



Dear SDSEO Member:

You are faring well during this session. There's a whole lot of things going on and swirling around, from the ongoing Attorney General impeachment investigation to national political campaigning to millions upon millions upon millions of dollars being targeted for various "one-time" building projects to attempts to reduce various taxes and fees to on and on, but you're faring well. That's something to take heart in, because it's never a given. You worked for it. Good job.

The 6% cost-of-living increase is looking good, though inflation is currently outstripping it. Such inflation is helping the 6% cause, though, because anything less than 6% can 100% be called a "pay cut," and the state has far too much money sloshing around for a 2/3rds legislative majority to stomach less. Still, the legislative body typically doesn't take action outside what happens in Appropriations, so making sure all employee compensation makes it out of Appropriations intact first is Job #1. Here is the Appropriations committee: <https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Committee/1019/Detail>

As I mentioned last update, there is finally acknowledgement that there's a big hole in "salary policy" as it currently sits. We've talked about it for a few years now. That big hole is employees who get paid from things like fees and/or from the federal government and not from the general fund. Funds from salary policy are not added for those employees, as it's been left up to their departments to come up with the funds. That's one reason tuitions and fees rise, to help compensate employees. But the cat is fully out of the bag, at least for this Legislature. Unfortunately, we will have to re-teach and re-educated the next Legislature on the very same thing we finally got acknowledged. That's how it goes every two years. I anticipate added ongoing funding this session to help with that budgeting issue this year, though that's not saying the issue would be permanently fixed in such a manner in future years.

To help 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 new members the last week. Let's 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. Passed 7-0; Passed Senate 35-0 on 1/27. To House. To House Judiciary. Passed committee 12-0 on 2/25. To House. Passed 62-3. To gov on 3/07.
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. Passed House Transportation 13-0. Passed House on consent (unanimous) on 2/2. To Gov. Signed 2/09.
SB 30	add Juneteenth as a state holiday.	Would add Juneteenth (June 19) as a state holiday. Juneteenth is currently a federal holiday. A similar bill passed House and Senate. This bill was tabled.	Assigned to Senate State Affairs . Tabled on 1/26. A similar bill passed House and Senate. You'll have a new paid state 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	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations . Hearing set for 2/23.

		unemployment as re-employment a few years ago. Here's the state's fact sheet on SB 31: SB 31 Fact Sheet	Passed 16-0 and passed Senate 35-0 on 2/24. To House. Passed 61-4. To gov on 3/07.
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 tit: SB 32 Fact Sheet	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations . Referred back to Senate Appropriations on 2/14. Hearing set for 2/22. Passed 7-2 on 2/22 and Senate 29-6 on 2/24. To House Appropriations. House Approps did not pass this bill. The bill did get calendared and was the subject of lots of politics. Needing a 2/3rds vote, it failed 40-29 on 3/07. BUT the whole concept was hogged into SB 53 and that passed. See SB 53 in the bill list below.
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 . Referred back to Senate Appropriations on 2/14. Hearing set for 2/22. Passed 8-0 on

			2/22 and Senate 34-1 on 2/23. To House Appropriations. Passed 7-0 and passed House 65-3. To gov on 3/09.
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 . Hearing set for 2/23. Passed 16-0 and passed Senate 35-0 on 2/24. To House. Passed 65-0
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." This bill was hogged from SB 32. So this bill's stuff became House Bill 1033. HB 1033 was amended on 3/07 and went to the governor on 3/10.	Assigned to Senate Commerce and Energy . Eventually will move to Appropriations. Assigned to Senate Appropriations and passed 8-1 on 2/16. To Senate. Passed 8-1 and amended in Senate passed 33-2. To House Appropriations. Hearing on 2/28. Hogged from SB 32, got thru Senate 32-2 and House 50-19 and went to the governor on 3/10.
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. Passed 4-0. Passed Senate 34-0 on 1/31. To House. To House

			Retirement Laws . Hearing on 3/01. Passed 3-1. Passed House 68-0. To governor on 3/09.
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. Passed 4-0. Passed Senate 34-0 on 1/31. To House. To House Retirement Laws . Hearing on 3/01. Passed 4-0. Passed House 68-2. To governor on 3/09.
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 . Assigned to Joint Committee on Appropriations . Referred back to Senate Appropriations. Amended and passed committee 9-0 on 2/16. To Senate. Passed 35-0 on 2/23 amended. To House Appropriations. Passed 7-0 and passed House 62-5. To governor on 3/09.
SB 60	revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2022.	Annual revision.	Assigned to Senate Appropriations and referred to Joint Appropriations . Passed House and Senate on 3/10.

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 . Hearing on 2/23. Passed 12-1 on 2/23. Passed House 62-4 on 2/24. To governor. Signed on 3/08.
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 brought to the Workers Compensation Committee for possible action there.	Assigned to Senate Commerce and Energy . Sent to 41 st day (killed) on 01/20/22 on 8-1 vote.
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 . Sent to 41st day 6-1 on 1/26. The SDSEO testified in favor of this bill and also supports SB 68.
SB 119	prohibit sexual contact between prison employees and prisoners.	This would amend a current statute. Intent seems to be to add a definition of sexual contact and include things a health practitioner might do. This bill seems pretty muddled as it is.	Assigned to Senate Judiciary . Hearing on 2/10/22. The hearing was eventually on 2/17. Passed 7-0. To Senate. Passed 35-0 on 2/22. To House Judiciary . Hearing on 2/28. Passed 11-0 and House 69-0. To governor on 3/07.

<p>SB 131</p>	<p>establish a formula for distributing general funds to Board of Regents universities. require the Board of Regents to provide an annual presentation to the special committee</p>	<p>This bill would change how funds are allocated to state universities. There will be lots of politicking on this bill because there will be winners and losers among the public universities. This bill was hogged and the new title is at left.</p>	<p>Assigned to Senate Education but moved to Joint Appropriations. Was moved to Senate Appropriations and hogged and passed 7-2 on 2/17. To Senate. Passed 35-0 on 2/23 in <u>amended</u> form. To <u>House State Affairs</u>. Hearing on 2/28. Passed 11-0 and passed House 68-1. To governor on 3/07.</p>
<p>SB 141</p>	<p>establish provisions for the South Dakota Retirement System.</p>	<p>Hoghouse bill (Empty bill that might be used by being amended or might not.)</p>	<p>Assigned to Senate Retirement Laws. Hearing on 2/22. Passed 4-1. Passed Senate 35-0 on 2/23. To <u>House Retirement Laws</u>. Hearing on 3/01. Nothing became of this bill. It was tabled in the House on 3/07.</p>
<p>SB 146</p>	<p>create the Office of Ombudsman for State Employees.</p>	<p>This bill calls for the formation of new office under the Legislature's Executive Board that would field and investigate state employee claims of illegality or impropriety. Reporting employee identity would be entirely shielded for anonymity from any</p>	<p>Assigned to Senate State Affairs. Hearing on 2/09/22. Sent to 41st day 7-1 on 2/09.</p>

		entity but the Ombudsman. Would apply to the Executive Branch, not to the Unified Judicial System or to the Legislature itself.	
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. Passed 11-0 then passed House 64-6 on 1/25. To Senate State Affairs . Hearing on 2/23. Passed 9-0 and passed Senate 34-1. To governor on 3/08.
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 . Sent to 41 st day on 1/31 on 9-3 vote.
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. Passed House 69-1 and Senate State Affairs 8-0 and Senate 34-0. Signed on 2/09.
HB 1106	provide for the security and privacy of certain personally identifiable information for judicial officers and to declare an emergency.	Calls for the removal of personal information such as address, email, phone number for judges from varieties of public information.	Passed the House and Senate on a fast track. Signed 2/8. To Governor. Signed on 2/15.

HB 1213	clarify the Corrections Commission's ability to obtain criminal justice information.	Adds a possible requirement for police agencies to give information to the Corrections Commission.	To House Judiciary . Hearing on 2/09. Passed 10-1. Passed House 62-4. To Senate Judiciary . Sent to 41st day on 6-0 vote on 2/24.
HB 1221	require training on human trafficking for law enforcement officers.	Does what it says.	To House Judiciary . Withdrawn on 2/15.
HB 1243	make an appropriation to the Board of Regents for a cost-of-living increase and to declare an emergency.	We've talked a lot about how not all Board of Regents employees get the "across the board" raises. That's because the universities don't get full funding for all employee salaries, as some are paid with federal and other funds. For a 6% raise for all in BOR, that would take about \$6.5 million. This bill would do that (it has \$10 million in it). But the bill is mostly about chastising legislators about tuition and fee increase complaints.	Sent to House Education who sent it on to House Appropriations . Sent to 41 st day on 2/17 on 5-0 vote.
HB 1245	equalize the general fund appropriations appropriated to the Board of Regents.	Would be a new way to fund each public university. There would be winners and losers among the universities.	House Education . Had a hearing on 2/7 but didn't finish. Withdrawn on 2/15.

HB 1261	establish emergency retire-rehire provisions for the South Dakota Retirement System.	A bill changing SDRS law without going thru the SDRS system. It's been assigned to House State Affairs instead of Retirement Laws. It's usually not a good thing for legislators to go monkeying around on their own in complex systems like SDRS law.	House State Affairs. Sent to 41 st day on 2/16 on 10-3 vote.
HB 1269	limit the deployment of the National Guard for federal service.	This regards "active-duty combat" only.	House Military and Veteran Affairs. Tabled 10-0 on 2/16.
HB 1290	prohibit lobbying by state officials and employees.	The target of this is state agencies and the governor's office. It would limit their ability to lobby and to hire outside lobbying firms.	House State Affairs. Sent to 41 st day on 2/14 on 8-5 vote.
HB 1291	classify 911 telecommunicators as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System	This would add 911 operators to Class B retirement. 911 operators are commonly treated as "first responders" due to the mental demands of the job. Though this bill does not go thru Retirement Laws so will likely not pass, it's a worthy goal. Look for the off-session of the Retirement System to have plenty	House Local Government. Sent to 41 st day on 2/15.

		of discussions on adding to Class B.	
HB 1340	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. This bill was originally HB 1338. HB 1338 was tabled and HB 1340 was created. Why?	The General Bill that has all the new state funding.	Passed House 59-10 and Senate 31-1 and sent to governor on 3/10.

Best,

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