Advancing the Profession in Alaska by Engaging in SHRM Advocacy

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SHRM: Who We Are

- SHRM has roughly 300,000+ US members
- SHRM has over 575 chapters throughout the US spread across all 435 congressional districts
- SHRM has 6 paid lobbyists on staff
- SHRM <u>does not</u> have a political action committee (PAC)





SHRM: Who We Are





LEADERSHIP -

BUSINESS OPERATIONS - SHRM CERTIFICATION -

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS -

Term / Keyword / Phrase

MEMBERSHIP -



Core Leadership Areas



Government Affairs

Visit this page to access templates and forms and view best practices and strategies from other SHRM chapters around the nation. Field Services Director Dianna Gould is your resource for any Government Affairs questions. If you are new to the Government Affairs Director role visit the CLA webinar page for more information about your chapter responsibility.

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Government Affairs Resources

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SHRM Members: Engage on SHRM Workplace Policy Priorities in 2019



- Workforce Development
 Workplace Equity
 - Paid Leave
 - Workplace Immigration



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Public Policy Priorities in 2019

Issues



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SHRM and Advocacy





What would you like to know about how to get involved?

Question: "How does SHRM form positions on public policy issues?" Answer: SHRM uses a variety of methods to formulate a position on a workplace issue.

- 1. Research
- 2. SHRM member focus groups
- 3. SHRM Special Expertise panels
- 4. SHRM Board of Directors

SHRM Advocacy in Action: Recent Highlights

•SHRM on "speed-dial" with policy makers:

•SHRM received over 170 "Reach Outs" from public policy makers.

•Testified 8 times in front of congressional committees

•Testified 3 times before federal agencies

- •Testified 5 times at the state level
- Invited to 10 congressional roundtables

Invited to 10 federal agency roundtables



Frank Cania, SHRM-SCP, serving as a witness before the House Committee on Small Business



Leslie Christ, SHRM-CP, (pictured on the far left), Crystal Frey, SHRM-SCP, (seated next to Leslie) testifying at House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections



Nancy McKeague, SHRM-SCP, testified before the House Subcommittee on Health, Education Labor and Pensions

SHRM Advocacy Team: Advancing the Profession

- Ensures the voice of HR is heard by policy decision-makers via a "local network"
- Helps inform legislators of policy impacts upon employers and employees in her/his district
- SHRM members are constituents who develop credible and influential relationships with elected officials

10,800+ Active A-Team Members!



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SHRM's Advocacy Team "A-Team"

1 HR Advocate:

- Receive key legislative and regulatory updates and calls to action from SHRM
- Stay up to speed on all the potential issues that could impact the workplace
- Have access to all SHRM's tools to quickly and easily contact your lawmakers on issues of interest to you, your company and your state

2 Advocacy Captain:

- Serve as a leader within your congressional district on HR issues
- Rally other SHRM Advocates around a call to action
- Be a direct workplace policy resource to your respective member of Congress throughout the year



SHRM Advocacy Frequently Asked Questions

What would you like to know about how to get involved?

Question: "Do I have to get permission from my employer to be an advocate on the SHRM A-Team?"

Answer: You <u>should ask</u> your employer for permission to reference your organization when speaking publicly about a workplace issue (to your lawmaker, to the media, etc.). Even if your employer says no, you can still be an HR advocate! Simply speak to your general HR experiences.



Leading People. Leading Organizations

HR Policy Action Center advocacy.shrm.org

<u>Through</u> advocacy.shrm.org:

- Immediately take action on alerts
- Easily connect to your Members of Congress
- Sign up for the SHRM A-Team
- Quickly submit lawmaker engagement feedback online
- Stay up-to-date on legislative and agency proposals impacting the workplace - and more!



Available on the App Store

HR: Engage on Overtime Regulations

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 Click HERE to view the listing in the Federal Register (July 6, 2015)
- Click HERE to read SHRM's official comment letter to the Department of Labor (September 4, 2015)

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Share Your Story with SHRM on FLSA/Overtime Regulations

- Share the potential impacts with your lawmakers over Twitter. Send your members of Congress a personalized message over social media.
- Submit a blog post describing how these regulatory changes could impact the HR profession, employers and employees in your local area.
- Share your personal HR story with SHRM of how proposed changes to overtime would impact your organization.

Meet with Your Members of Congress this Fall

Click HERE for guidance on how to effectively schedule and conduct a face-to-face meeting with your lawmaker in the district.

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Exciting SHRM Advocacy Resource

SHRM Advocacy App

Download SHRM's advocacy mobile app (free in app stores) Easy mobile access to SHRM's user-friendly advocacy tools and legislator information

> *Please be sure to accept push notifications

Communicating with Lawmakers

*Using Multiple Advocacy Tactics are Better at "Breaking Through the Dam" than Using Only One



Learn About Your Legislators



Biography	
Home town:	Ft. Yukon
Born:	June 9, 1933
Born in:	Meridian, CA
Occupation:	Educator, Riverboat Captain
Military	USA, 1955-57

Download SHRM's advocacy mobile app to keep up with the latest in HR and workplace policy and be a more effective

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Meet With Your Legislators

Only in Alaska. Exclusively for you.



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Club 49® frequently asked questions

✓ What is the constituent fare?

The constituent fare offers Club 49 memory ers convenient and affordable access to Alaska state legislators and government agencies during the annual legislative session. Constituent are rates offer a 30% discount off the 7-day & 3-day advance purchase fares.

Constituence and Codes are distributed via the Club 49 Insider email each year at the start of the legislative session (mid-January) to Club 49 members who live outside of the Juneau area. Once you have received your codes, select the "Redeem" button in the email to automatically load the discount code in your My account profile.

If you have not received yours by the start of the legislative season (mid-January), please call Customer Care at 1-800-654-5669, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (PT).

Where Will Your Lawmaker Be? Check Social Media

Follow Your Members of Congress



3 General Types of District Activities

- ✓ District Meetings with Legislators
- ✓ District Meetings with Office Staff
- ✓ On-Site Meetings/Invite Legislator to Place of Work







Conducting a Meeting with Your Legislator

Critical Goal: Build a Relationship with Your Lawmaker and District Staff

- Potential issue champions
- Pipeline to all legislative staff
- District Director = Legislator's Best Friend in Office



SHRM Resource: Days in the District Toolkit



DAY INSIDE THE DISTRICT (DITD)

The Day Inside the District (DITD) program is a local initiative that provides an opportunity to generate interest and support of issues important to the HR professional on a federal and state level.

Most Members of Congress and state legislators spend the majority of their time while in office in their home districts. This time away from performing their legislative duties provides a unique opportunity for HR professionals to interact with their legislators when they are removed from the myriad of demands on their time when the legislator is in Washington or their state capital - committee hearings, floor votes, other constituent meetings, etc.

While legislators are back home in their districts during a legislative recess, their personal schedules tend to be more relaxed and, in turn, afford legislators the opportunity to spend more time with their constituents in face-to-face meetings.

SHRM's DITD program affords members the opportunity to organize a variety of in-district meetings with legislators - whether it be at a Town Hall Meeting with the legislator in a nearby venue in their home district, a face-to-face meeting in their district office, or a Capital Day when a state legislator is performing their duties while the state legislature is in session.

FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Enter a name, address or zip code to find your officials or candidates.



SEND US FEEDBACK

Tell Us About Your District Meeting



YOUR HR VOICE+YOUR HR STORY=RESULTS

YOUR VOICE + YOUR STORY = RESULTS

Research Workplace Issues Beforehand



HR Public Policy Issues





It Can Be Done!

A-Teamers in Action



Advocacy Captain district meeting with Rep. Julia Brownley (CA)



NH A-Team district meeting with Rep. Ann McLane Kuster (NH)

YOUR VOICE + YOUR STORY = **RESULTS**

Only YOU Can Tell Your Story

When congressional staff were asked what influences their Member of Congress, they reported that constituent voices matter most!

94% of staff said that constituents are the most influential

Make Your Voice Resonate

Congressional staff report that the most helpful information constituents could provide in meetings often isn't conveyed. What information are they looking for? -

Information about impact of bill or issue on the district or state

Constituent's reasons for supporting/opposing the bill or issue

Average number of daily meetings

held by a Member of Congress: 13

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Personal story

related to the bill or issue

Stand Out from the Crowd

Research your legislator, come prepared, rehearse your pitch.

Continue to Build on the **Relationship Back Home**

Washington, DC or District meetings? 71% of House Chiefs of Staff say their Member of Congress has "no preference" on where is best to meet constituents.

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May 2, 2018

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Connect With SHRM:

STATE LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Dear fellow HR professionals,

Alaska SHRM State Council, in partnership with SHRM, is gathering information to info educate business leaders and policy makers about what types of workplace flexibility options Alaska employers offer to their employees.

We want to hear from you. **Please click HERE to take a 5 minute, informal survey** a your organization's offerings. The survey is confidential. Cumulative survey responses shared, however no company specific identifying information will be shared.

<u>Please complete the survey by midnight on Friday, May 18</u>. Thank you in advance for and feedback.



MARCH 11, 2019

This survey is being sent to you from the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) in coordination with the Alaska Society for Human Resource Management State Council (AK SHRM State Council).

There is no question that high student loan debt levels have affected the landscape of today's labor market. Recent surveys show that 42% of Millennials have student loans, with 57% indicating they believe student loan debt to be a major problem for young people in the United States. It should come as no surprise that over 86% of Millennials entering the workforce say that they would commit to their employer for five years if the employer helped them pay off their student loan debt.

Employer-sponsored loan repayment assistance programs are emerging as a top tool for recruiting and retaining talented workers. In fact, use of student loan repayment assistance programs is expected to increase rapidly in the near future. The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) found in 2017 that 4% of employers offered loan repayment assistance, up from 3% in 2015. Another industry analyst predicts that if legislation is passed granting favorable tax treatment to employer loan contributions, the

SHRM Advocacy Snapshot: Recent Proposed Changes to Overtime Regulations

The HR Advocacy Army Continues to be in Full Effect



Obama Administration Proposed Salary Level

1958 Methodology

- DOL set the minimum salary level to exclude the bottom 10% of all salaried workers, as obviously non-exempt
- If applied today, this methodology would result in a minimum salary level of \$657/week (\$34,164 annual)

2004 Methodology

- DOL set the minimum salary level by looking to the bottom 20% of salary levels in the South and in Retail
- If applied today, this methodology would result in a minimum salary level of \$557/week (\$30,004 annual)

California Minimum Salary = \$37,440 New York Minimum Salary = \$34,124 Proposed 2016 = \$50,440

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SHRM Advocacy Strategy: Member Engagement and Advocacy

- SHRM member "task force" of key issue contacts
- Meetings with members of Congress (A-Team, SHRM Conferences/Advocacy Days, district meetings)
- "Issue Advisory" emails to SHRM Board of Directors, Leadership Team (internal), A-Team, state partners
- SHRM newsletter educational articles
- Creation of dedicated action center on HR Policy Action Center (<u>Advocacy.shrm.org</u>)

Need more information? Advocacy.SHRM.org/Overtime

SHRM Advocacy Strategy: Member Engagement and Advocacy

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KEY ISSUES

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SPREAD THE WORD

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CONTACT

Member Resources

- <u>Advocacy.shrm.org</u> action center
- Dedicated branding for consistency, recognition
- Email campaign
- SHRM advocacy mobile app
- Infographic
- Member research/survey
- Web sticker to action center (state/chapter websites)



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SHRM Member Testimony (2016)

- House Committee on Education & the Workforce
 - July 23, 2014
 - June 10, 2015
 - July 23, 2015





SHRM Advocacy Strategy: Member Engagement and Advocacy

SHRM Member Events in 2016: Small Business Administration/Dept. of Labor Regional Roundtables

- Louisville, KY (July 16)
- Washington, D.C. (July 22)
- New Orleans, LA (August 12)



SHRM Advocacy Strategy: Member Engagement and Advocacy

Dept. of Labor Comments Strategy

- SHRM Comment Letter to DOL
 - SHRM State Councils
 - SHRM Chapters
- Individual SHRM Comments
- Member Communications to Congress



September 4, 2015

Ms. Mary Ziegler, Director Division of Regutations, Le gislation, and Interpretation Wage and Hour Division U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-3502 200 Constitution Avenue NW Washington, DC 20210

Re: RIN 1235-AA11; Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees; Proposed Rule

Dear Ms. Ziegler,

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is pleased to submit these comments in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking published in the *Federal Register* by the Department of Labor's (DOL's) Wage and Hour Division (WHD) on July 6, 2015.¹ The proposal seeks to revise the regulations implementing the Fair Labor Standards Act's (FLSA's) exemption for executive, administrative, professional, outside sales, and certain computer employees.

In addition to SHRM, these comments are endorsed by the SHRM affiliates listed on the signatory page. These affiliates include SHRM state councils and SHRM local chapters as well as the Council for Global Immigration ("CFGI"). CFGI is a nonprofit trade association and strategic affiliate of SHRM, comprised of leading multinational corporations, universities, and research institutions committed to advancing the employment-based immigration of high-skilled professionals.

While SHRM would support a reasonable increase to the rule's minimum salary threshold, the proposed level is too high. In addition, we do not support the proposal to automatically adjust salary levels under the rule. We support the position taken in the proposal to refrain from making any changes to the existing duties test, although we express serious concern

¹ Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales and Computer Employees; Proposed Rule, 80 Fed. Reg. 38,515.



Department of Labor Local Roundtables 2018/2019

SHRM members participated in local conversations hosted by DOL:

- Atlanta, GA (September 7)
- Seattle WA (September 11)
- Kansas City, MO (September 13)
- Denver, CO (September 14)
- Providence, RI (September 24)
- Washington, D.C. (Oct. 15)
- Tampa, FL (April 4)
- Washington, D.C. (April 11)
- Mobile, AL (April 30)

DEPARTMENT OF	LABOR Engage Share								
DOL Events Calendar									
COMING EVENTS									
September 2018	This is the official calendar that allows you to view and register for upcoming events sponsore by the Department of Labor's 29 agencies and programs throughout the nation.								
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Events on September 12, 2018									
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Utica MI 8:00 AM / Utica, MI									
Register now for:	9/7/18: WHD: Overtime Rule Listening Sessions								
BLS Forum on the Healthcare	Kansas City, MO								
Industry: Employment Pay Benefits and Prices	9/7/18: WHD: Overtime Rule Listening Sessions								
8:30 AM / Atlanta, GA	Providence, RI								

Rising Trend in HR Advocacy

State Advocacy Efforts

SHRM State Council/Chapter Advocacy Efforts



Want the Ultimate Advocacy Experience?

Come to the Nation's Capital to further build relationships





Want the Ultimate Advocacy Experience?



EMPLOYMENT LAW & LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE March 18 - 20, 2019

This event is now sold out. Sneak peek: Register for 2020 at special preview rates now!

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Why Attend?

Want the Ultimate Advocacy Experience?



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SHRM Volunteer Leaders' Summit

November 15 - 17, 2018

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

Washington, DC Metro Area

Moving Forward...

How Would You Like to Interact with Your Legislator this Year?

Current 2019 Congressional Recess Schedule

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Work Period (Jan. 21-25)
- President's Day Work Period (Feb. 18-22)
- Spring Work Period (March 18-22)
- Spring Work Period (April 15-26)
- Memorial Day Work Period (May 27-31)
- Independence Day Work Period (July 1-5)
- August Recess Work Period (August 5-Sept. 6)
- Columbus Day Work Period (Sept. 30-Oct. 14)
- Veterans Day Work Period (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Work Period (November 25-29)
- December Work Period (Dec. 16-31)



Annual A-Team Event Calendar

Congressional District Work Days

A-Team Quarterly Planning Webinars

SHRM Advocacy Events in Washington, D.C.

Social Media Engagement Opportunities



2019 A-Team Events Calendar

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*Please note: Dates are subject to change depending on congressional activity.

<u>Calendar Key</u> Congressional District Work Days (*anticipated*) A-Team Quarterly Planning Webinal

SHRM/A-Team Social Media Events SHRM Advocacy Events in Washington, D.C.



Get Involved!

Get to KNOW Your AK Members of Congress

- > Take time to research your new lawmakers (local, state, federal).
- > Brush up on SHRM's key legislative issues of focus for 2019.
- > Do you know where your lawmakers stand on key workplace issues?
- Think about how you can contribute locally. Contact SHRM if you want to connect with your appointed Advocacy Captain.



Looking Ahead: SHRM Chapters

Use Chapter gatherings and network as a way to strengthen your local advocacy efforts and leadership on behalf of the profession

- > Invite an elected official to an upcoming Chapter meeting.
 - Use the opportunity to deliver SHRM's 2019 Public Policy Issues Guide.
 - Use the meeting as a forum to discuss workplace issues of concern, opportunities for your community.
 - Ensure it is a non-partisan event! Public officials appreciate any opportunity to talk to voters.
- Reach out to SHRM to get public policy materials, A-Team brochures, branded giveaways, etc.
- Use Chapter meetings as a way to bolster awareness of SHRM's A-Team and build your local engaged advocate network. It's never too soon to start!
- Share your efforts with your members, SHRM and even your SHRM State Council. SHRM can help you craft a newsletter piece, social media content, assist with blog posts, etc.



SHRM A-Team

Get involved today!

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QUESTIONS?

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