



NCSL's Health Innovation Task Force

Omni Boston at the Seaport, Ensemble C | Boston, Massachusetts | August 3, 2025

NCSL's Health Innovations Task Force explores the issues and opportunities faced by state policymakers as they reform health systems. This meeting will continue to highlight the state role in fostering the development of safe and effective AI tools and provide a deep dive into how AI is used in drug discovery and clinical trials.

Meeting Venue: Omni Boston at the Seaport, Ensemble C
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SUNDAY | AUGUST 3, 2025

TIME / LOCATION	SESSION DESCRIPTION
8 a.m.	Breakfast will be available starting at 8:00 a.m.
8:30 – 9 a.m.	Welcome and Overview of the Day Task Force Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rep. Andrew Garrett, Hawaii• Sen. Bo Watson, Tennessee
9 – 10:30 a.m.	Building Trust in Health AI: Assurance Strategies and Governance Models This session will explore a range of strategies for building trust in AI tools used in health care. Panelists will discuss how various approaches, including assurance labs and other emerging tools, frameworks and governance models help evaluate AI systems for safety, fairness and effectiveness, and how state governments can support responsible innovation. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Eli Balesh, medical director, Ferrum• Mary Beth Chalk, co-founder, BeeKeeper AI• Mara Lederman, co-founder and COO, Signal 1• David McManus, Richard M. Haidak professor and chair, UMass Chan Medical School
10:30 – 11 a.m.	Group Discussion
11 – 11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m. – Noon.	From Molecules to Medicines: AI's Role in the Future of Drug Discovery and Clinical Trials Regina Barzilay of MIT will share how AI is playing a role in drug discovery and clinical trials. She will highlight the stages of the process most transformed by AI and discuss the evolving role of state and federal governments in supporting and regulating these innovations.

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	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regina Barzilay, MIT School of Engineering distinguished professor for AI and health
Noon. – 12:35 p.m.	Lunch
12:35 – 1:15 p.m.	Travel to Site Visit
1:15 – 3:15 p.m.	<p>Philips Site Visit <i>222 Jacobs Street, Cambridge, MA 02141</i> Task Force members and sponsors will visit Philips’ North American headquarters to tour the company's Customer Experience Center to see how health care technologies use AI to further improve patient care and support providers. Topics will include: cardiac ultrasound, tele-ultrasound, hospital patient monitoring, image guided therapy and ambulatory cardiac monitoring.</p>
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Debrief, Closing Thoughts and Next Steps
3:45 p.m.	Travel back to OMNI Boston at Seaport
6 p.m.	<p>Dinner at Boqueria Seaport <i>25 Thomson Pl, Boston, MA 02210</i></p>

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