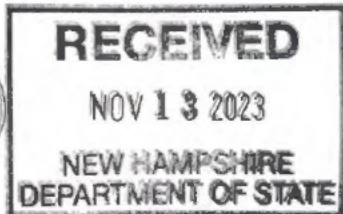


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 14-C)

For Legislators and Legislative Employees



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Source of Expense Reimbursement, Honorarium, Ticket or Free Admission, or Meals and/or Beverages

List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable expense reimbursement, honorarium, ticket or free admission to a political, charitable, or ceremonial event, or meals or beverages consumed at a meeting or event, the purpose of which is to discuss official business, with a value greater than \$50.

If the source is an Individual:

Name of Source:
Post Office Address:
Occupation:
Principal Place of Business:

If the source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: National Conference of State Legislatures
Name of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: Lella Reynolds
Work Address of Person Representing the Corporation/Entity: 7700 E. First Place, Denver, CO 80230

I am reporting:

[X] An Expense Reimbursement with value over \$50.00. (For costs that are waived, forgiven, reduced, prepaid, or reimbursed by a third party (other than the General Court) for attendance at a qualified event, pursuant RSA 14-C:2, III.)

Value of Expense Reimbursement: \$306 Date Received: 11/8/23 If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate. [] Exact [X] Estimate

[] An Honorarium with value over \$50.00. (For payment from third parties for an appearance, speech, written article or other document, service as a consultant or advisor, or participation in a discussion group or similar activities related to legislative matters, pursuant to RSA 14-C:2, V.)

Value of Honorarium: Date Received: If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate. [] Exact [] Estimate

[] A ticket or free admission to a political, charitable, or ceremonial event with value over \$50.00. (Pursuant to RSA 14-C:4, I.)

[X] Meals and/or beverages consumed at a meeting or event the purpose of which is to discuss official business with value over \$50.00. (Pursuant to RSA 14-C:4, II.)

[] A Donation to a State or National Legislative Association Event. (Pursuant to RSA 14-C:2, IV(b)(15).)

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Higher Education Institute: Supporting Career-Ready Postsecondary Strategies for States

Canopy by Hilton – Portland Waterfront Hotel | Portland, Maine | November 6-8

Institute Goals:

Institute attendees will learn and engage with experts and peers about:

- Strategies to support and expand postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that lead to in-demand career and earnings outcomes.
- State policy options for ensuring affordable access to postsecondary education.
- The latest research and data pertaining to career pathways, labor market dynamics, and the postsecondary enrollment and funding landscape.
- The growing movement of skills-based hiring and limiting degree requirements.

Monday, November 6, 2023

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	<p>Welcome Reception Join fellow attendees, speakers, and NCSL staff for refreshments and lite hors d'oeuvres.</p>	
	<p>Dinner on Your Own Keep your receipts; NCSL will reimburse your expenses up to \$75 for dinner.</p>	

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:30 – 9 a.m.	Breakfast	
9 – 9:30 a.m.	<p>Morning Welcome & Introductions Meet legislative colleagues from around the country and share what you have worked on in the past legislative session.</p>	Sunny Deye, NCSL

Michael Brennan, former mayor Portland



9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	<p>Education Pathways That Lead to Success Earnings and career outcome data consistently shows the value of a postsecondary degree or credential, yet more students and families question the value of higher education. Learn the latest data and research surrounding postsecondary outcomes including the value of postsecondary CTE programs.</p>	Nicole Smith, Georgetown
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	<p>Degree Requirements & The Future of Hiring A growing number of states, companies, and other hiring authorities are removing formal degree requirements from job descriptions and shifting to skills-based hiring approaches. Explore these decisions and how states can adapt education systems to support these trends.</p>	Blair Corcoran de Castillo, Opportunity @ Work
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:15 – Noon	<p>State Investments in Short-Term and Nondegree Credentials Students and families continue to grapple with the high cost of obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential. This session will focus on state investments in short-term credentials and what states can do to ensure they are investing in quality nondegree credentials.</p>	Stephanie Murphy, HCM Strategists
Noon – 1 p.m.	<p>Networking Lunch <i>NCSL gratefully acknowledges Western Governors University for their sponsorship of this lunch.</i></p>	
1 – 2 p.m.	<p>State Spotlight: Maine Enrollments have been strong at community colleges across Maine, up 18 percent from fall 2022 to fall 2023. <u>The state's free college program for students who earned a high school diploma or its equivalent in 2020-2025 covers 100% of tuition and mandatory fees at any of Maine's community colleges.</u></p>	Dave Daigler, Maine Community College System



2 – 5 p.m.	<p>Visit Postsecondary CTE Program (Southern Maine Community College)</p> <p>Postsecondary career and technical education (CTE) is critical for equipping youth and adults with the academic knowledge, technical skills, and credentials necessary to enter and succeed in the labor market. During this site visit, learn how Maine is redesigning CTE programs and student supports to retain and reengage learners in support of an inclusive economic recovery.</p>	Tiffanie Bentley, Southern Maine Community College
5 p.m.	<p>Bus Back to Hotel</p>	
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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:30 – 9 a.m.	<p>Breakfast</p>	
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Looking to the Future: Understanding State Higher Education Enrollment Trends and Affordability Explore funding and enrollment trends that will impact postsecondary education systems, students, and families.</p>	Colleen Falkenstern, <u>WICHE</u>
10:00– 10:45 a.m.	<p>Federal Policy Discussion Hear from NCSL’s senior legislative director for federal education policy about NCSL’s ongoing State-Federal Task Force on Higher Education and other important federal updates.</p>	Austin Reid, NCSL
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	<p>Discussion & Takeaways</p>	
11:15 a.m.	<p>Meeting Adjourns</p>	