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# State Outreach and Partnering

## 30th Annual International Test and Evaluation Symposium Sustainability Panel

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# State Outreach and Partnering: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

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- Largest Bipartisan, State Legislative Organization; All 7,383 State Legislators and Staff Are “Members” of NCSL
- Growing in Influence at All Levels of Government – Shaping National Policy over Wide Spectrum of Issues Critical to DoD: Economy, Energy, Environment, Land Use And Zoning, Quality Of Life and Taxes
- Partnering with DoD since 2007; Created Military Installations & Veterans Task Force; Executive-Level Task Force with NCSL Leadership Support
- Opportunities to Raise Awareness about Installation/Range Sustainability among Hundreds of State Legislators and Staff at Meetings; Develop Messengers and Champions to Advance Sustainability Initiatives
- DoD Speakers Routinely Featured at NCSL Meetings – Including the SecDef, ADUSD I&E, Flag Officers, REPI Staff and Other Sustainability Experts



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- Resolutions Supporting Funding Increase for Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI); Clarifying and Supporting the Use of DoD Matching Funds; Permanent Tax Deduction for Conservation Easements; and Supporting Federal Farmland Protection Program.
- Co-Published “Primer Series on *State Policy Options; Working with State Legislators: A Guide for Military Installations; Strengthening Military-Community Partnerships: Land Use, Clean Energy and Mission Change; and Supporting Defense Communities: State And Military Lessons Learned.*”
- Hosted Installation/Range Tours at Camp Bullis, Buckley AFB, Davis-Monthan AFB, Kansas National Guard Installations, Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Carson, Fort Lewis, Luke AFB and Northwest Ranges Complex to Raise Awareness about Sustainability and REPI Initiatives.
- Supports Standing-Up Commanders Councils in States Hosting Multiple Installations and Commands.
- Sustainability Initiatives Featured in NCSL Magazine, *State Legislatures*, and on NCSL Website at [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org)



# State Outreach and Partnering: Co-Created NCSL Webpage Dedicated to Military



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## Military Installation Sustainability



Although Department of Defense (DoD) facilities around the country are federally owned and operated, state legislatures can play an important role in sustaining them.

Military installations face changing missions as the Defense Department reorganizes its infrastructure to become more efficient and adjust to a changing national security environment. State and local governments appreciate the numerous benefits defense communities bring and therefore are often willing to share in the planning and investment needs to sustain them. As a military base and its surrounding community become more dependent upon one another for support during transitional periods (growth, realignment or closure), a durable partnership of open communication and cooperation is invaluable.

The intent of NCSL's Military Installation Sustainability Program is to inform state legislators and military personnel of policy options to benefit the collective. It seeks to highlight strategies for dealing with the unique challenges a defense community faces, including encroachment and joint land use, clean energy and environmental protection, and joint planning and cost-sharing for future mission changes.

### Encroachment

Encroachment is the cumulative effect of uncontrolled urban development that impedes the military's ability to carry out its testing and training missions on affected bases. The rapid pace of urban growth into rural areas around military installations and ranges presents two sets of encroachment problems. As residential and commercial development increases in areas near military bases, residents may be exposed to aircraft

over-flights, dust and noise from military activities. In addition, important military training exercises may be compromised by the encroaching development. These potentially competing interests could result in incompatible use of land, air, water and other resources, but may be mitigated with state legislative intervention.

[State/Military Encroachment Legislation—Policy Options](#)

### Featured Links

- ▶ [Supporting Defense Communities: State and Military Lessons Learned Booklet](#)
- ▶ [Strengthening Military-Community Partnerships: Land Use, Clean Energy and Mission Change](#)
- ▶ [Working with State Legislators: A Guide for Military Installations and State Legislators](#)
- ▶ [Department of Defense-Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative \(REPI\) Report to Congress \(2009\)](#)
- ▶ [BRAC LegisBrief](#)
- ▶ [Department of Defense-Sustainable Ranges Initiative](#)
- ▶ [NCSL Executive Committee Task Force on Veterans and Military Affairs](#)

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# States Respond to Sustainability Challenges

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## State Laws Enacted Since 2003 Supporting Installation and Range Sustainability:

- Compatible Land Use Statutes (23)
- State Funding to Purchase Development Rights (14)
- Communication or Notification to Installation on Zoning Changes (16)
- “Dark Skies” Lighting Restrictions Near Training Areas (14)
- Real Estate Disclosure (8)



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## In-State Forums Created to Address Military Sustainability:

- **State Military Advisory Commissions and Panels** – Created by state government to address military sustainability challenges, protect economic interests and veterans issues. Over **30 states** now have some type of military advisory commission to advise state government.
- **[DoD-Inspired] Commanders Councils** – Created by in-state installation commanders to engage state and local government, coordinate policy positions and address encroachment issues. Exist in **Arizona, Florida, North Carolina and Texas**.



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## Questions?

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