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TO: Legislative Coordinating Council
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DATE: June 3, 2024
RE: American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) 51st Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, July 24-26, 2024

The 51st Annual Meeting of American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), will be held July 24-26, 2024, in Denver, Colorado. Senator Ty Masterson is the 2024 National Chair of ALEC.

In previous years, when a Kansas legislator has been the national or regional chair of one of the Legislative Coordinating Council's (LCC) recognized associations, and the meetings were held in the State of Kansas, authorization has been granted for any legislator to attend the meeting and receive some reimbursement. Reimbursement has varied, and treated as an in-state meeting, ranging from full reimbursement as authorized by law, to limits on reimbursements.

Below, I have offered options for the LCC to consider in reimbursing legislators who will attend the 2024 ALEC Annual Meeting. Options would not apply to legislators that are ALEC Executive Committee members, ALEC State Chairs, or LCC members. Pursuant to LCC Policy, they are eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses.

Options for Consideration:

- 1) Treat the ALEC 51st Annual Meeting as an interim committee meeting. Legislators would be paid 3-day salary (\$88.66), 3-day subsistence (\$201, Denver GSA per diem rate) for actual meeting days (July 24-26, 2024), mileage and tolls or airline fare (up to \$500), and one enroute day if they live over 100 miles from the Denver meeting location and drive to the conference. In addition, registration would be covered by reimbursement, or made through Legislative Administrative Services. Legislators not registering by the standard registration deadline of June 26, 2024, would be responsible for additional fees.
- 2) Set a reimbursement cap, which would include the registration, of no more than \$2,000. If 3 days of salary and subsistence, plus the anticipated \$575/\$675 registration fee is paid, that would amount to \$1,444-\$1,544 per legislator who attends. (This amount does not include mileage, tolls or enroute day). Mileage and tolls, or airline fare capped at \$500. Enroute day of \$201. Potential total reimbursement of \$2,145-\$2,245 per legislator.

Register by June 26, 2024, or the legislator pays the additional \$100 registration fee.

No subsistence paid if actual expenses are paid for those legislators that are eligible.

If a legislator cancels, except in an emergency, they would be responsible for cancellation fee.

Non-reimbursed legislator expenses may be reimbursed through campaign fund accounts.

LCC Policy 34 – Travel Reimbursement

The other item that comes into play, since it is an election year, is LCC Policy 34 – Travel Reimbursement

(d) Any legislator who does not file for reelection by the filing deadline for their current office, who has publicly stated their intention to not seek reelection for their current office, or who was defeated in a primary or general election for their current office, is not entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses in making an out-of-state trip, except that any legislator who serves as an officer, chairperson or vice-chairperson of a committee of a legitimate, recognized legislative organization; or who serves on the executive committee of a legitimate, recognized legislative organization; or who is representing the state in their official capacity at the request of the LCC, may receive reimbursement for such expenses.

Recommendation: Treat ALEC 51st Annual Meeting as an interim committee meeting. Registration should be made through, and paid by LAS, preferred. Legislators attending and requesting reimbursement must turn in a travel report for out-of-state meeting, as well as airline receipts. Legislators responsible for registration fee above “standard” amount and any cancelation fee. Registrations are non-refundable on or after June 27, 2024.