



Dear SDSEO Member:

The legislative session has started well for you. Overall, the tone about state government employees is pretty good. We haven't had any negative legislation to fight and have good legislation to support.

I've attached the pre-session preview with this email as I had an email snafu and it didn't go out to everyone. It has compensation proposal info and a bunch of news links.

Keep the faith and keep up the fight.

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.)

Lets' add a couple dozen new members in the next couple weeks. 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 2022 bill list

Bill	Title	Explanation	Hearing Info
SB 22	revise a reference to the Division of Criminal Investigation.	Clean-up bill. Changes the inaccurate term "department" to "division."	Assigned to Senate Judiciary . Hearing 1/25/22.
SB 28	disqualify for life any person from driving a commercial vehicle who is convicted of a felony offense involving human trafficking.	Does what the title says.	Assigned to Senate Transportation . Hearing 1/19/22. Passed 6-0. Passed Senate 32-0 on 01/20/22. To House.
SB 30	add Juneteenth as a state holiday.	Would add Juneteenth (June 19) as a state holiday. Juneteenth is	Assigned to Senate State Affairs .

		currently a federal holiday.	
SB 31	make an appropriation to the Department of Labor and Regulation for the modernization of the reemployment assistance enterprise system and to declare an emergency.	This is about updating computers and tech in the unemployment system. The Legislature renamed unemployment as re-employment a few years ago. Here's the state's fact sheet on SB 31: SB 31 Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations .
SB 32	authorize the Department of Corrections to purchase certain real property, construct a community work center for offenders committed to the Department of Corrections, to make an appropriation therefor, transfer funds from the budget reserve fund, and to declare an emergency.	Would appropriate \$28 million to build a new prison in Rapid City. Here is the fact sheet on it: SB 32 Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations .
SB 33	authorize the Department of Corrections to make healthcare improvements at the South Dakota Women's Prison, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.	Would appropriate \$5.75 million for some health facility and mental health facility needs. Here's the fact sheet on it: SB 33 Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations .
SB 51	make an appropriation to support firefighter training equipment and recruitment efforts in the state, and to declare an emergency.	Does not appropriate funds for employee compensation. This is mostly about some new equipment and PR campaign for recruiting volunteer firefighters.	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations .

SB 53	make an appropriation to increase workforce housing and to declare an emergency.	Not really about workforce housing but about putting \$200 million into “increasing housing supply across South Dakota.”	Assigned to Senate Commerce and Energy . Eventually will move to Appropriations.
SB 56	revise certain provisions relating to the South Dakota Retirement System.	A clean-up bill. SDRS Fact Sheet here: SDRS Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Retirement Laws . Hearing on 1/26/22.
SB 57	add gaming enforcement agents to Class B membership of the South Dakota Retirement System.	Adds a handful of gaming enforcement agents in Dept of Revenue to Class B. SDRS Fact Sheet here: SDRS Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Retirement Laws . Hearing on 1/26/22.
SB 58	make an appropriation for the construction of a new state public health laboratory and the renovation of the existing laboratory and to declare an emergency.	Calls for putting about \$70 million into a new public health lab in Pierre.	Assigned to Senate Health and Human Services .
SB 60	revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2022.	Annual revision.	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations .
SB 68	revise holiday pay for state employees.	Calls for employees to actually get paid for the hours they work on an observed holiday. SDSEO supports.	Assigned to Senate State Affairs. Passed 7-0 on 1/19/22. Passed Senate 32-0 on 1/20/22. To House State Affairs .
SB 70	modify the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation.	Would extend the initial deadline to file a report to 30 days from the current 3 business days. This bill failed but will be	Assigned to Senate Commerce and Energy . Sent to 41 st day (killed) on 01/20/22 on 8-1 vote.

		brought to the Workers Compensation Committee for possible action there.	
SB 75	establish certain pay provisions for state employees working shifts longer than eight hours a day.	A bill similar to SB 68. The sponsor, Sen. Nesiba, likely will pull it or amend it depending on how SB 68 looks in the House.	Assigned to Senate State Affairs .
HB 1041	facilitate legislative oversight of settlement agreements involving a state entity or official.	Seeks to allow for Legislative review of settlement agreements.	Assigned to House Judiciary . Passed 11-0 on 1/21/22. To House.
HB 1055	require informational transparency regarding the issuance of executive orders.	Seeks to allow for Legislative review of executive orders from the governor.	Assigned to House State Affairs .
HB 1063	revise the approval process for state employee household moving allowances.	Changes the approver of moving allowances to the State Auditor. This should streamline the process.	Assigned to House State Affairs . Passed 13-0 on 1/21/22. To House.

Best,

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