



DEPARTMENT OF
**Workforce
Services**

Welcome.

DWS Legislative Overview 2023 General Session

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Special Administrative Expense Account (SAEA)

The SAEA is made up of penalties and interest collected in association with the administration of unemployment insurance. Reemployment initiatives can be difficult to prioritize over social welfare needs / requests, SAEA allows DWS to focus on reemployment.

- ACE Veteran Credentials – Gain employment in the civilian job market – Veterans, active Military, active Guard, and spouses of the aforementioned
- Apprenticeships – Promote apprenticeships as a valuable workforce development and talent recruitment tool
- Workforce NOW – Target and promote services to improve employment
- IT Modernization – Constant modernization, currently modernizing enterprise case management system



Commission on Housing Affordability (CHA) Subcommittee

- Chair – Senator Lincoln Fillmore
- Chair – Rep Stephen Whyte
 - Evaluate viable policies and related funding priorities
 - Prioritize for UEOC consideration

Unified Economic Opportunity Commission (UEOC)

- Chair – Governor Spencer Cox
- Member – Senate President Stuart Adams
- Member – House Speaker Brad Wilson
 - Hears from various subcommittees
 - Votes to “support” identified priorities

Affordable Housing (HCD)

Homelessness Services (OHS)



Funding for Affordable Housing and Homelessness

First-Time Home Buyer Program (SB240)

- UHC down payment loan for first time home buyers – income based (\$50M One-Time)

Deeply Affordable Housing (SB238)

- OHS competitive grant, targeted 30% below AMI with supportive services - \$55M last year with \$168M in requests (\$50M One-Time)

Attainable Housing Grants

- Support 450 to 600 units with rent flow, 30% below AMI and 30 year deed restricted (\$5M Ongoing)

Rural Housing / Single Family Rehab

- Loan for acquisition, owner occupied / rehabilitation – rural 80% AMI (\$3.25M Ongoing)

Critical Home Repair

- Grant program through Olene for grant to repair homes, make them habitable (\$1M One-Time)

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (HB364)

- Expansion of existing tax credit program ran by UHC incentivizing construction of deed restricted low income housing units (\$9M Ongoing – 9x)



Social Safety Net Programs

Medicaid

- Extension of Medicaid postpartum to mothers from 60 days to 12 months – matching the newborn Medicaid coverage (SB133)
- Waiver program for Family Planning Services, providing contraceptive and health screening for those slightly above Medicaid income limits (SB133)
- Expansion of dental services for adults on Medicaid not currently eligible for such services (SB19)
- Expansion of CHIP to serve undocumented children – likely open enrollment periods as federal funding unavailable, state funding capped at \$4.5M ongoing (SB217)

SNAP and Emergency Food Network (EFN)

- One-time ARPA fund (\$800,000) to better meet EFN grant requests from food pantry and food banks – supporting end of SNAP emergency allotment (SB133)



Staffing Funding

Targeted Funding Increases for Staff

- Gallagher study showed state average annual salary 14.4% below the combined market – classified 15%+ as significantly misaligned
- DWS identifies positions that are over 15% below the market rate – requests they be included in the Governor's budget, advocates for legislative support

General Session Results

- 2022 – 1,300 DWS employees received targeted increases (approximately)
- 2023 – 370 DWS employees will receive targeted increases (approximately)





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