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Oregon State Rep. Jodi L. Hack Selected as CSG Toll Fellow

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Oregon state Rep. Jodi L. Hack has been selected to participate in one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials, The Council of State Governments' [Henry Toll Fellowship program](#).

The 48 leaders in the [Class of 2016](#) Toll Fellowship program hail from 29 states, Puerto Rico and Guam and represent all three branches of state government. A 12-member committee of state leaders, many who are Toll Fellows themselves, reviewed applications and selected the class.

"Leadership development training is important for state officials because it drives personal leadership skill assessments, which drives new growth—identifying strengths and weaknesses to improve upon," said Hack. "It provides priceless networking, relationship building and learning opportunities that are the building blocks of leadership."

For 30 years, the Toll Fellowship program, named for CSG founder Henry Wolcott Toll, has convened a group of the nation's top state officials for an intensive, six-day, five-night intellectual boot camp. This year's program will be held Aug. 26-31 in Lexington, Kentucky.

The program's agenda includes a lineup of dynamic speakers and sessions designed to stimulate personal assessment and growth, while providing networking and relationship-building opportunities. Each year's program is unique, but previous programs have included sessions on leadership personality assessment, media training, crisis management, appreciative inquiry and adaptive leadership.

"The Toll Fellowship program provides elected officials with an invaluable and incomparable leadership development experience," said David Adkins, CSG executive director/CEO. "In addition, the program fosters lasting friendships among a diverse group of elected officials with a like-minded passion for public service."

Adkins was a 1993 Toll Fellow when he served as a Kansas state representative.

Toll Fellows alumni include Oregon Gov. Kate Brown; U.S. Rep. John Carney, a former Delaware lieutenant governor; Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey; Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap; Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett; Delaware Gov. Jack Markell; Arkansas Secretary of State Mark Martin; Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill; Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate; U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, a former Indiana secretary of state; and former U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

Hack said she is looking forward to learning both in the classroom and out in the community and hopes to take an introspective look at how she views herself as a leader.

“I am humbled to have the opportunity to work with leaders from all three branches of government,” said Hack. “The Toll Fellowship program will give me an opportunity to learn, self-reflect, evaluate and be pushed outside my comfort zone.”

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