



Dear SDSEO Member:

Week 4 of the 2024 Legislative Session is done. The last of the bills were dropped this week, as the bill introduction deadlines were Wednesday and Thursday, and you're still sitting pretty good, with no bad surprises or negative bills. There are some empty-but-for-general-title vehicle (aka hoghouse) bills that could be turned into just about anything that fits their title. We will monitor those bills along with the rest.

The two South Dakota Retirement System bills are up this coming week in House Retirement Laws. The bills passed Senate Retirement Laws two weeks ago (I testified as a proponent of one, to get the SDSEO on the 2024 session record of being supportive of the SDRS). There should be no conflict with those bills. Read on the bills here:

[https://sdscsm.servicenowservices.com/sdrs?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB0041584&sys\\_kb\\_id=233740cf1ba37d506a7c0e57ec4bcb30&spa=1](https://sdscsm.servicenowservices.com/sdrs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0041584&sys_kb_id=233740cf1ba37d506a7c0e57ec4bcb30&spa=1). SDRS bills are developed through the [SDRS Executive Board](#) and go thru a rigorous process. You have two state employee members to rep for you on it, and they are both SDSEO members, including the Chair of the SDRS Board. There is also a Board of Regents employee rep on the SDRS Board.

This coming week, the state employee compensation and health budget hearing is Feb. 7 from 10:45 a.m. to noon. Here is the broad brushstroke of the Governor's plan for state employees: <https://bfm.sd.gov/budget/FY2025/EmployeeCompensation.pdf>. The 4% market adjustment is there, as is the extra state kick in on your health insurance.

Here is our 2024 Legislative Session webpage: <https://sdseo.org/resources/2024legislativesession/>. It has quick links to the session things that I use for you. This year I included last year's links as well. Explore the page and the links and make to share with your colleagues, ALL of whom we need as members, not kidding. The recruiting needs to ramp way up. \$10 month to support this organization, the only of its kind in the state, is pretty darn inexpensive. (Yes, it's too much for some; we lost a longtime member this summer who couldn't afford it.) Dues haven't been raised for 13-14 years, and they're not going to get raised. We need participation. We need members. Keep the faith and keep up the fight.

All of 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 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. 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](mailto:bettejo@reinkegray.com). They have changed their email address.)

Lets' add a couple dozen new members in the next couple weeks. Not kidding. Help out. Have an informal meeting with your colleagues, chat. Call me up or email me if you need help. 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

Best,

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**SDSEO 2024 bill list**

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
<a href="#">SB 17</a>	modify the residency requirements for voter registration and declare an emergency.	Passed Senate and House State Affairs. To House.	<a href="#">House</a>
<a href="#">SB 20</a>	establish the crime of threatening or intimidating an election official or election worker and declare an emergency.	A circuitous trail in the Senate. Passed 21-12 after failing and being reconsidered and amended.	<a href="#">House State Affairs</a>

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<a href="#">SB 49</a>	make an appropriation for the site preparation of a prison facility for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections, to transfer moneys to the incarceration construction fund, and to declare an emergency.		<a href="#">Joint Committee on Appropriations</a>
<a href="#">SB 50</a>	make an appropriation for the site preparation and construction of a prison facility for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections in Rapid City, to transfer moneys to the incarceration construction fund, and to declare an emergency.		<a href="#">Joint Committee on Appropriations</a>
<a href="#">SB 52</a>	revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2024.	Yearly revision of the prior year's General Appropriations Act to reflect actuals.	<a href="#">Joint Committee on Appropriations</a>
<a href="#">SB 68</a>	amend certain provisions pertaining to the South Dakota Retirement System to comply with federal law.	Passed Senate. Hearing 2/6 3 pm	<a href="#">House Retirement Laws</a>
<a href="#">SB 69</a>	amend certain provisions pertaining to the South Dakota Retirement System.	Passed Senate. Hearing 2/6 3 pm	<a href="#">House Retirement Laws</a>
<a href="#">SB 74</a>	establish reentry initiatives and programs in the Department of Corrections.	DEAD, 41 <sup>st</sup> Day on 1/18	
<a href="#">SB 129</a>	improve the workforce of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill	
<a href="#">SB 137</a>	make an appropriation for the health and wellbeing of South Dakotans.	Vehicle Bill	
<a href="#">SB 138</a>	make an appropriation to provide for the development of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
<a href="#">SB 145</a>	modify the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation.	Moves from 3 days to 15 days the time to report and injury. Hearing 2/6 10 a.m.	<a href="#">Senate Commerce and Energy</a>
<a href="#">SB 146</a>	revise and repeal provisions related to threatening elected officers and to provide a penalty therefor.		<a href="#">Senate Judiciary</a>
<a href="#">HB 1001</a>	repeal the expiration of a reduction in certain gross receipts and use tax rates.	TABLED 7-2 in Senate Approps on 1/18	
<a href="#">HB 1009</a>	modify the observation of time in South Dakota.	DEAD, 41 <sup>st</sup> Day 11-2 on 1/17	
<a href="#">HB 1039</a>	provide for the payment of legal expenses originating from crime committed at a facility maintained by the Department of Corrections.	Hearing 2/6 10 a.m.	<a href="#">House Committee on Appropriations,</a>
<a href="#">HB 1040</a>	limit annual valuation increases on owner-occupied single-family dwellings.	WITHDRAWN	
<a href="#">HB 1042</a>	establish parameters for the reimbursement of school districts that provide free or reduced price meals to students.	Sent to 41 <sup>st</sup> day 1/22 8-7 vote	<a href="#">House Education</a>
<a href="#">HB 1044</a>	update the United States census survey used to ascertain and adjust the salary of members of the Legislature.	DEAD, 41 <sup>st</sup> Day on 1/19 in House State Affairs	
<a href="#">HB 1053</a>	create term limits for public utilities commissioners.	DEAD, 41 <sup>st</sup> Day on 1/17 in House State Affairs 9-4	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
<a href="#">HB 1057</a>	create the Commission on Indigent Legal Services and Office of Indigent Legal Services.	These new creations would be in the Unified Judicial System budget, which the governor does not "set." Sent to House Approps 13-0 on 1/19. <b>Hearing 2/6 10 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">House Appropriations</a>

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
<a href="#">HB 1060</a>	revise certain provisions related to travel reimbursement.	removes mileage reimbursement rates and lodging rates from the State Board of Finance and places those rates in statute, while leaving meal reimbursement rates to the Board of Finance. There are a couple more overall changes as well. Sections 1-4 are the meat, while the other sections are statutes that would be affected by the first section. The reality is that the Legislature desires the higher IRS mileage rate and was unable to get it passed last year. And the hotel lobby will be getting another \$30+ on rooms at state rate thru statute. Amended and set aside for later by House Approps on 1/18. <b>Hearing 2/6 10 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">House Committee on Appropriations</a>
<a href="#">HB 1140</a>	improve the efficiency and administration of state government.	Vehicle Bill	
<a href="#">HB 1142</a>	improve education and to provide for the workforce of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill	
<a href="#">HB 1143</a>	improve agriculture in South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
<a href="#">HB 1156</a>	make an appropriation to enhance the economic health of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill, hearing 2/6 10 am	<a href="#">House Committee on Appropriations</a>
<a href="#">HB 1157</a>	make an appropriation for the economic development of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill, hearing 2/6 10 am	
<a href="#">HB 1172</a>	prohibit the act of collusion during the procurement process and provide a penalty therefor.	Really tightens up procurement.	<a href="#">House State Affairs</a>
<a href="#">HB 1205</a>	appropriate money for the ordinary expenses of the legislative, judicial, and executive departments of the state, the current expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools.	The General Appropriations Bill for 2025	
<a href="#">HB 1241</a>	modify the amount of time allowed to an employee to vote at any election in this state.	Raises the amount of hours any employee can take off work to vote from 2 to 4 hours if the employee does not have normal time off work to vote.	<a href="#">House State Affairs</a>