



Dear SDSEO Member:

Congratulations! YOU did it! You went and got yourself a 7% cost-of-living boost and your targeted funds (goes to about 6,000 of you) and the state's end of the Health Plan received about \$27.7 million so you don't to absorb it with your own funds. That comes out to \$169.731 million in added funding for you for compensation and health this session alone. Your approved motion sheet is on page 3 of this pdf: <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/Attachment/251026.pdf>.

Yes, the Appropriations Committee and your district legislators could use the thank yous for their support this session. Here is where you can find their contact information:

- Approps - <https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Committee/1169/Detail>.
- The Legislature - <https://sdlegislature.gov/Legislators/Contacts/68>.

We sure have made some hay the last couple of years. It doesn't happen without you and your SDSEO membership. But, wow, we sure could do more. Here's your SDSEO mission this interim: recruit new members. If every member were to add one member, you double your numbers. Double it again, and all the sudden you really have something. Call me or email or message if you want me to come to your location and talk to you and your folks.

Keep the faith and keep up the fight.

Make sure to spread the word about the SDSEO and encourage membership. Membership is \$10/month. You're likely going to go out with co-workers on lunch or after work: Maybe offer to pay for their lunch that one time (you're probably going to anyway at some point, since you're a South Dakotan) and encourage them to join the SDSEO, which likely costs less than 1 work lunch a month.

To help out with recruiting, I've attached SDSEO recruitment/info docs. (For the Investment Trust brochure, the Reinke Gray email contact is bettejo@reinkegray.com. They have changed their email address.)

We added one new member last week. Welcome aboard, A!

Make sure to let me know if you experience any problems at all as a state employee. Our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/my.SDSEO/>. Our Facebook gets lots of traffic and comments, so try to check it out. Our Twitter handle: @MySDSEO

SDSEO 2023 final bill list coming next week.

Sincerely

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