



Dear SDSEO Member:

The last week of the session starts Monday. The state employee compensation and health budget will be set, probably Tuesday, though it could be later, depending. Right now the Joint Committee on Appropriations has all the big budgets set for Tuesday. Here is their agenda for that day; state employee compensation and health will be under the Bureau of Finance and Management budget: <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/266989.pdf>. They will also set budgets on Monday: <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/266986.pdf>. Hearings the last week usually have lots of breaks, as lawmakers hash things out amongst themselves and in party caucus, so it won't be all in a straight line or necessarily orderly.

There's nothing you need to do push. The governor, any state's single most powerful voice for or against state employees, is for you. Here's a news excerpt from this week: "Noem explained that budget has been the most important thing this session and that lawmakers have spent a lot of time preparing for budget requests and making sure South Dakota's dollars were being put in the appropriate places to benefit the state long term. These budgets primarily focus on state employees, education, and care providers. Noem stated that she added a four percent increase this year and that if there were additional funds left over she would put it toward South Dakota prison facilities, an improvement she's seen a need for since her first term. 'I could not believe that we had facilities that were so outdated and that we had people in those conditions,' said Noem. She continued, 'One of our prison facilities needs upgrades or to be rebuilt, and the fact that this legislature sees that priority I'm very grateful for.'" The story link for that quote is [here](#).

REPEATS and the BILL LIST BELOW

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. They have changed their email address.)

We added a couple members the last week! 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

Sincerely,

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SDSEO 2024 bill list

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
SB 17	modify the residency requirements for voter registration and declare an emergency.	Passed Senate and House State Affairs. To House. DEAD. Tabled in House 69-0 on 2/12	

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SB 20	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. Died in the House 24-46 on 2/27.	
SB 49	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.	Passed and on to governor	
SB 50	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.	Passed and on to governor	
SB 52	revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2024.	Yearly revision of the prior year's General Appropriations Act to reflect actuals. Hearing scheduled	Joint Committee on Appropriations
SB 68	amend certain provisions pertaining to the South Dakota Retirement System to comply with federal law.	Passed Senate and House. To Governor	
SB 69	amend certain provisions pertaining to the South Dakota Retirement System.	Passed Senate and House. To Governor	
SB 74	establish reentry initiatives and programs in the Department of Corrections.	DEAD, 41st Day on 1/18	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
SB 129	improve the workforce of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Passed Senate 31-2 on 2/15 Still alive	House
SB 137	make an appropriation for the health and wellbeing of South Dakotans.	Vehicle Bill. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Passed Senate 29-2 on 2/14 Still alive	House
SB 138	make an appropriation to provide for the development of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Passed Senate 29-2 on 2/14 Still alive	House
SB 145	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. Dead 8-1 41 st day 2/06	Senate Commerce and Energy
SB 146	revise and repeal provisions related to threatening elected officers and to provide a penalty therefor.	Hearing 2/13 7:45 a.m. Passed Senate 23-19 on 2/15. Passed House Judiciary as amended 9-2 2/28.	House
HB 1001	repeal the expiration of a reduction in certain gross receipts and use tax rates.	TABLED 7-2 in Senate Approps on 1/18	
HB 1009	modify the observation of time in South Dakota.	DEAD, 41 st Day 11-2 on 1/17	
HB 1039	provide for the payment of legal expenses originating from crime committed at a facility maintained by the Department of Corrections.	Amended 1/18 and passed 7-0 on 2/15.	Senate
HB 1040	limit annual valuation increases on owner-occupied single-family dwellings.	WITHDRAWN	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
HB 1042	establish parameters for the reimbursement of school districts that provide free or reduced price meals to students.	Sent to 41 st day 1/22 8-7 vote	
HB 1044	update the United States census survey used to ascertain and adjust the salary of members of the Legislature.	DEAD, 41 st Day on 1/19 in House State Affairs	
HB 1053	create term limits for public utilities commissioners.	DEAD, 41 st Day on 1/17 in House State Affairs 9-4	
HB 1057	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. Passed House 60-4 after being amended. To Senate. This was amended on the Senate side and then passed, so it will have to go back to the House for concurrence or not.	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
HB 1060	revise certain provisions related to travel reimbursement.	<p>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. Hearing on calendar. Passed 7-0 on 2/15. Passed 2/29 and on to governor</p>	

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
HB 1140	improve the efficiency and administration of state government.	Vehicle Bill. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Passed 56-10. To Senate. Bill hogged into something for cities and counties. Off our list.	
HB 1142	improve education and to provide for the workforce of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Passed 54-12. To Senate. Still in play	Senate
HB 1143	improve agriculture in South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Passed 55-11. To Senate. Still in play	Senate
HB 1156	make an appropriation to enhance the economic health of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Passed thru House side 53-11 2/8. To Senate Committee on Appropriations. Still in play, passed 8-0 2/29	Senate
HB 1157	make an appropriation for the economic development of South Dakota.	Vehicle Bill. Passed thru House side 51-13 2/8. To Senate Committee on Appropriations Still in play, passed 8-0 2/29	Senate
HB 1172	prohibit the act of collusion during the procurement process and provide a penalty therefor.	Really tightens up procurement. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Dead. 41st day on 2/12	House State Affairs

Bill	Title	Add. Info	Hearing Info
HB 1205	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	
HB 1241	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. Hearing 2/12 7:45 a.m. Dead. 41 st day on 2/12	House State Affairs