Climate
7:00 - 10:00 PM Evening Reception

Saturday, August 2 Session and Time
8:00 - 9:00 AM Breakfast Roundtable Discussions
9:00 - 9:30 AM Day 2 Welcome and Upcoming NCEL Events
9:30 - 10:30 AM Plenary Session: Affordable Housing and the Built Environment: Best Practices for Integrating Environmental Considerations
10:30 - 10:45 AM Networking Break
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oh The Places You'll Go: Funding, Messaging, and Decarbonizing Transportation in a Post-Pandemic World • What's Old Is New: Creating Pathways to Reuse Within Plastics Policy • Brick by Brick, Leaf by Leaf: Creating a Livable Community that Centers Nature
12:00 - 1:15 PM Closing Lunch and Plenary Session: Bridging the Divide with Effective Messaging Strategies
1:15 - 1:30 PM NCSL Preview
2:00 - 5:00 PM Optional Outdoor Outing