



## Reports that Received 2018 NLPES Awards

**Excellence in Research Methods.** An Excellence in Research Methods Award may be presented to up to three offices. To receive a 2018 award, an office must have demonstrated outstanding use of evaluation research methods in a report released during calendar year 2017. Only one office—the Washington Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee—received the award in 2018.

State	Report Name
Washington	<i>Fees Assessed for Fire Protection</i>

**Certificate of Impact Recipients.** Certificates of Impact are presented to offices that released reports documenting public policy impact within their respective states. A total of 27 offices from 25 states were presented 2018 NLPES Certificates of Impact.

State	Report Name
Arizona	<i>Arizona Department of Education—Department Oversees Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program Spending, but Should Strengthen its Oversight and Continue to Improve Other Aspects of Program Administration</i>
California	<i>Administrative and Statutory Changes Will Improve Its Ability to Detect and Deter Misuse of Disabled Person Parking Decals</i>
Colorado	<i>Commuting Use of State-Owned Vehicles</i>
Georgia	<i>Regional Commissions</i>
Hawaii	<i>Audit of Hawai'i Department of Agriculture's Plant Quarantine Branch</i>
Idaho	<i>Child Welfare System</i>
Kansas	<i>K-12 Education: Evaluating Transportation Services Funding</i>
Louisiana	<i>Evaluation of Strategies to Reduce Louisiana's Incarceration Rate and Costs for Nonviolent Offenders</i>
Maine	<i>Pine Tree Development Zones-Program Design Does Not Support Intended Goals; Whether Program is Achieving Results Despite Design is Unknown as Adequate Data is Not Readily Available to Assess Outcomes</i>
Michigan	<i>Michigan Integrated Data Automated System (MiDAS) and Claimant Services</i>
Minnesota	<i>Perpich Center for Arts Education</i>
Mississippi	<i>Management of Mississippi's State-Owned Vehicles: Data Quality, the Control Environment, and Recent Statutory Changes</i>
Montana	<i>System Development and Project Management for the Tracking Remedial Environmental Actions Data System (TREADS)</i>
New Hampshire	<i>Health and Human Services Bureau of Developmental Services Unspent Appropriations</i>
North Carolina	<i>Allotment-Specific and System-Level Issues Adversely Affect North Carolina's Distribution of K-12 Resources</i>
Oregon	<i>Oregon Housing and Community Services: Critical Improvements Needed to Help Ensure Preservation of Affordable Housing for Low-Income Oregonians</i>
Pennsylvania	<i>The Commonwealth's Access to Justice Act</i>
South Carolina (House)	<i>Study of the Department of Public Safety</i>
South Carolina (LAC)	<i>A Review of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank</i>
Tennessee	<i>Tennessee Charter School Funding</i>
Texas (State Auditor)	<i>A Report on State Agency Administration of Emergency and Administrative Leave</i>
Texas (Sunset)	<i>Texas State Board of Pharmacy</i>
Utah	<i>A Performance Audit of the Sex Offender Treatment Program</i>
Virginia	<i>Operations and Performance of the Virginia Community College System</i>
Washington	<i>Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Performance Measures &amp; Population Estimates</i>
West Virginia	<i>Legislative Audit Report: West Virginia Court of Claims</i>
Wisconsin	<i>State Highway Program</i>