



Dear SDSEO Member:

First off, the best news: We added two new members this past week!

Now to the Legislature: Twelve days of legislative session have now passed. There are 26 more legislative days to go, counting Veto Day.

Last update I had just 4 bills on your list, with maybe 20 others of some relation on my own list. Well, that ended the last week, as my personal SDSEO list is now 94 bills, and that doesn't include vehicle bills (bills with just a subject and a sentence intended to be amended later). And that doesn't count budget hearings and budget documents, which are a whole other animal. I've included the whole thing this update.

Overall, though, your priority bills are the Retirement System [bills](#), including a new [bill](#) added outside of the SDRS that seeks to add 911 operators into SDRS. Ordinarily I'd say the bill had no chance, because it didn't go through "the process," but the SDRS Board of Trustees has a bill to add EMS personnel to Class B public safety retirement, and anyone who's been around the SDSEO for the last 10 years has seen plenty of employee groups who really should be [Class B](#), including the entirety of Yankton HSC and Redfield staff and all DOC employees, not get so much as a sniff at Class B public safety retirement. Just a couple years ago the rationale for not adding employees to Class B public safety was anyone who didn't go thru highway patrol-style training wasn't a fit for Class B public safety. So who's to say the legislators won't go ahead and put another group in this one time? And then maybe we can get all those employees who should be Class B into Class B.

And food tax bills [HB1095](#) and [HB1096](#) dropped. Those are important to watch. And there's a gross receipts and use tax [bill](#). And a vehicle [bill](#). And the governor's Family Leave [bill](#). Here's [one](#) that seeks to alter meal reimbursement and household moving allowance procedure. There's some good stuff in there but I haven't quite figured out all of it. It probably should have been two or three bills.

But [HERE](#) is a bill built right upon the slippery slope of the law the Legislature helped make to give themselves and nobody else automatic raises every year. In it lies a special mileage rate just for legislators. It strikes "state rates established by the Board of Finance" and inserts "business standard mileage rate authorized by the IRS." What's that rate? In 2022 it was 62.5-cents per mile. Our state rate was 42-cents per mile until this interim, when the Legislature wanted to give itself alone an immediate mileage increase, but the law, which would be changed with this bill, didn't allow that. So the S.D. Board of Finance dutifully went to work raising the mileage rate for everyone in the state to 51-cents per mile. Make no mistake, if the Legislature didn't have to give everyone a higher rate, it wouldn't have.

How would you like to be paid at 100% of market, automatically every year, instead of shrinking budgets under the horrible term "right sizing"? That's what this [proposal](#) would do for "methodology" for

“community-based providers.” Those providers are primarily really large businesses, by the way, not employees or patients.

I couldn't help but notice that every department outside of the Executive Branch has asked for more than 5% because 5% isn't even the cost of living, which is at least 7%. The Board of Technical Education asked for [7%](#). The Unified Judicial System asked for an [“agency specific salary adjustment.”](#) The Legislature and its various employees are booked for [6.0-6.5%](#). That's not bad stuff for the employees, some of whom are you, excellent upstanding SDSEO members, and it's not bad stuff for those of you who aren't in those departments. I only mention it because we want fairness and equity for all state government employees.

I also couldn't help but notice that while the state departments mostly requested a 2.4% increase for “discretionary provider inflation” for contracted healthcare and other services providers, Governor Noem recommends to give those providers a 5% increase. There's been some Appropriator talk that maybe the Legislature will go ahead and try to give some others of the Big Three more than you state government employees receive. That news came from a Yankton legislative crackerbarrel.

I want to encourage all of you to come to the Legislature and testify on your behalf at the Feb. 8 state employee compensation budget hearing. It's set to run from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Not to air grievances or point blame or go out of your lane, because I tell you what, that's when folks get in a bind, but to say, “Honorable representatives and senators, I love serving the state. It's not just a pass-through job. I'm not here to pass through the state as a contracted gun for hire, seeking greener pastures every couple months. It is my career. But I need your support. I don't get to see you everyday in the halls and meeting rooms, because my job has me elsewhere, so I'm here today to ask you, please help. It's no small feat to come here today. I'm sure you are aware. Thank you. If you have any questions about me or my family and what we need, not my specific job or department, because I can't answer those, please ask. Thank you.”

The winds blow every which way during a legislative session, let's blow in some good stuff.

Keep the faith and keep up the fight.

All the SDSEO's funding comes from membership; outfits like this receive zero state or federal dollars or incentives or tax breaks. While so much of the non-profit universe is focused on deserving 501c(3) charities that were created to seek donations and then give the funds away to hard-pressed folks either in the form of cash or in the form of services, professional and labor non-profits such as the SDSEO are important too. Non-profit organizations like the SDSEO exist to help create and maintain healthy careers and service, hopefully keeping charities in the business of providing aid to the hardest pressed. That's why charities have tax-free donation and deduction status and organizations like the SDSEO do not.

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.)

Like I said at the top: We added two new members this week! Spread the good word.

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 bill list

Bill	Title	Current Committee	Room	Time
HB 1003	repeal provisions requiring prison or jail cost estimates and to declare an emergency.	Senate	Senate	1/30/2023 14:00
HB 1007	to add emergency medical services personnel to Class B public safety membership of the South Dakota Retirement System.			
HB 1008	to revise provisions relating to actuarial terminology used by the South Dakota Retirement System.			
HB 1009	update and clarify certain provisions relating to the South Dakota Retirement System.			

HB 1016	<p>authorize the South Dakota Department of Corrections to construct a prison facility for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections in Rapid City, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.</p>			
HB 1017	<p>authorize the Department of Corrections to purchase certain real property, to contract for the design of a prison facility for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections, to make an appropriation therefor, to transfer funds to the incarceration construction fund, and to declare an emergency.</p>			
HB 1022	<p>make an appropriation for increased costs related to the construction of the new state public health laboratory, and to declare an emergency.</p>			
HB 1026	<p>make an appropriation for costs related to suppression of wildfires in the state and to declare an emergency.</p>			

HB 1027	make an appropriation for costs related to disasters in the state and to declare an emergency.			
HB 1031	make an appropriation for the revised construction costs of the dairy research and extension farm at South Dakota State University, and to declare an emergency.			
HB 1035	make an appropriation to the Department of Revenue for the modernization of the motor vehicle administration system, and to declare an emergency.			
HB 1039	to revise certain provisions regarding the payment of tuition for members of the South Dakota National Guard.			
HB 1046	to provide free tuition at Board of Technical Education institutions for children or spouses of members of the South Dakota National Guard disabled or deceased in the line of duty.	House of Representatives	House	1/30/2023 14:00
HB 1049	revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2023.			

HB 1051	require counties to hire veteran service officers in proportion to the number of veterans residing in the county.			
HB 1060	modify provisions related to procurement for the state and other purchasing agencies.			
HB 1063	require the Unified Judicial System to assemble a task force to address barriers to services for emerging adults involved in the justice system in South Dakota.	Senate Judiciary	Room 413	1/31/2023 7:45
HB 1064	require the Unified Judicial System to assemble a task force to address the provision of legal services to indigent parties within the South Dakota court system.	Senate Judiciary	Room 413	1/31/2023 7:45
HB 1072	subject lithium to severance tax.			
HB 1078	make an appropriation to the Department of Human Services for the development and expansion of adult day services programs and to declare an emergency.	House Health and Human Services	Room 414	1/31/2023 7:45

<u>HB 1079</u>	make an appropriation to the Department of Health to provide grants to support mental health and suicide prevention programs, and to declare an emergency.			
<u>HB 1095</u>	lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to two and one-half percent.			
<u>HB 1096</u>	lower the state sales tax rate and the state use tax rate on food to three and one-half percent.			
<u>HB 1112</u>	modify provisions for a statewide runoff election.	House State Affairs	Room 414	1/30/2023 7:45
<u>HB 1111</u>	increase campaign contribution limits.	House State Affairs	Room 414	1/30/2023 7:45
<u>HB 1116</u>	prohibit the use of state resources in hosting lewd or lascivious content.			
<u>HB 1119</u>	to classify 911 telecommunicators as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System.			
<u>HB 1137</u>	reduce certain gross receipts tax rates and a use tax rate, and to repeal a conditional reduction of certain gross receipts tax rates.	House Taxation	Room 464	1/31/2023 7:45

<u>HB 1140</u>	require the secretary of state to determine if a legislatively proposed constitutional amendment complies with the single subject requirement and is not a constitutional revision.			
<u>HB 1141</u>	to encourage the reduction of taxes in the State of South Dakota.			
<u>HB 1146</u>	establish a citizen's legal standing to request a writ of mandamus or prohibition.			
<u>HB 1151</u>	create the South Dakota paid family leave program.			
<u>HB 1153</u>	to update travel expenses, moving expenses, and other reimbursements.			
<u>HB 1160</u>	limit probation for offenders with four or more felony convictions.			
<u>HB 1161</u>	provide staffing ratios for day care providers.			
<u>HB 1166</u>	revise certain provisions related to the expense allowances of legislators.			

HB 1167	annually adjust the rate for community-based providers to one hundred percent of methodology.			
HB 1170	establish mandatory sentences for certain driving while under the influence violations.			
HB 1171	establish a parole hearing requirement for certain inmates.			
HB 1173	prevent the enforcement of federal laws and directives related to firearms, accessories, and ammunition.			
HB 1177	revise the retirement benefits of certain rehired teachers at qualifying public school districts.			
SB 2	revise Department of Corrections reporting requirements concerning abuse and neglect of individuals in private contracted facilities.			
SB 4	modify a court's authority to commit a habitual juvenile offender to the Department of Corrections.			

SB 5	extend the termination date of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council and modify its membership requirements.			
SB 6	authorize community response teams to recommend alternative community-based resources for children alleged to be delinquent and children alleged to be in need of supervision prior to adjudication.			
SB 7	clarify emergency commitments of severely mentally ill persons by appropriate regional facilities.			
SB 8	revise provisions relating to addiction and prevention services professionals.	Senate Health and Human Services	Room 412	1/30/2023 7:45
SB 9	modify discharge notice procedures applicable to developmentally disabled persons.			
SB 15	to accept Uniformed Services ID as proof of veteran status to have veteran designation added to a state license or ID card.			
SB 18	revise the appropriation for a livestock and			

	equestrian complex at the State Fair, and to declare an emergency.			
SB 19	make an appropriation for the payment of extraordinary litigation expenses and to declare an emergency.			
SB 21	make an appropriation for costs related to the Black Hills National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan revision process and to declare an emergency.			
SB 23	make an appropriation for the modernization of the state's enterprise resource planning systems and to declare an emergency.			
SB 25	make an appropriation to reimburse health care professionals who have complied with the requirements for health care recruitment assistance programs and to declare an emergency.			
SB 28	revise and repeal obsolete provisions related to the Department of Social Services.			

SB 32	make an appropriation for the purchase of cybersecurity upgrades by the Board of Regents and to declare an emergency.			
SB 40	revise the process for nominating candidates for the offices of lieutenant governor, attorney general, and secretary of state.			
SB 45	repeal the requirement for an annual report by the Board of Regents regarding intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas			
SB 48	enhance the penalty for attempted first degree murder of a law enforcement officer.	Senate	Senate	1/30/2023 14:00
SB 49	prohibit the improper storage and disposal of records containing personal or protected information and provide a penalty therefor.			
SB 51	revise certain provisions regarding the reimbursement of county expenses in detaining parole violators.			
SB 52	update certain provisions regarding the Department of Corrections and the			

	authority of the Secretary of Corrections.			
SB 55	prohibit ranked-choice voting.			
SB 59	make an appropriation to the Department of Education for grants to support career and technical education infrastructure projects, and to declare an emergency.			
SB 60	make an appropriation for completing improvements of the road leading to the former entrance into Palisades State Park and to declare an emergency.			
SB 63	authorize the Board of Regents to contract for the design and construction of a year-round rodeo practice facility on the campus of South Dakota State University, together with equipment and furnishings, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.			
SB 64	repeal provisions related to the jail mental health screening pilot program and oversight council.	Senate	Senate	1/30/2023 14:00

SB 65	modify the compulsory age for school attendance.			
SB 80	amend the requirements to be a legal newspaper.	Senate Local Government	Room 412	2/1/2023 10:00
SB 82	modify provisions pertaining to poll watchers.	Senate	Senate	1/30/2023 14:00
SB 107	facilitate the process of establishing election precincts and polling places by counties.			
SB 117	increase dollar limits related to play on video lottery machines.	Senate Commerce and Energy	Room 412	1/31/2023 10:00
SB 118	expand eligibility for certain teachers who receive reduced tuition at Board of Regents institutions.			
SB 121	make an appropriation to support firefighter training efforts in the state.			
SB 123	require certain reviews and updating of voter registration records and data sharing.			
SB 138	provide for the distribution of tax revenue from certain sales occurring on fairgrounds.			
SB 124	update maintenance and verification			

	requirements for voter registration files.			
SB 126	expand the availability of emergency services in state parks.			
SB 127	revise the eligible disability level for veterans to receive state park benefits.			
SB 128	remove the option to register to vote by a signed statement.			
SB 131	remove certain limitations on property tax levy increases.			
SB 139	revise provisions qualifications for the purposes of voter registration.			
SB 140	revise certain provisions relating to voter registration.			
SB 146	limit parole for violent offenders.			
SB 149	create the Medicaid expansion fund and to transfer monies received as a result of expanding Medicaid eligibility.			
SB 153	permit the use of tribal identification cards when registering to vote.			

SB 154	incentivize a paid family leave incentive program, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.			
SB 155	to create the jail improvement and construction fund for the improvement and construction of jails, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.			
SB 160	establish post-election audits.			
SB 161	make an appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for voter roll maintenance, ballot machines, and election security.			
SB 162	revise public meeting requirements.			
SB 164	create the Commission on Indian Affairs.			
SB 165	expand initial training given to law enforcement officers to include Indian law, racial bias, and implicit bias.			
SB 166	provide for an annual presentation regarding Indian Law.			

Sincerely, Eric Ollila, Executive Director, South Dakota State Employees Organization