



State Health Policy Reporter

Since 2011, State of Reform has been one of the primary policy conference conveners and digital outlets for state-level health policy, politics and market activity in select states in the Western United States. Today, State of Reform hosts events and covers health policy in Washington State, California, Texas, Utah, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Colorado and Arizona. State of Reform also covers some federal health policy.

We're building a new kind of journalism, built as a digital-first, entrepreneurially focused outlet with the culture to match.

We are looking for a health policy reporter to join our West Coast edition team, which includes California, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon and Alaska. This person will cover state-level politics, policy and personalities in health care with the thoughtful analysis and context that makes State of Reform unique. You will also play a direct role in building our conferences, including curating speakers, developing agendas, and supporting our event logistics team as needed.

Job description: The health care reporter will cover policy, state agencies, legislative movement, and market activity. This will include reporting on the personalities and people that make state health policy work: elected officials, lobbyists, and state agency leadership.

This position will be based in one of the following communities: Sacramento, Los Angeles, or San Diego. There will be regular travel throughout the edition, and to Seattle where State of Reform is HQ'd. Duties for this position include:

- Regular and daily reporting and coverage at www.stateofreform.com of news and news releases of about two to three posts per day
- Data aggregation and open-source intelligence collection to support online content
- Research of current policy and market activities with a focus on state government, but which will include federal, regional and local government as it relates to state issues
- Support for the conferences and events sponsored by State of Reform, including agenda development, speaker identification and recruitment and other tasks as needed
- Support for and coordination of analysis and coverage of daily and weekly newsletters distributed to email readers

- Maintaining a personal social media presence to engage readers about your work at State of Reform

Qualifications: This position will require a set of diverse skills and the ability to manage multiple types of projects. Please address how you meet these qualifications in your cover letter.

- 5-7 years of progressively challenging duties within a reporting or political/policy analysis position. This could include writing for clients, for a university newspaper or other comparable position.
- A sophisticated level of awareness and understanding of the issues facing state health care leaders and public policy makers. An understanding of tax/revenue policy, health policy, or the health care market is a plus.
- Experience in and ability to continue to learn in the areas of digital media, social media, data analytics, infographics, etc.
- 4-year college graduate with a degree in journalism, public relations, communications, marketing, business administration, political science, economics, international relations, social science or related field; a related graduate degree is helpful
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills along with a proven ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with both internal and external stakeholders
- Must be organized and have excellent follow through, a fast learner, be able to handle multiple assignments and enjoy the pressure of a deadline-driven environment.
- Must have advanced problem solving and critical thinking skills. The importance of this piece cannot be overstated.

To Apply: This is a full time position. We offer a competitive compensation package, including health care, retirement and paid time off benefits.

Most importantly, this is a work place where the right candidate will enjoy the challenges offered and a culture in which one can flourish as a person. We are building a new kind of journalism and a new kind of civic reporting. And, we want your help to do it.

If you'd like to apply for a position, please send us your resume, and a cover letter to info@stateofreform.com. In your cover letter, tell us how you'd add to the team, and why you are a fit with us. Provide writing samples of between 200 and 600 words. Be prepared to offer references during the interview process.