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## Legislative Pathfinder

<https://www.alverno.edu/media/alvernocollege/library/pdfs/legislative.pdf>

**Not sure where to start?** The Alverno Library [LibGuide for Nursing](#) offers access to databases, books, websites, videos, and handouts to help you find legislative information and better understand health policy issues.

### Websites – Federal Resources

#### Congress.gov

<https://www.congress.gov/>

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

#### Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

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

Nonpartisan reports and cost estimates for proposed federal 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.

#### 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. This site also allows users to find their 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.

### Websites – Wisconsin Resources

#### Wisconsin State Legislature

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

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.

## Health Policy

### ANA Nursing World: Policy and Advocacy

<https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/advocacy/>

Provided by the American Nurses Association, this site provides advocacy tools and information on legislative priorities for nurses.

### 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.

## Political Money

### Eye on Lobbying Database – Wisconsin

<https://lobbying.wi.gov/Home/Welcome>

This site provides information on lobbyists and their activities in the state of Wisconsin.

### MapLight

<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 in the “Campaign Finance Data” portal.

### 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.

## Voting Records

### GovTrack Voting Records

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/votes>

This site tracks and provides the outcomes of all recorded votes on the Senate and House floor. Users can also sign up for “Track Votes” to receive email alerts whenever Congress votes on a bill or other matter.

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

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