



Alverno College Library

Legislative Pathfinder

<http://www.alverno.edu/library/researchhelp/courseguideswikis/#nursing>

Alverno Databases (found on the library's "Finding Information" > "Databases A-Z" page)

CQ Researcher

This database provides in-depth reports and analysis on current issues and includes coverage on health, social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy. It also includes perspectives on controversial subjects and provides extensive bibliographies.

Westlaw Campus Research

This comprehensive collection of news, business, and legal information includes access to federal and state case law, statutes, law reviews, news from local and national newspapers, and more.

Websites – National Legislation

GPO's Federal Digital System

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

Maintained by the U. S. Government Printing Office (GPO), this portal provides free online access to official publications from all three branches of the Federal Government.

Thomas

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>

Created by the Library of Congress, this site provides accurate and comprehensive information on the activities of the United States Congress. It includes access to detailed information on House and U. S. Senate bills for current and past Congresses.

United States House of Representatives

<http://www.house.gov/>

Provides access to information on individual House members, congressional committees, summaries of current proceedings, and more. It also allows you to find your representative and provides access to their webpage and contact information.

United States Senate

<http://www.senate.gov/>

Provides access to information on individual senators, roll call votes for current and past Congresses, Senate history, recent floor activity, committees, and more. Especially useful is the "Active Legislation" link, here you will find a detailed table of bills in the 106th through the current Congress.

Websites – Wisconsin Legislation

Wisconsin State Legislature

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

This site provides information on Wisconsin legislation and legislators. It includes access to Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly websites, text and history of legislative proposals, state statutes, and more.

Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/lrb/>

Provides access to Wisconsin legislative documents, publications, library resources, and some research assistance.

Political Money

Eye on Lobbying Database – Wisconsin

<http://gab.wi.gov/lobbying/view-database>

Provides information on lobbyists in Wisconsin. Look for the “database” link to begin your search.

MapLight – United States Congress

<http://maplight.org/>

Maintained by the nonprofit organization MapLight, this site provides data on campaign contributions, politicians, interest groups, and companies to show patterns of influence in politics.

Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Detailed information on political campaign contributions can be found using the search tools on the “Campaign Finance Disclosure Portal” page.

OpenSecrets.org

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

Created by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics, this site tracks money in politics, reports its effect on elections and public policy, and provides detailed information on who gives and receives political money. Look for the “Influence & Lobbying” tab to access information on interest groups, lobbying, political action committees (PACs), and Washington “heavy hitters”.

Voting Records

U. S. Congress Votes Database

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/>

This site lets you browse “every vote in the U.S. Congress since 1991”. Browse votes by a particular Congress, individual members, bill, and state.

Project Vote Smart

<http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm>

This site provides a wide scope of information on members of Congress and other government officials. It includes access to biographical histories, voting records, interest group ratings, public statements, and campaign finance contributions.

Health Policy

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://www.kff.org/>

The Kaiser Family Foundation site focuses on major health care issues facing the United States and provides facts, in-depth information, and analysis for policymakers.

Glossary

Legislative resources can contain unfamiliar vocabulary. Fortunately, the U. S. Government Printing Office provides a glossary that explains many of the terms and abbreviations related to federal legislation.

http://www.gpo.gov/help/index.html#about_congressional_bills.htm

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