State Government Reporter

Reports to: Managing Editor
Department: News

Primary Functions:

State Government Reporter covers all aspects of Colorado politics by identifying key sources and seeking out unique and compelling stories that share the legislative process with KUNC’s broad audience.

This position is primarily based at the State Capitol throughout the year. During the legislative session it is the responsibility of the reporter to cover day to day policy hearings, including the introduction of bills, budget resolutions, press conferences – with lawmakers and the governor – as well as other actions that have a direct impact on the residents of Colorado. Outside of the session we continue to focus on state government, politics, and state issues including the impact of legislative activities as well as elections.

State Government Reporter reports to KUNC’s managing editor. This person creates relevant and engaging weekly content which includes research, writing, and packaging stories for a variety of platforms. A strong emphasis is placed on producing high quality, in-depth broadcast features and accompanying digital posts. All content will reflect the high public radio journalistic standards and integrity that public radio and KUNC embraces.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Participates in station fundraising as well as other development and promotional functions.
- Maintains an active social media presence to engage and inform users.
- Provides breaking news coverage and support as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned by managing editor or director of news content.

Preferred Skills, Experience & Education:

- Bachelor’s degree and four years of relevant experience in broadcast news or print journalism. Radio experience is preferred, but not required.
- Demonstrated knowledge of state and federal government processes and topics.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, including knowledge of AP style.
- Understanding of digital and social media concepts and ways to think creatively about its usage along with traditional broadcast reporting assignments.
- Experience with Adobe Audition or other audio editing software.
- Ability to meet deadlines, handle multiple stories at once, and be flexible.
- Bilingual in Spanish is strongly preferred, but not required.