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2022 Legislative Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business when it comes to advocating for our greater business community. This report is dedicated to our state advocacy efforts for the 97th South Dakota Legislative Session. With guidance from our members, the Chamber's advocacy platform is created through the Issues Management Council (IMC) and adopted by the Board of Directors. During the legislative session our Legislative Issues Council (LIC), comprised of the Executive Board and the Chair and Vice Chair of IMC meet weekly to discuss legislation. In addition, during the legislative session we engage our members in the process through Sioux Falls Day at the Legislature and three Legislative Coffees. The Coffees had more than 200 in-person and virtual attendees at each session. At Sioux Falls Day, the Chamber served a meal to 350 people under the Capitol Dome. The Chamber also engages members from the Board of Directors, IMC and the LIC with call-to-action emails urging members to reach out to legislators directly on key issues. Both the events and the personal emails bring our community together with legislators.

Every legislative session is distinct with differing interests and influences. This year, with a June primary and a general election around the corner, many incumbent lawmakers were facing challengers for their seats. Governor Noem is running for her second term. The June primary includes a representative who is challenging her for the Republican nomination. Likewise in the legislature, there will be many primaries within the Republican Party. As incumbents and new challengers seek to differentiate themselves to the voter, good legislation can become political fodder for campaigning. However, we are fortunate to have legislative leaders who stay focused on positive outcomes for all South Dakotans. Overall, the legislature was favorable to education, teachers, health care providers and more.

This year the Chamber evaluated all 553 bills that were introduced and advocated on key issues affecting our members. Here are some of the highlights:

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The future of South Dakota depends on educating our residents and developing our workforce to remain competitive on a regional, national and international scale. The Chamber is vigilant on education and workforce development advocacy. Our top priorities this session included several higher education bills. These included the appropriation of \$30 million to the Dakota State University for the Cyber Program Expansion and the appropriation of \$50 million of privately donated funds for the construction of the Dakota State University Applied Research Lab. Another important bill was the \$15 million appropriation for the new biomedical facility at the University of South Dakota Discovery District.

Other efforts included an appropriation for \$4.5 million for Southeast Technical College (STC) to purchase equipment for a health sciences simulation center. This new center will allow STC to train approximately 150 new students annually.

Another key education bill was the revision of the South Dakota Freedom Scholarship. This bill made key adjustments to the Freedom Scholarship program by clarifying the criteria for degree-seeking South Dakota residents to ensure students apply and stay in college for the duration of their education.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS CLIMATE

The Chamber engaged in the workforce housing issue and studies prior to this legislative session. During session, we worked tirelessly with legislative leadership on workforce housing bills. While the path was not a straight one, in the end the legislature passed an appropriation of \$200 million to advance workforce housing in our state. We thank both the legislature and the Governor for their support of workforce housing. Other efforts to provide workforce housing include a bill to revise the discretionary formula for reduced taxation of new structures and residential property.

The Chamber supported legislation to protect employers from lawsuits for certain liability exposures to COVID-19, along with employer discriminatory bills. The Chamber also opposed six bills that would place unnecessary and harmful mandates on employers. Working with other business-related groups and legislators, the Chamber killed every harmful employer bill.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

The Chamber supports our military and so do our governor and legislature! There were two important military bills related to our region during the 2022 session, and they both passed unanimously. These bills included an appropriation of \$22 million for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls and the appropriation of \$2 million for road improvement for the State Cemetery in Sioux Falls.

IN CONCLUSION

Our 2022 Legislative Annual Report includes all our advocacy work along with the legislative scorecard. Our efforts are guided by our members through the leadership of the Issues Management Council, the Legislative Issues Council and the Board of Directors. We thank them for their valued involvement!



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INTRODUCTION

The Chamber Legislative Report is intended to serve as a recap of our advocacy work on member-identified public policy initiatives that are key to the success of our business community. Through your support, the Chamber is actively engaged on your behalf in Pierre during the legislative session. As the “voice of business” we engage and educate legislators on the impact of legislation on our member’s businesses and, when possible, seek to provide solutions.

The Chamber’s advocacy efforts are member focused. The Chamber has two major documents that guide our advocacy efforts. Every fall, our Issues Management Council (IMC) meets and reviews both our Policy Statements and our Legislative Platform. Our Policy Statements serve to guide advocacy efforts for federal, state and local governments and outline the public policy positions that underpin our member interests. Our 2022 Legislative Platform addresses policy in each of the major categories and subcategories. Both documents are included with this report in the appendix.

We thank our Issues Management Council, the Legislative Issues Council and the Chamber’s Board of Directors for their guidance and support in developing these documents and supporting our advocacy activities. In particular, thank you to Sarah Larson, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, LLP, and Paul Bruflat, CNA Surety, who serve as chair and vice-chair respectively of IMC.

Also included in the appendix is our 2022 Legislative Bill Tracker in its completed form. The tracker is a tool to help us capture and communicate the most important legislation to our membership and to our legislators. The bill tracker includes all Chamber advocacy efforts. Through extensive membership engagement, including during the legislative session, the Chamber is confident we have the pulse of the business interests in Pierre.

As a percentage of the state’s gross domestic product (GDP), the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is nearly 40%¹ of the state’s economy. The greater Sioux Falls area, a four-county region, continues to expand. As our economy grows, so does the population as individuals and families seek better paying jobs, strong educational opportunities and quality of life amenities for their families. The Chamber’s advocacy efforts are extensive as we seek to represent members’ policy interests in Pierre.

Finally, we will look to the future, including the 2022 general election next November and the 2023 legislative session. Recently, at the urging of members, the Chamber established a political action committee named BIZPAC. BIZPAC seeks to support pro-business candidates for legislative office. This past year, the Chamber launched a program to engage in candidate recruitment efforts. The Chamber, working with like-minded business-focused stakeholders, sought candidates who support policies that encourage a strong South Dakota economy.

Before diving into the annual report, we want to thank Governor Kristi Noem, Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden, constitutional officers and our 105 state legislators who serve the citizens of our state. Thank you for your service.

SETTING THE STAGE: WHO ARE THE KEY INFLUENCERS?

Each session is greatly impacted by various influences, ranging from those who are elected to serve to those who work in advocacy, like our Chamber.

Governor Kristi Noem, South Dakota’s first female governor, is in her fourth year leading our state and is running for her second term.

¹ <https://dor.sd.gov/media/wrxnizl3/fiscal-year-2021-annual-report.pdf> April 2022.

The South Dakota Legislature is bicameral and comprised of 105 lawmakers from 35 legislative districts. The House is comprised of 70 members; the Senate is comprised of 35 members. The House has 62 republicans and 8 democrats. The Senate has 32 republicans and 3 democrats. Therefore, 94 of the 105 legislators are republican with only 11 democratic legislators. The dominance of the republican party in our state legislature is a key influencer.

In 2020, South Dakota elected 30 women to serve in the legislature: 9 in the Senate and 21 in the House. This legislature had the greatest number of elected women legislators in the history of South Dakota. Most of the women legislators are professionals and leaders in their communities. Their experience and subject matter expertise were also key to legislative outcomes.

After every general election, the House and Senate elect their leadership from their members. Here are the Republican (R) and Democratic (D) leadership for both houses.

Senate Leadership includes:

President of the Senate,
Lieutenant Governor Larry Rhoden (R)
President Pro Tempore, Lee Schoenbeck (R)
Majority Leader, Garry Cammack (R)
Assistant Majority Leader, Michael Diedrich (R)
Majority Whips:
Jim Bolin* (R)
Casey Crabtree (R)
Helen Duhamel (R)
Kyle Schoenfish (R)
Minority Leader, Troy Heinert (D)
Assistant Minority Leader, Red Dawn Foster (D)

House of Representative's Leadership includes:

Speaker of the House, Spencer Gosch (R)
Speaker Pro Tempore, Jon Hansen* (R)
Majority Leader, Kent Petersen (R)
Assistant Majority Leader, Chris Johnson (R)
Majority Whips:
Kirk Chaffee (R)
Tim Goodwin (R)
Kevin D. Jensen* (R)
Rebecca Reimer (R)
Marli Wiese (R)
Minority Leader, Jamie Smith* (D)
Assistant Minority Leader, Oren Lesmeister (D)
Minority Whips:
Shawn Bordeaux (D)
Erin Healy* (D)

** Denotes the member is a Sioux Falls area legislator.*

When the 105 are not serving in the legislature, they represent primarily business (many legislators are self-employed). These are the sectors which they represent:

54 – business professionals	5 - agriculture (business)
13 – retired people	5 – health care professionals
12 – agriculture (farmers/ranchers)	5 – educators
11 – legal/attorneys	

ELECTIONS' IMPACT ON THE INFLUENCERS

November 2022 will bring another general election and it is important to discuss term limits and the number of open legislative races that occur as a result of South Dakota law. In every even numbered year, several legislators reach their maximum number of terms (four) in either the House or Senate. South Dakota's term of office for both senators and representatives is two years. Prior to a voter-approved constitutional change in November of 1992, term limits for legislators did not exist in our state. Now, legislative terms of office are set by Article III, § 6 of the South Dakota Constitution, which states in part:

. . .No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the senate and more than four consecutive term or a total of eight consecutive years in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

However, being termed from one house does not prohibit the legislator from “crossing the rotunda” to run for the other house. The legislators who are term limited from running again for the same house in 2022 include:

Senators

Gary Cammack (R)
R. Blake Curd (R)
Brock Greenfield (R)
Troy Heinert (D)
Art Rusch (R)

Representatives

David Anderson (R)
Arch Beal (R)
Shawn Bordeaux (D)
Lana Greenfield (R)
Steve Haugaard (R)
Sam Marty (R)
Kent Peterson (R)
Mark Willadsen (R)

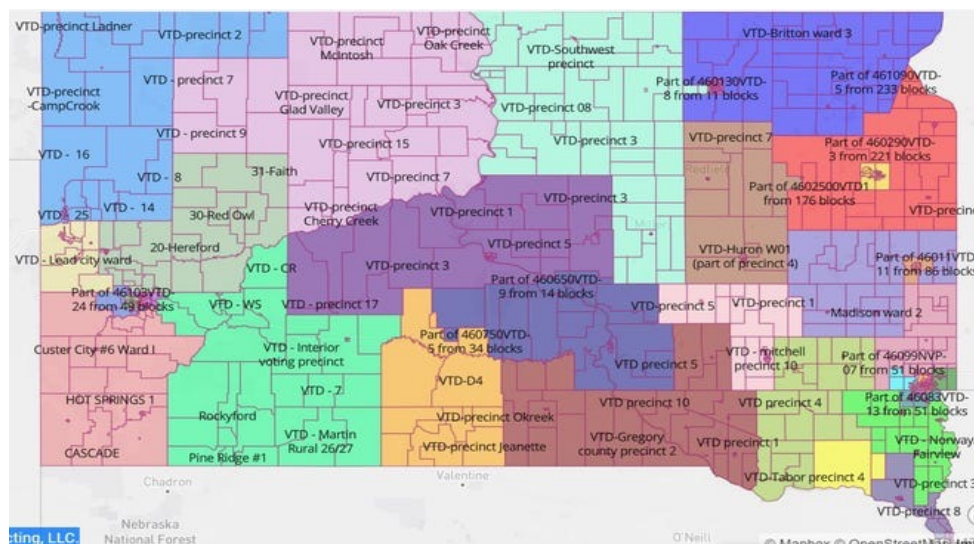
THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING FOR ALL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

The South Dakota constitution provides that the Senate shall consist of not fewer than 25 nor more than 35 members and that the House shall consist of not fewer than 50 nor more than 75 members. It also directs the Legislature to redistrict its membership once every ten years in accordance with the latest federal census. In 2006, after litigation under the Federal Voting Rights Act, a federal judge created a second single-member House district within District 26 and re-drew the boundaries of Districts 21 and 27. The last legislative reapportionment occurred in October 2011.

The 2022 Legislature engaged in months of work on the decennial process of redividing the state into legislative districts. Article III, § 5 of the South Dakota Constitution provides:

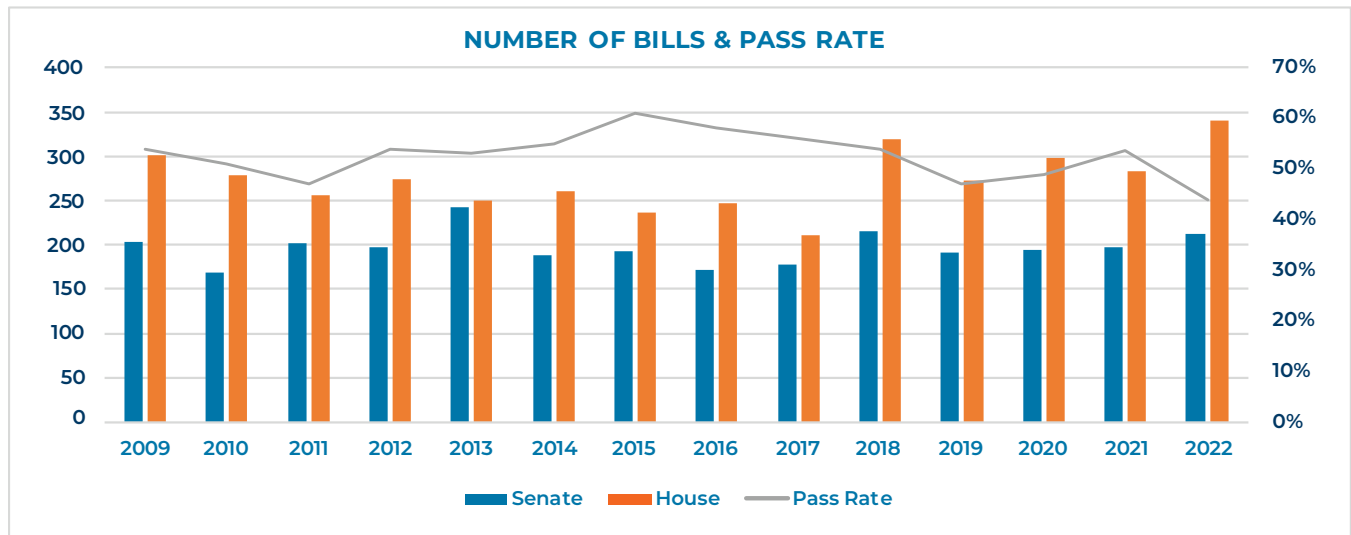
Legislative reapportionment. The Legislature shall apportion its membership by dividing the state into as many single-member, legislative districts as there are state senators. House districts shall be established wholly within senatorial districts and shall be either single-member or dual-member districts as the Legislature shall determine. Legislative districts shall consist of compact, contiguous territory and shall have population as nearly equal as is practicable, based on the last preceding federal census. An apportionment shall be made by the Legislature in 1983 and in 1991, and every ten years after 1991. Such apportionment shall be accomplished by December first of the year in which the apportionment is required. If any Legislature whose duty it is to make an apportionment shall fail to make the same as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Supreme Court within ninety days to make such apportionment.

This is the final version of the newly adopted legislative districts:



LEGISLATION DIGEST

The 2022 legislative session's bill count was the highest in the past fifteen legislative sessions. The chart² below indicates the last ten years of pass rates and bills considered. During the main run, 340 House bills and 213 Senate bills - 553 in all - were introduced. The House passed 128 bills while the Senate passed 213 bills. This year the passage rate for House bills was 38% and the Senate's passage rate was 55%.



The number of bills with an emergency clause totaled 104. Bills with emergency clauses, along with tax increases, require a significantly higher affirmative vote for passage.

State law provides the effective date of laws passed at regular session shall be July 1 unless a different effective date is specified in the Act. The Legislature, however, by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected in each house is permitted to declare a bill an emergency clause. An emergency clause³ measure takes effect and is in force immediately after its passage and the approval of the Governor.

Some appropriation bills are required to have a two-thirds vote. This legislative year provided an elevated level of budget and appropriation bills. The flow of federal dollars was a significant influencer again in 2022. South Dakota benefited from more than a billion dollars from a combination of federal funds and unusually high sales tax revenue. Here is an overview of the dollars that flowed into the state's treasury and was appropriated by the legislature.

FY22

General: \$1,771,822,935

Federal: \$2,744,729,828

Other: \$1,495,676,972

Total: \$6,012,229,735

FY23

General: \$1,991,120,285

Federal: \$2,266,142,632

Other: \$1,526,864,771

Total: \$5,784,127,688

To learn more about how those dollars were appropriated, please review the state budget section of this report. There is a detailed accounting for both FY 2022 and the FY 2023 appropriation bills.

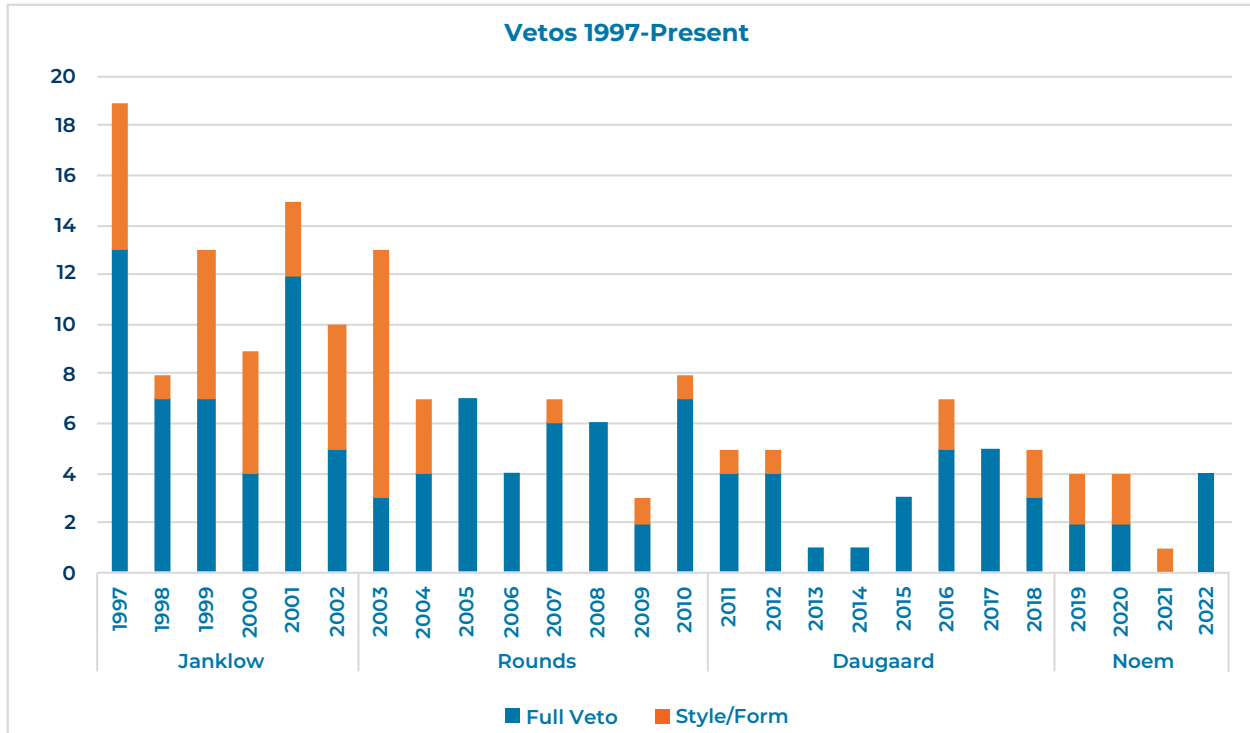
The impact of these dollars also provides awareness of the economic impact our state will enjoy over the next 12 to 24 months.

² <https://sdlegislature.gov/docs/legsession/2020/LegislatorReferenceBook.pdf> (April 2022).

³ There are two types of emergency clauses: one is for the support of state government and its existing public institutions and the second is for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety.

THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR AND VETOES

The 2022 Legislative Session began on Tuesday, January 11 and ran through Thursday, March 10 and included 38 legislative days.



Veto Day was Monday, March 28; the 38th legislative day. The Governor issued⁴ four full vetoes—HB 1213, HB 1281, SB 76, and SB 151—that were considered on Veto Day.

- HB 1213 An act to authorize the provision of informed consent by a pregnant minor. Veto override, Failed, YEAS 23, NAYS 47.
- HB 1281 An act to clarify the contents of the general appropriations act for fiscal year 2023, pertaining to certain federal moneys and to declare an emergency. Veto override, Failed, YEAS 40, NAYS 30
- SB 76 An act to revise certain provisions regarding the minimum amount of a lottery prize that is subject to setoff. Vetoes earlier in the legislative session. Veto override, Failed, YEAS 15, NAYS 19.
- SB 151 An act to revise the automatic removal of certain convictions from a background check record. Veto override, Failed, YEAS 17, NAYS 17.

The Chamber did not adopt a position on these bills during the legislative session but did have an interest in and monitored HB 1281 and SB 151. HB 1281 sought to bring legislative oversight on federal funds outside of the legislative session. SB 151 sought to make automatic removal from a defendant's public record five years after disposition if all court-ordered conditions on the case have been satisfied and the defendant has not been convicted of any further offenses within those five years:

(1) A case in which all charges are petty offenses, municipal ordinance violations, or a Class 2 misdemeanor was the highest charged offense shall be automatically removed from a defendant's public record after five years if all court ordered conditions on the case have been satisfied and the defendant has not been convicted of any further offenses within those five years. misdemeanors; or

(2) A case in which all charges are petty offenses, municipal ordinance violations, Class 2 misdemeanors, and Class 1 misdemeanors for the use or possession of marijuana or any derivative of marijuana.

⁴ <https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/220319.pdf> (April 1, 2021).

THE CHAMBER PLATFORM ADVOCACY EFFORTS

This section is intended to align the sections of our Legislative Platform with bills the Chamber advocated for on behalf of our members. With a limited amount of time and resources we use our best efforts to directly advocate on legislation outlined in our major platform areas. Moreover, we followed a comprehensive list of more than 32 bills through the Chamber Bill Tracker. The title of the bill included below is the title as it existed for final action on the bill. In some instances, this can be quite different than the title of the bill when it was filed.

The 2022 Legislative Platform in its entirety is included as an appendix to this report. Thus, this summary only includes platform related sections and the bills advocated on.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber supports economic development and Governor's Office of Economic Development programs, including the Revolving Economic Development and Initiative (REDI) Fund, the Future Fund and the Building South Dakota Fund. The Chamber supports workforce-focused programs, addressing infrastructure and revolving fund loans, workforce education and housing, and grants to offset certain taxes for qualifying projects. We will continue to monitor the use and impact of these programs and we will closely analyze any legislation that impacts these programs and other economic development efforts in our state.

HB 1210: An Act to make an appropriation to the Board of Regents to provide grant funding for a new biomedical facility at the research park in Sioux Falls, and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** Representative Kent Peterson and Senator Casey Crabtree
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriated \$15 million from the general fund to construct a new biomedical innovation facility on the grounds of the USD Discovery District in Sioux Falls. An additional \$10 million will come from the Avera, Sanford and the City of Sioux Falls for a total of \$25 million. This allows USD to move on to Phase III of the projects, which is to construct the first innovation-driven commercialization and production facility in the district (approximately 50,000 GSF).
- **Legislative action:** The House Committee on Appropriations deferred this bill to the 41st Legislative Day (5-4). It was smoked out of committee and passed the House (53-17). The Senate passed the bill after amending it to \$1. The House failed to concur. A Conference Committee Report was adopted with an amendment to put the \$15 million back in and the bill passed the House (51-27) and the Senate (31-1).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 41: An Act to revise the appropriation for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls, and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of the Military
- **What the bill does:** The bill appropriated \$5.685 million from the general fund and \$16.291 million from federal funds for the purpose of constructing a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls and allow for a property exchange.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (69-0).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on March 4, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 54: An Act to appropriate funds for the Dakota State University Cyber Program Expansion and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$30 million from the general fund to be used for assisting DSU

with their cyber program expansion, which includes launching the Governor's Cyber Academy in every South Dakota high school.

- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (34-1). It was amended down to \$1 in House Committee on Appropriations. The \$30 million was amended back into the bill in the House and passed (60-8).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 55: An Act to appropriate funds for the expansion of broadband infrastructure and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$50 million in federal funds to the Governor's Office of Economic Development to be used for the continued expansion of broadband throughout the state.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (65-4).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 23, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 63: An Act to revise the appropriation for road improvements to the State Veterans Cemetery, to provide for ordinary operations of the cemetery, and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- **What the bill does:** The bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund and \$500,000 in other fund expenditures for the purpose of making improvements to Slip Up Creek Road and 477th Avenue (the entrance to the State Veterans Cemetery). These appropriations would also be for ordinary operations of the State Veterans Cemetery.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (64-0).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 130: An Act to authorize the Board of Regents to acquire property, contract for the design and construction of the Dakota State University Applied Research Lab, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Casey Crabtree and Representative Kent Peterson
- **What the bill does:** This bill gives the Board of Regents the ability to acquire land in Sioux Falls donated by Sanford Health for the Dakota State University Applied Research Laboratory. It also appropriates \$50 million of privately donated funds to the project that will bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to the community.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (34-1) and the House (56-9).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor March 24, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Chamber recognizes that a safe, efficient and responsive infrastructure is critical to economic development and commerce in Sioux Falls and throughout South Dakota. The Chamber supports the evaluation of our road, highway, bridge systems, air, rail, water, sewer, telecommunications, public transit and public facilities on an ongoing basis. Funding, including local flexibilities, should be carefully reviewed before new funding is considered.

SB 62: An Act to make an appropriation for eligible water, wastewater, storm water, and nonpoint source projects and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$600 million in federal funds to the Board of Water and Natural Resources for the purpose of providing grants for eligible water, wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (69-0).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 22, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 115: An Act to make an appropriation for quiet zone railway crossings and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Jack Kolbeck and Representative Greg Jamison
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$5.4 million for the purpose of providing a grant to the City of Sioux Falls for installing quiet zones at railway crossings within and around Sioux Falls. The crossings would be located downtown at 6th Street, 8th Street and Weber Street. The quiet zones would greatly reduce the number of times trains blow their whistles when crossing these intersections. Developers question the rail noise whenever considering downtown Sioux Falls.

It should be noted that this bill started a conversation within the Department of Transportation on quiet zones. After this bill failed, it was made known that up to \$13 million is available to qualifying projects.

- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (26-9) but was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Committee on Appropriations (7-2).
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Supported

BUSINESS CLIMATE

The Chamber believes our economy is best served by allowing free and open competition in the marketplace in an environment that encourages business development and expansion. Laws that preclude or give advantage to one business structure or arrangement over another ultimately lessen competition and reduce our area's attractiveness as a business location. Barriers to business investment and capital formation impede growth and economic diversification. Appropriate rules and regulations may be required for a viable free market, but government intrusion should not inhibit or restrict business unnecessarily.

SB 31: An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Labor and Regulation for the modernization of the reemployment assistance enterprise system and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Labor and Regulation
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund and \$6.5 million in federal funds to the Department of Labor and Regulation for the purpose of modernizing the reemployment assistance enterprise system and creating efficiencies within the system.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (61-4).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 80: An Act to exempt the provision of electricity through electric vehicle charging stations from the definition of electric utility.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Casey Crabtree and Representative Mark Willadsen
- **What the bill does:** Prior to this bill passing, only power companies—investor owned or cooperatives—could sell electricity. Investor-owned power companies, which serve the major cities in South Dakota, are

regulated by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). This makes sense when electricity is needed in homes or businesses, but not when putting electricity into a car from a private business. Prior to SB 80, if a business such as a gas station wanted to sell electricity to consumers, they would be considered an electric cooperative. Having a PUC hearing for every automobile charging station is burdensome and unnecessary. SB 80 states that charging stations are not electric companies and therefore are not regulated by the PUC.

- **Legislative action:** The Senate passed the bill (35-0) and the House passed the bill (65-1).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on February 9, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

I SB 145: An Act to provide protections and workplace safety for meat and poultry processing workers.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Reynold Nesiba and Representative Erin Healy
- **What the bill does:** This bill sought to codify the right for a worker to refuse to work under conditions they believe would expose them, or other workers, to an unreasonable risk of public illness or injury while prohibiting the employer from discriminating or taking adverse action against said worker. A worker who has refused to work in a hazardous condition under this bill retains the right to continued employment and payment by the employer for the hours that would have been worked until the condition has been remedied. In addition, the bill would create a meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator under the Department of Labor and Regulation.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy (8-1).
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

I SB 182: An Act to prohibit discriminatory actions against person engaged with the firearm industry.

- **Sponsors:** Senator David Johnson and Representative Jon Hansen
- **What the bill does:** This bill sought to prohibit any state agency, elected official or employee of the State of South Dakota from entering into a contract with a bank unless the contract specifies that the bank has no categorical policy, rule or guidance requiring it to refuse services to the following:
 - 1. A manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, supplier or retailer of firearms engaged in the lawful commerce of firearms or ammunition products;
 - 2. A person engaged in the operation of a shooting range; or
 - 3. A firearms trade association that is exempt from federal income taxation (i.e., the NRA)

If the court finds that a bank has violated this act, the bank is prohibited from contracting with the State of South Dakota until it has been verified they are no longer in violation. The Governor has discretion to waive the verification process if it is determined to be necessary for the “sound fiscal management” of this state.

There was an attempt to resurrect this bill in the form of HB 1314 which was immediately tabled in House Judiciary on a vote of 11-0.

- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy (6-2).
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber supports expanding workforce housing and support services for workforce development, retention and recruitment that is accessible for low- and moderate-income individuals.

I HB 1033: An Act to expand the eligible projects for the local infrastructure improvement grant fund.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

- **What the bill does:** As initially written, this bill would expand the eligible projects for the local infrastructure grant fund to include workforce housing. However, this bill was hoghoused. The new bill required all \$200 million to be reserved for infrastructure projects. Section one and two of the bill state:
 - Revolving loan funds of \$100 million for construction of housing infrastructure, and
 - Grants for \$100 million for the construction of housing infrastructure:
 - \$50,000 million
 - \$50,000 million American Rescue Plan Dollars.

Section three states loans or grants must be designated as follows:

- Thirty percent of the dollars are for use in municipalities having a population of fifty thousand or more (Sioux Falls & Rapid City); and
- Seventy percent for use in all other areas of the state.

The last section provision in Section three states: Any housing infrastructure project sited in a municipality having a population of fifty thousand or more may receive either a loan or a grant from moneys appropriated or authorized under this Act but may not receive both.

Section four of the bill provides: Any grant made available by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority pursuant to this Act may not be for an amount greater than one-third of the project's total cost.

Section six provides the definition of the term "housing infrastructure:

- Rights of way;
- Water distribution systems;
- Sanitary and storm sewers;
- Streets, roads, and bridges;
- Curbs, gutters, and sidewalks;
- Lift stations;
- Excavation and compaction;
- Traffic signals;
- Street lighting;
- The purchase of land necessary to accommodate projects listed in this section; and
- Any other infrastructure project determined by the South Dakota Housing Development Authority to be consistent with the purposes of this Act.

- **Legislative action:** Passed the House (48-22) and the Senate (35-0).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 25, 2022
- **Position:** Supported

HB 1242: An Act to allow medical practice on the basis of conscience.

- **Sponsors:** Representative Steve Haugaard
- **What the bill does:** This bill would codify a medical practitioner's right to practice in such a manner that they deem is in the best interest of the practitioner's patient based on their own personal conscience.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Health and Human Services
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

SB 61: An Act to make an appropriation to the Board of Technical Education to support the purchase of simulation equipment for a health sciences clinical simulation center on the campus of Southeast Technical College and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Board of Technical Education
- **What the bill does:** The bill appropriates \$4.5 million for the purpose of purchasing equipment for a health sciences clinical simulation center on the campus of Southeast Technical College. Once completed, the Health Science Simulation Center will allow for approximately 150 new students annually at Southeast Tech to help meet the increasing demand within critical health care career fields.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (63-4).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on March 21, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 53: An Act to make an appropriation to increase workforce housing and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$100 million (\$50 million in state funds and \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds) for housing infrastructure grants that will run through GOED and another \$100 million into the Housing Opportunity Fund at the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) for revolving loans with flexible terms. GOED grants will still be administered through the Local Infrastructure Improvement Program while SDHDA will use the money to provide revolving loans for costs relating to housing infrastructure. In addition, Amendment 53A requires GOED to make 50% of their funding available to municipalities with a population less than 50,000. Amendment 53C implements reporting requirements.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (33-2) and the House (50-19).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on March 15, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 65: An Act to delineate uses for the South Dakota housing opportunity fund.

- **Sponsors:** Senator David Wheeler and Representative Mike Weisgram
- **What the bill does:** This bill adds housing infrastructure as an eligible expense under the Housing Opportunity Fund and removes some of the limitations regarding income limits and geographical distribution guidelines from project focused solely on housing infrastructure. This bill is in tandem with SB 53 which appropriates \$200 million to both GOED and SDHDA.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0), but failed to get two thirds vote in the House (46-24).
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Supported

SB 102: An Act to create the Medicaid expansion fund and to provide for the receipt of monies received as a result of expanding Medicaid eligibility.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Wayne Steinhauer and Representative Larry Tidemann
- **What the bill does:** This bill was introduced along with SB 186 "An Act to expand Medicaid eligibility by the Legislature" and created a fund in the state treasury for any general fund savings realized from a temporary increase in federal medical assistance as a result of Medicaid expansion.
- **Legislative action:** Amended by Senate Health and Human Services. Passed the Senate (21-14). Tabled (7-1) by House Committee on Appropriations.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Supported

SB 162: An Act to revise the discretionary formula for reduced taxation of new structures and residential property.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Casey Crabtree and Representative Roger Chase
- **What the bill does:** This bill revises the discretionary formula for reduced taxation of new structures and residential property. There are two intents with this piece of legislation—1.) to incentivize developers to build workforce housing; and 2.) to keep the decision making at a local level. In the first and second year, no more than 25% of the increased assessed value will be taxed; 50% in the third or fourth year; 75% in the fifth or sixth year; and 100% in seventh and each subsequent year. However, county commissioners may adopt a different formula as long as it complies with above structure.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (68-2).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

EDUCATION

The future of Sioux Falls and South Dakota depends on educating our citizens and developing our workforce to remain competitive on a regional, national and international scale. It is vital to foster an educational system that works in tandem with the business community and government to address and support workforce development initiatives. Quality education is essential for the business community to attract new employers and employees and to educate a growingly diverse workforce.

To support our state's citizens and to meet our workforce development needs, the Chamber supports the allocation of public monies to ensure funds for an equitable, effective and efficient system of pre-K-12, technical schools and higher education.

SB 154: An Act to revise criteria for the South Dakota freedom scholarship.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Brian Breitling and Representative Will Mortenson
- **What the bill does:** This bill updates language associated with the Freedom Scholarship Fund. It requires undergraduate students to be a full-time, degree-seeking, South Dakota resident and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA (a decrease from the initial 2.5 requirement). In addition, it requires a student to receive a baccalaureate degree within five years otherwise any amounts awarded may be converted into an interest-bearing loan.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (26-9) and the House (40-25).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 21, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

HEALTH CARE

The Chamber recognizes the role the non-profit community plays in providing essential services to our most vulnerable citizens and supports appropriate funding for them. We strongly encourage the state's reimbursement rates to align with providers true costs associated with those essential services.

The Chamber acknowledges the important role of its medical institutions, especially in the current pandemic, and will give additional weight to their recommendations for public health safety.

SB 174: An Act to make an appropriation to provide a grant for the construction of a facility to provide certain health facilities and services and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** Senator Jack Kolbeck and Representative Chris Johnson
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$8 million in general funds to assist Lifescope with the construction of a specialty rehabilitation pediatric hospital, specialty school for children under 21 years, an intermediate health care facility for children under 21, and an outpatient rehabilitation pediatric service.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (67-1).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The Chamber recognizes the growing diversity of our state's population and we embrace the opportunities that this diversity provides for a culturally and talent-rich community. We will work with residents, our partners, community and state agencies and elected officials to develop efforts to engage and include all individuals in our state who seek to work side-by-side with us to grow our economy. As we work to meet the workforce expectations evident today and predicted well into the future, legal immigration and refugee resettlement are proven and important strategies. We will also resist initiatives which inappropriately sanction or discriminate against individuals or groups.

I HB 1025: An Act to update legal holidays in South Dakota.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Bureau of Human Resources
- **What the bill does:** The bill adds Juneteenth to the list of legal holidays in South Dakota. It does not require an employer to provide paid leave or require employers to provide a day off.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the House (47-21) and the Senate (23-11).
- **Status:** Signed by the Governor on February 10, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNER RIGHTS

The Chamber opposes unnecessary intrusions into employer/employee relationships.

The Chamber supports voluntary agreements between management and the workforce establishing compensation, benefits, hours and working conditions.

The Chamber supports the employer's ability to ensure a safe environment for employees and patrons.

Each session legislation is introduced that put business and property owners at odds with gun advocates. The Chamber supports the right to gun ownership and the traditions of hunting and outdoor life so prominent in South Dakota. However, we have also maintained that property and business owners have the right to restrict gun possession on their property if they choose. The Chamber will continue to support the rights of property and business owners to restrict gun possession on their property.

I HB 1008: An Act to provide a cause of action for certain employees that are required to receive a vaccination as a condition of employment and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** Representative Fred Deutsch and Senator Al Novstrup
- **What the bill does:** This bill would allow an employee to bring a claim against an employer for actual and punitive damages for injuries or illness caused by a vaccination if it is mandated as a condition of their employment. It would not be subject to any limitation of liability, damages, or immunity.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day in House Judiciary.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

I HB 1224: An Act to extend unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are unemployed because of their refusal to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination.

- **Sponsors:** Representative Steve Haugaard
- **What the bill does:** This bill would allow individual access to unemployment benefits who are unemployed because they have made the decision not to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Taxation.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

■ **SB 70: An Act to modify the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation.**

- **Sponsors:** Senator Reynold Nesiba and Representative Shawn Bordeaux
- **What the bill does:** This bill would increase the number of days an employee has to tell an employer that they have been injured from three days to thirty days. Reasoning given is that today's injuries are often slow to appear. We think it is unnecessary as there are several exceptions to the three-day notice.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

■ **HB 1179: An Act to provide for an inalienable right to bodily integrity.**

- **Sponsors:** Representative Caleb Weis and Senator Julie Frye-Mueller
- **What the bill does:** This bill states that every person has the inalienable right to bodily integrity, free from any threat or compulsion that the person accepts any medical intervention. It goes on to state that a person may not be given preferential treatment for accepting a medical intervention nor may a person be discriminated against for refusing to accept a medical intervention. We oppose this bill on the grounds that it violates employers' rights to provide a safe environment for their employees and patrons.
- **Legislative action:** Withdraw at the Request of the Prime Sponsor.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

■ **HB 1211: An Act to prohibit the enforcement of contracts limiting competition on certain matters of conscience.**

- **Sponsors:** Representative Spencer Gosch and Senator Brock Greenfield
- **What the bill does:** This bill would void non-compete contracts if the employer mandates or requires that the employee obtains a COVID-19 vaccination in violation of the conscience of the employee.
- **Legislative action:** Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Health and Human Services.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

■ **HB 1256: An Act to establish employees' exemptions from employer-imposed COVID-19 vaccine requirements.**

- **Sponsors:** Representative Scott Odenbach and Senator Maggie Sutton
- **What the bill does:** This bill states that no employee may be required by an employer to receive a COVID-19 vaccination if the employee submits the following to the employer—1.) A written statement from a physician stating that the COVID-19 vaccination is contraindicated for medical reasons; 2.) A signed statement that the person objects to the vaccination on religious, moral, ethical, or philosophical beliefs; or 3.) A signed statement attesting to the person's immunity by prior COVID-19 infection. This does not apply to member of the South Dakota National Guard.
- **Legislative action:** Withdrawn at the request of the sponsor.
- **Status:** Dead
- **Position:** Opposed

ENVIRONMENT

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce places a high priority on safeguarding and conserving both the quality and quantity of our area's natural amenities. Government, in partnership with business, should share responsibility in conserving, enhancing and protecting our water quality, air quality and land. Landowners and sportsmen should work together to ease conflicts in land access and game management issues, to preserve the economic and quality of life benefits from outdoor recreation. Given the substantial public and private investments to develop the river greenway, and the potential to develop a first-class amenity in our community, strategies seeking to improve the water quality in the Big Sioux and its tributaries should be identified and implemented.

SB 64: An Act to make appropriations from the water and environment fund and its revolving subfunds for various water and environmental purposes and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Office of the Governor
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates approximately \$17 million to various water and environmental purposes. The appropriations are as follows:
 - \$1.021 million—a grant for hydrology and water management studies to assess, model and quantify the state's surface water and groundwater resources.
 - \$249,727—a grant to be used for the feasibility level study update of the Big Sioux River flood control study of Watertown and its vicinity.
 - \$10.5 million—provide grants and loans to project sponsors under the consolidated water facilities construction program.
 - \$2.75 million—provide grants and loans to project sponsors under the solid waste management program.
 - \$300,000—provide water quality grants.
 - \$250,000—contracting for the preparation of applications and administration of clean water state revolving fund loan.
 - \$275,000-- contracting for the preparation of applications and administration of drinking water state revolving fund loans.
 - \$150,000—providing small technical assistance set-aside grants
 - \$1.5 million—contracting for a lead service line inventory of all public water systems
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (66-0).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

SB 67: An Act to make an appropriation to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to improve and repair infrastructure around Lake Alvin and Newell Lake and to declare an emergency.

- **Sponsors:** The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks.
- **What the bill does:** This bill appropriates \$5.6 million for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, renovation and modernization of infrastructure at Lake Alvin and Newell Lake.
- **Legislative action:** Passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (66-0).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

THE STATE BUDGET

The Chamber supports a balanced budget even if it means difficult decisions. Balancing the budget can be done in many ways and the Chamber supports creative solutions in addressing this issue. We continue to see no need for an income tax or major tax increases.

THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

The FY 2022 General Appropriations Bill

■ SB 60: An Act to revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2022.

- **Sponsors:** The Senate Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Bureau of Finance and Management.
- **What the bill does:** This bill makes all the changes necessary to finalize the FY2022 budget. Overall, SB 60 includes a decrease in general fund expenses of \$73.3 million and also includes cash transfers of \$26.7 million.

A majority of the general fund cuts were due to the ability for South Dakota to utilize federal funds the State received due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These include:

- \$65.6 million in Enhanced FMAP savings
- \$42.0 million in public health and public safety employee payroll

These reductions allowed for one-time budget investments through this legislative session.

The bill also transfers \$16.6 million to the Incarceration Construction Fund to prepare for future investments in our prison system. Throughout this session, there were discussions about county and state correctional facilities and issues that we know exist.

In addition, this bill takes care of individuals and families who are victims of crime and abuse. It appropriates \$3.3 million to support providers who help women and children who are victims of crime. This bill also transfers \$1 million to the Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund in order to ensure our children in the judicial system are protected.

SB 60 invests in our nursing homes and intermediate care facilities to ensure we take care of our citizens. In addition, one-time investments will be used to support home and community-based providers who were impacted by the pandemic.

SB 60 also made necessary adjustments to the current fiscal year to finish out normal operations.

- **Legislative action:** This bill passed the Senate (32-1) and the House (60-9).
- **Status:** Signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- **Position:** Supported

The FY 2023 General Appropriations Bill

After two months of early morning meetings and late-night negotiations, the Governor and the Legislature provided a budget focused on the needs of the citizens of South Dakota.

Since the budget proposal in December, the state saw an uptick in revenue projections. This allowed investment in areas that are crucial to meeting the current and future needs of South Dakota: education, healthcare providers and the state employee workforce.

The budget is rooted in fiscal discipline and uses one-time money for one-time expenses and ongoing money for ongoing expenses.

The major accomplishments funded through this bill include:

- 6.0% increase for K-12 general and special education.
 - Teachers have been asked to step up and continue educating our students during a pandemic, this 6.0% increase exceeds the 2.6% required by statute. This is a pat on the back to our educators for a job well done.
- 6.0% increase for technical colleges.
- 6.0% increase for our state employee workforce.
 - State employees were also challenged this year as they continued to provide support to all of South Dakota. This increase will allow them to keep up with inflation and provide a small movement toward market value.
- 6.0% increase for all healthcare providers.
 - This increase will support those who help individuals in the state that cannot take care of themselves.

This budget meets fiscal needs while keeping true to South Dakota's fiscal values. The reserves are still funded above 10%, which saves the state millions of dollars in the long run, and the budget is structurally balanced, free of any accounting tricks or gimmicks.

The change in HB 1340 over the FY 2022 base budget is:

- Increase of \$170.1 million in general funds
- Increase of \$437.2 million in federal fund expenditure authority
- Increase of \$51.5 million in other fund expenditure authority
- Increase of \$658.8 million in total funds
- Reduction of 28.3 Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

The adopted and ongoing budget for FY 2023 includes:

- \$2.0 billion in general funds
- \$2.3 billion in federal fund expenditure authority
- \$1.5 billion in other fund expenditure authority
- \$5.8 billion in total funds

This budget will meet the needs of this coming year and position South Dakota for future growth.

In South Dakota, our system of budgeting works. While we have disagreements and varying viewpoints, our goals are aligned – to meet the needs of the people of South Dakota. We do a lot of things right in South Dakota, and we should be proud of the hard work we have put forth to make South Dakota even better.

CONCLUSION

The 97th Legislative Session is behind us, and the greater Sioux Falls business community was well represented both by elected officials and your team at the Chamber.

The Chamber's advocacy work, on behalf of our members, is based on a simple premise – what happens in the State Capitol impacts our membership and to leave it to fate or in the hands of others is far too risky. Lobbyists in Pierre have a saying, "if you don't have a seat at the table, you might just be the main course." This is why your Chamber works tirelessly to be the voice for business in the Capitol.

In closing, we extend a hearty thank you to Governor Kristi Noem and her team, and to all our elected officials who serve our state. We appreciate their leadership and dedication.

As we look ahead to the 2023 Legislative Session, we look forward to working with the newly elected legislative candidates and returning legislative incumbents. In addition, the legislature will elect new leadership to oversee the work of the Senate and the House. Finally, we know the 98th Legislative Session will convene next January, and this grand South Dakota tradition will continue.



APPENDIX 1

2022 Legislative Scorecard

This document indicates how all 30 representatives of the Sioux Falls area voted on issues the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce took a position on during the 2022 Legislative Session. All these particular votes were related to measures important to the Sioux Falls business community and fell in line with the legislative platform set by the Chamber's Issues Management Council (IMC) and Board of Directors.

The scorecard shows which representatives voted with and against the Chamber on these important issues. It's important to note that this scorecard is not necessarily indictive of everything that the Chamber was involved with during the 2022 Legislative Session. Further, this document is not intended as an evaluation of any lawmaker but is presented as a factual record of how votes were cast on select issues of importance to the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Lawmakers were given the "Sioux Falls Community Champion" designation if they voted with the Chamber on 100% of the bills on this scorecard. "Sioux Falls Supporter" designation was given to those legislators who voted in line with the Chamber on more than 80% of the bills. Designations are based on 2022 voting records alone. A cumulative percentage is included to show a lawmaker's record of voting in line with Chamber positions over time.

2022 Legislative Voting Record

Name (District)	HB 1008	HB 1025	HB 1033	HB 1210	HB 1211	HB 1224	HB 1242	SB 31	SB 41	SB 53	SB 54	SB 55	SB 60	SB 61	SB 62
Rep. Richard Thomason (13)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt (14)*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Doug Barthel (10)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Wayne Steinhauer (9)	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Mark Willadsen (11)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Blake Curd (12)	—	—	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Erin Healy (14)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Jamie Smith (15)	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. David Anderson (16)	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Reynold Nesiba (15)*	—	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Linda Duba (15)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Jack Kolbeck (13)*	—	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Greg Jamison (12)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	—
Rep. Ernie Otten (6)*	—	—	✓	✓	—	✓	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Larry Zikmund (14)*	—	✗	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Jim Bolin (16)*	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Maggie Sutton (10)*	—	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Sue Peterson (13)*	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Jim Stalzer (11)*	—	✗	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Herman Otten (6)*	—	✗	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Kevin Jensen (16)*	—	✓	✓	—	✗	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sen. Marsha Symens (25)	—	✗	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Arch Beal (12)*	—	✓	✗	✓	✗	—	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Jon Hansen (25)*	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	—	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Rhonda Milstead (9)	—	✓	✗	✗	✗	—	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	—	✓	✓
Rep. Tom Pischke (25)*	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	—	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Rep. Chris Karr (11)*	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	—	—	—	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Bethany Soye (9)*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	—	✗	✓	—	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Rep. Steve Haugaard (10)	—	✓	✗	✗	✗	—	—	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	✓
Rep. Aaron Aylward (6)*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	—	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓

* denotes legislator is seeking reelection in 2022

✗ Opposed Chamber's position ✓ Supported Chamber's position — Did not vote*

SB 62	SB 63	SB 64	SB 65	SB 67	SB 70	SB 80	SB 102	SB 115	SB 130	SB 145	SB 154	SB 162	SB 174	SB 182	Cumulative	2022	
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COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

SUPPORTERS

Note: If an elected official did not vote on an issue, the issue is not counted when tabulating the annual score.

South Dakota Legislative Session: 2022 Votes

- 1. Vaccine Retribution: HB 1008** sought to provide a cause of action for certain employees that are required to receive a vaccination as a condition of employment.

The Chamber actively opposed HB 1008. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Judiciary (7-6).
- 2. Juneteenth: HB 1025** sought to update the legal holidays in South Dakota.

The Chamber actively supported HB 1025. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (47-21) and the Senate (23-11). It was signed into law by the Governor on February 10, 2022.
- 3. Workforce Housing Bill: HB 1033** sought to make an appropriation for the provision of housing infrastructure loans and grants.

The Chamber actively supported HB 1033. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (41-27), was amended in the Senate and passed (35-0), and the House concurred with the amendments (48-22). The bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 25, 2022.
- 4. USD Discovery District funding: HB 1210** proposed to make an appropriation to the Board of Regents to provide grant funding for a new biomedical facility at the research park in Sioux Falls.

The Chamber actively supported HB 1210. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (51-17) and the Senate (34-1). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- 5. Non-competes related to Vaccine Requirements: HB 1211** would have prohibited the enforcement of contracts limiting competition on certain matters of conscience.

The Chamber actively opposed HB 1211. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (42-26), but was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Health and Human Services (7-0).
- 6. Unemployment Insurance and Vaccine Requirements: HB 1224** proposed to extend unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are unemployed because of their refusal to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination.

The Chamber actively opposed HB 1224. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Taxation (9-4).
- 7. Medical Practice and Conscience: HB 1242** sought to allow medical practice on the basis of conscience.

The Chamber actively opposed HB 1242. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Health and Human Services (7-4).
- 8. Modernization of the Reemployment Assistance Enterprise System: SB 31** made an appropriation to the Department of Labor and Regulation for the modernization of the reemployment assistance enterprise system.

The Chamber actively supported SB 31. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (61-4). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- 9. National Guard Readiness Center: SB 41** revised the appropriation for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls.

The Chamber actively supported SB 41. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (69-0). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 4, 2022.

- 10. Workforce Housing: SB 53** made an appropriation to increase workforce housing.

The Chamber actively supported SB 53. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (33-2) and the House (50-19). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 15, 2022.
- 11. DSU Cyber Program Expansion: SB 54** appropriated funds for the Dakota State University Cyber Program Expansion.

The Chamber actively supported SB 54. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (34-1) and the House (60-8). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- 12. Broadband: SB 55** appropriated funds for the expansion of broadband infrastructure.

The Chamber actively supported SB 55. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (65-4). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 23, 2022.
- 13. General Appropriations Bill: SB 60** set the budget for fiscal year 2022.

The Chamber actively supported SB 60. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (32-1) and the House (60-9). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- 14. Health Sciences Clinical Simulation Center: SB 61** made an appropriation to the Board of Technical Education to support the purchase of simulation equipment for a health sciences clinical simulation center on the campus of Southeast Technical College.

The Chamber actively supported SB 61. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (63-4). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 21, 2022.
- 15. Water Infrastructure: SB 62** made an appropriation for eligible water, wastewater, storm water, and nonpoint source projects.

The Chamber actively supported SB 62. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (69-0). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 22, 2022.
- 16. Veterans Cemetery Road: SB 63** revised the appropriation for road improvements to the State Veterans Cemetery, to provide for ordinary operations of the cemetery.

The Chamber actively supported SB 63. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (64-0). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- 17. Water and Environmental Projects: SB 64** made appropriations from the water and environment fund and its revolving fund subfunds for various water and environmental purposes.

The Chamber actively supported SB 64. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (66-0). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2022.
- 18. SD Housing Opportunity Fund: SB 65** delineated uses for the South Dakota housing opportunity fund.

The Chamber actively supported SB 65. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) but failed in the House (46-24).
- 19. Lake Alvin Improvements: SB 67** made an appropriation to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to improve and repair infrastructure around Lake Alvin and Newell Lake.

The Chamber actively supported SB 67. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (66-0). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 8, 2022.

- 20. Workers' Compensation: SB 70** modified the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation. The Chamber actively opposed SB 70. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy (8-1).
- 21. Electric Charging Stations: SB 80** exempted the provision of electricity through electric vehicle charging stations from the definition of electric utility. The Chamber actively supported SB 80. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (65-1). It was signed into law by the Governor on February 9, 2022.
- 22. Medicaid Expansion Fund: SB 102** created the Medicaid expansion fund and provided for the receipt of monies received as a result of expanding Medicaid eligibility. The Chamber actively supported SB 102. A "YEA" vote in the Senate and a "NAY" vote in House Committee on Appropriations was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (21-14) but was tabled by House Committee on Appropriations (7-1) and was never brought forward to reconsider.
- 23. Quiet Zones: SB 115** made an appropriation for quiet zone railway crossings. The Chamber actively supported SB 115. A "YEA" vote in the Senate and a "NAY" vote in the House was in accord with the Chamber's position. The Senate passed the bill (26-9), but was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by House Committee on Appropriations (7-2).
- 24. DSU Applied Research Lab: SB 130** authorized the Board of Regents to acquire property, contract for the design and construction of the Dakota State University Applied Research Lab, and made an appropriation therefor. The Chamber actively supported SB 130. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (34-1) and the House (56-9). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- 25. Meatpacking Plant Workers Protections: SB 145** provided protections and workplace safety for meat and poultry processing workers. The Chamber actively opposed SB 182. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy (8-1).
- 26. Freedom Scholarship Updates: SB 154** revised criteria for the South Dakota Freedom Scholarship. The Chamber actively supported SB 154. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (26-9) and the House (40-25). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 21, 2022.
- 27. Discretionary Formula for Housing: SB 162** revised the discretionary formula for reduced taxation of new structures and residential property. The Chamber actively supported SB 162. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (28-0) and the House (68-2). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 18, 2022.
- 28. Lifescope Expansion: SB 174** made an appropriation to provide a grant for the construction of a facility to provide certain health facilities and services. The Chamber actively supported SB 174. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill passed the Senate (35-0) and the House (67-1). It was signed into law by the Governor on March 24, 2022.
- 29. Unnecessary Government Intervention: SB 182** prohibited discriminatory actions against persons engaged with the firearm industry. The Chamber actively opposed SB 182. A "YEA" vote was in accord with the Chamber's position. The bill was deferred to the 41st Legislative Day by Senate Commerce and Energy (6-2).



APPENDIX 2

2022 CHAMBER PLATFORM

In order to develop its legislative platform, the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), through its Issues Management Council, conducts research, hears presentations and surveys its members about issues affecting business. These efforts, combined with actively following and monitoring legislative activity, guide our efforts toward developing the legislative platform. The Issues Management Council makes platform recommendations to the Board of Directors who is the final policy decision making body for the Chamber.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber supports economic development and Governor's Office of Economic Development programs including the Revolving Economic Development and Initiative (REDI) Fund, the Future Fund and the Building South Dakota Fund. The Chamber supports workforce focused programs, addressing infrastructure and revolving fund loans, workforce education and housing, and grants to offset certain taxes for qualifying projects. We will continue to monitor the use and impact of these programs and we will closely analyze any legislation that impacts these programs and other economic development efforts in our state.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

South Dakota has limited programs, when compared to other states, to help compete for and leverage business growth and development. One such program that is locally controlled and administered is tax increment financing (TIF) which can be vital to a project happening, re-locating or moving forward in South Dakota. The Chamber supports the appropriate use of TIFs for projects when it is needed to address blight, build infrastructure, encourage workforce housing expansion, promote economic development and/or make public improvements. Further, we support local decision-making in the administration of TIFs.

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Chamber recognizes that a safe, efficient and responsive infrastructure is critical to economic development and commerce in Sioux Falls and throughout South Dakota. The Chamber supports the evaluation of our road, highway, bridge systems, air, rail, water, sewer, telecommunications, public transit and public facilities on an ongoing basis. Funding, including local flexibilities, should be carefully reviewed before new funding is considered.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

The Chamber believes our economy is best served by allowing free and open competition in the marketplace in an environment that encourages business development and expansion. Laws that preclude or give advantage to one business structure or arrangement over another ultimately lessen competition and reduce our area's attractiveness as a business location. Barriers to business investment and capital formation impede growth and economic diversification. Appropriate rules and regulations may be required for a viable free market, but government intrusion should not inhibit or restrict business unnecessarily.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber supports expanding workforce housing and support services for workforce development, retention and recruitment that is accessible for low and moderate income individuals.

DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMS

The Chamber believes a component of workforce development is ensuring employees are able to get to work. With an increasingly diverse population, the Chamber supports legislation to examine or implement drivers' license testing in languages other than English and Spanish. South Dakota should consider implementing additional multi-language tests to strengthen our workforce development efforts.

THE STATE BUDGET

The Chamber supports a balanced budget even if it means difficult decisions. Balancing the budget can be done in many ways and the Chamber supports creative solutions in addressing this issue. We continue to see no need for an income tax or major tax increases.

EDUCATION

The future of Sioux Falls and South Dakota depends on educating our citizens and developing our workforce to remain competitive on a regional, national and international scale. It is vital to foster an educational system that works in tandem with the business community and government to address and support workforce development initiatives. Quality education is essential for the business community to attract new employers and employees and to educate a growingly diverse workforce.

To support our state's citizens and to meet our workforce development needs, the Chamber supports the allocation of public monies to ensure funds for an equitable, effective and efficient system of pre-K-12, technical schools and higher education.

Pre-K: The Chamber encourages and supports funding for Pre-K education for all children in South Dakota, including a state-wide study related to Pre-K.

K-12 Funding: The Chamber supports efforts to maintain and increase teacher pay and would oppose efforts to rollback past funding levels. Further, we encourage the School Finance Accountability Board and the Legislature to ensure that in the future school districts are held accountable for meeting teacher pay and cash balance targets. We will follow all proposals affecting K-12 funding closely and consider the impact on our members and area schools. We support the findings of the 2021 Teacher Compensation Review Board and encourage legislators and school officials to continue to emphasize school funding and teacher pay.

K-12 Efficiency: The Chamber fully understands the challenges of operating a K-12 system in a largely rural state that is sparsely populated. For their well-being and the well-being of our state, children throughout South Dakota must be assured a quality education as our Constitution outlines. Still, we encourage organizational changes to improve efficiency and permit reinvestment into core priorities like teacher salaries and educational programming. We recognize that some districts that are sparsely populated need additional resources per student to ensure a quality education. However, some districts choose to remain small and additional financial subsidies in those instances should be critically reviewed. We encourage the use of technology-based instruction to enhance access to master teachers and course topics that are not available in our smaller districts. We discourage school districts from utilizing recruitment and busing to lure and transport students from one district to another. If at all possible, school districts should not be financially incented to recruit students. In short, efficiency and organizational decisions need to be made to reflect changing demographics and to meet the needs of our K-12 learners.

Technical Colleges: As demand for a technically skilled workforce continues to grow, South Dakota's technical colleges require the ability to respond programmatically to that demand and the funding for workforce-related programs. Costs continue to rise particularly in regard to serving students in high-cost program areas. The Chamber urges tuition costs for students be lowered to be competitive with surrounding states. The Chamber supports increased investment in the workforce of tomorrow, which is critical for continued economic development. The Chamber also supports continuing progress to enhance local control of our state's technical institutes to ensure they best serve South Dakota.

Higher Education: The Chamber acknowledges that a highly educated populace is critically important to many individual businesses and to competitively position our community for future economic development. In order to retain our students, the Chamber encourages the expansion of scholarship funding. This includes, but is not limited to, the needs-based Freedom Scholarship, Build Dakota Scholarship and South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship. We support adequate funding for the Regental system and encourage consideration for funding options for the USD Community College for

Sioux Falls to address tuition and service inequalities and new mission opportunities. Further, we encourage more local governance and input into the Community College to better align its programs with the needs of residents and the business community.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Funding: The Chamber is concerned about resources available to counties to address behavioral and mental health, criminal justice costs, and infrastructure needs. We believe alignment with collaborative partnerships and improved funding will benefit the counties.

City Sales Tax for Infrastructure: The Chamber has consistently supported a proposal to permit municipalities to impose a sales tax for infrastructure purposes, provided there is an affirmative vote of the municipality's residents and the tax is tied to specific projects for a set period of time. We believe this type of local control proposal is the best way to determine the need for such a tax and measure the willingness of local citizens to impose a tax in their community.

HEALTH CARE

The Chamber recognizes the role the non-profit community plays in providing essential services to our most vulnerable citizens and supports appropriate funding for them. We strongly encourage the state's reimbursement rates to align with providers true costs associated with those essential services.

The Chamber acknowledges the important role of its medical institutions, especially in the current pandemic, and will give additional weight to their recommendations for public health safety.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The Chamber recognizes the growing diversity of our state's population and we embrace the opportunities that this diversity provides for a culturally and talent-rich community. We will work with residents, our partners, community and state agencies and elected officials to develop efforts to engage and include all individuals in our state who seek to work side-by-side with us to grow our economy. As we work to meet the workforce expectations evident today and predicted well into the future, legal immigration and refugee resettlement are proven and important strategies. We will also resist initiatives which inappropriately sanction or discriminate against individuals or groups.

PROPERTY AND BUSINESS OWNER RIGHTS

The Chamber opposes unnecessary intrusions into employer/employee relationships.

The Chamber supports voluntary agreements between management and the workforce establishing compensation, benefits, hours and working conditions.

The Chamber supports the employer's ability to ensure a safe environment for employees and patrons.

Each session legislation is introduced that put business and property owners at odds with gun advocates. The Chamber supports the right to gun ownership and the traditions of hunting and outdoor life so prominent in South Dakota. However, we have also maintained that property and business owners have the right to restrict gun possession on their property if they choose. The Chamber will continue to support the rights of property and business owners to restrict gun possession on their property.

TOURISM/VISITOR INDUSTRY

The Chamber supports funding mechanisms for the visitor/tourism industry as it continues to be an important and vital part of greater Sioux Falls and the South Dakota economy. Funding mechanisms include, but are not limited to, the Business Improvement District (BID) tax and the tourism tax.

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

The Chamber believes that South Dakota's longstanding tradition of allowing direct citizen access to the ballot through the initiative and referendum processes should remain. We encourage an ongoing review of the rules and requirements surrounding constitutional and statutory ballot measures.

AGRIBUSINESS INDUSTRY

Agriculture has been the primary economic driver in our state since 1889. The Chamber supports legislation that enhances agribusiness in South Dakota, including the expansion of agricultural products, services, and technologies.

SPORTS WAGERING

The Chamber supports efforts by the legislature to permit the origin of sports gaming to occur within physical establishments located throughout the state which establishments shall be licensed to perform such activities through a process similar to that of video lottery.

CANNABIS

South Dakota voted to legalize medical and recreational use of cannabis in 2020. The Chamber supports efforts by the legislature and regulatory bodies to craft regulations and procedures that take into consideration employer liability and workplace safety. The Chamber supports local ownership and control related to cannabis.

Employer liability is a chief concern as there is not a legal standard for determining when an employee is under the influence and when the employee is cognitively impaired. Additional employer concerns include workplace safety, employer business insurance loss of coverage, and that cannabis remains an illegal substance at the federal level.

ENVIRONMENT

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce places a high priority on safeguarding and conserving both the quality and quantity of our area's natural amenities. Government, in partnership with business, should share responsibility in conserving, enhancing and protecting our water quality, air quality and land. Landowners and sportsmen should work together to ease conflicts in land access and game management issues, to preserve the economic and quality of life benefits from outdoor recreation. Given the substantial public and private investments to develop the river greenway, and the potential to develop a first-class amenity in our community, strategies seeking to improve the water quality in the Big Sioux and its tributaries should be identified and implemented.

Approved by the Chamber Board: November 17, 2021



APPENDIX 3

2022 CHAMBER POLICY STATEMENTS

Since 1993, policy statements addressing broad issue areas have been endorsed by the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to direct the Chamber's business advocacy efforts. The policy statements are reviewed annually and modified to reflect the issues and context of the day. The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approves the following statements to guide advocacy and community development activities.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce believes individuals living in the area should be able to enjoy personal security, quality education, first-rate medical care, transportation, adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and diverse leisure activities. The business community in Sioux Falls should contribute to the overall quality of life by showing generosity, concern and involvement in the community.

TAXATION

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce supports a fair and reasonable tax system wherein necessary revenue is collected to support essential government services. For taxation purposes agricultural land, non-agricultural commercial property and housing should be valued using equitable and uniform methods in all counties. At the state level, there is no need for a corporate or personal income tax. The Chamber recognizes that a basic level of funding is required to support the necessary services of government. The Chamber understands that inflationary pressures, cost increases and changing conditions may require tax and fee increases, however, the Chamber supports the concept that reorganization of priorities and cutting of spending should be carefully considered for budget shortfalls at all levels of government before tax and fee increases are considered.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

South Dakota has limited programs, when compared to other states, to help compete for and leverage business growth and development. One such program that is locally controlled and administered is tax increment financing (TIF), which can be vital to a project happening, locating or moving forward in Sioux Falls. The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce supports the appropriate use of TIFs for projects when it is needed to address blight, build infrastructure, encourage workforce housing expansion, promote economic development and/or make public improvements. Further, we support local decision-making in the administration of TIFs.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

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The Chamber opposes unnecessary intrusions into employer/employee relationships. We support voluntary agreements between management and the workforce establishing compensation, benefits, hours and working conditions.

EDUCATION

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce advocates for a quality public and non-public education system that provides individuals the chance to reach their own life goals and supports the current and future workforce needs of the community. We support the development of systemic strategies to enable all children to succeed and prepare themselves for work and further study and we support strategies to engage, train and educate all residents so they have access to meaningful and rewarding work opportunities. We support efforts to adequately fund effective and efficient systems of pre-kindergarten, K-12, job-skills training and post-secondary institutions, both locally and statewide. The distribution of state aid dollars to local school districts should be equitably based, at least in part, on the number of children served.

The Chamber urges continued dialogue regarding and awareness of population growth and diversity in the Sioux Falls area and the effect on regional school districts. It is important to maintain an employment environment for schools that attracts and retains quality employees in education. Individual businesses should engage in cooperative partnerships with schools to expand learning opportunities.

Finally, the Chamber believes that well-designed and appropriately governed and funded post-secondary education opportunities in Sioux Falls are a competitive and strategic imperative for our community and region.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Federal, state and local government should maintain and develop a high-quality infrastructure network. Emphasis must be placed on adequately designing, constructing and maintaining a growth-managed infrastructure (roads, air, rail, water, sewer, telecommunications, public transit and public facilities) which is cost-effective yet provides the highest possible level of service to residential and commercial sectors for greater Sioux Falls. The effort to maintain adequate infrastructure is necessary to sustain current growth trends while retaining a high-quality urban environment.

ENVIRONMENT

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce places a high priority on safeguarding and conserving both the quality and quantity of our area's natural amenities. Government, in partnership with business, should share responsibility in conserving, enhancing and protecting our water quality, air quality and land. Landowners and sportsmen should work together to ease conflicts in land access and game management issues, to preserve the economic and quality of life benefits from outdoor recreation. Given the substantial public and private investments to develop the river greenway, and the potential to develop a first-class amenity in our community, strategies seeking to improve the water quality in the Big Sioux and its tributaries should be identified and implemented.

GOVERNMENT

Local

Greater Sioux Falls should be open to cooperative efforts as well as consolidation efforts among local units of government. Growth in the area provides an opportunity to explore new forms and methods of government to ensure taxpayers receive cost-effective government and quality service delivery.

State

State government in South Dakota should operate in a way that allows for continued balanced budgets without imposing undo tax burdens on state residents and commerce. Every effort should be made to distribute limited state resources in a fair and equitable manner. State directives to local governments should not rely on unfunded mandates.

Federal

The federal government should strive for a balanced budget and deficit reduction.

The federal government should negotiate and administer effective trade agreements with our North American trading partners and trading partners around the world to ensure accessible and viable markets for South Dakota's manufacturers and agriculture producers.

Legislative mandates imposed on state and local governments should be accompanied by the necessary funds to carry out the mandates.

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce supports an alliance and partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce aimed at reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens on the nation's industries, promoting economic growth and job creation and minimizing the impact of government actions on business, agriculture and the delivery of health care.

To support international business potential, the Chamber will work directly with United States Customs and the Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority to insure full Customs capability in Sioux Falls.

TOURISM/VISITOR INDUSTRY

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce through Experience Sioux Falls supports private and governmental efforts to enhance and market the full visitor industry potential. The cultural history of greater Sioux Falls provides destinations of worldwide interest and is a key starting point and destination. Efforts to encourage the visitor industry should continue in earnest given the excellent facilities, entertainment and overall experience we offer.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, working with the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, supports efforts toward workforce development through attraction, retention and educational attainment strategies including support services that provide continued economic growth and individual opportunity in greater Sioux Falls. Southeast Technical College and USD Community College for Sioux Falls need community-focused governance and financial and mission support to optimize their impact on workforce development.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce supports working with housing organizations that support public and private efforts to provide workforce housing in greater Sioux Falls. The Chamber supports investment in public and private efforts to redevelop blighted areas in the city.

AGRICULTURE

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce recognizes the current and historic importance of agriculture in South Dakota and its valuable economic contribution to our economy. The Chamber supports efforts to enhance the regional, national, and international competitiveness of the local agricultural industry, including bio-based renewable fuels, products and biotechnology.

Government regulation of the agricultural industry, whether, local, state, or federal, should be based on clearly stated objectives supported by sound economic, scientific data that demonstrates a clear connection between the regulation and the objective. Every reasonable effort should be undertaken to enhance the competitive marketplace for local agricultural interests while maintaining reasonable and responsible environmental protections and practices.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce recognizes the growing diversity of our population in Sioux Falls and South Dakota. We embrace the opportunities that this diversity provides for a culturally- and talent-rich community. We will work with citizens, our partners, community and state agencies and elected officials to develop efforts to engage and include all populations into our city and state. We will also resist initiatives that inappropriately sanction or discriminate against individuals or groups.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce, working in partnership with governmental entities, believes in proactive approaches to business development through business parks, Start Up Sioux Falls, the USD Discovery District, Foundation Park, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation and Forward Sioux Falls. The Chamber supports these activities to further a progressive and growing economy ever moving forward to support the goals of its constituency.

HEALTH CARE

The Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce recognizes that overall health and wellness is crucial for our community and workforce. The Chamber endorses a health care agenda that supports health care providers, educators and organizations that comprise a large and important part of the greater Sioux Falls economy. The Chamber further recognizes the ever-increasing cost of health care for businesses and supports efforts to reduce the overall cost while maintaining strong and vibrant health care systems and providers that meet the needs of employees and consumers.

Approved by the Chamber Board: October 27, 2021



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APPENDIX 4

Chamber Bill Tracker

Bill#	Title	Tier	Chamber Position	Primary Sponsors	Original Committee	Orig. Comm. Action	Orig. Chamber Action	Opp. Comm.	Opp. Comm. Action	Opp. Cham. Action
HB 1008	HB1008 : An Act to, provide a cause of action for certain employees that are required to receive a vaccination as a condition of employment and to declare an emergency.	1	Oppose	Rep. Deutsch and Sen. Novstrup	House Judiciary	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 7-6);				
HB 1025	HB1025 : An Act to, update legal holidays in South Dakota.	1	Support	The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Bureau of Human Resources	House State Affairs	Do Pass (passed 12-1);	House Do Pass (passed 44-25);	Senate State Affairs	Do Pass (passed 7-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 23-11); House Concurred
HB 1033	HB1033 : An Act to, make an appropriation for the provision of housing infrastructure loans and grants.	1	Support	The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development	House State Affairs	Do Pass (passed 9-3);	House Do Pass (passed 41-27);	Senate Commerce and Energy	Do Pass (passed 6-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0); Hoghoused; House Concurred (48-22);
HB 1210	HB1210 : An Act to, make an appropriation to the Board of Regents to provide grant funding for a new biomedical facility at the research park in Sioux Falls, and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	Rep. Peterson (Kent) and Sen. Crabtree	House Committee on Appropriations	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 5-4); Smoked out of Committee	House Do Pass (passed 53-17);	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 34-1); House Failed to Concur; Conference Committee Report Adopted
HB 1211	HB1211 : An Act to, prohibit the enforcement of contracts limiting competition on certain matters of conscience.	1	Oppose	Rep. Gosch and Sen. Greenfield	House State Affairs	Do Pass (passed 8-4);	Do Pass (passed 42-26);	Senate Health and Human Services	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 7-0);	
HB 1224	HB1224 : An Act to, extend unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are unemployed because of their refusal to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination.	1	Oppose	Rep. Haugaard	House Taxation	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 9-4);				
HB 1242	HB1242 : An Act to, allow medical practice on the basis of conscience.	1	Oppose	Rep. Haugaard	House Health and Human Services	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 7-4);				
SB 31	SB31 : An Act to, make an appropriation to the Department of Labor and Regulation for the modernization of the reemployment assistance enterprise system and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the Request of the Dept. of Labor and Regulation	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 16-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	Referral to Committee waived pursuant to JR 6D-1 H.J. 478		House Do Pass (passed 61-4);
SB 41	SB41 : An Act to, revise the appropriation for the construction of a National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls, and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Dept. of the Military	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 16-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0);	Referral to Committee waived pursuant to JR 6D-1 H.J. 478		House Do Pass Amended (passed 69-0);
SB 53	SB53 : An Act to, make an appropriation to increase workforce housing and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 8-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 33-2);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Not Pass (passed 6-2);	House Do Pass Amended (passed 47-21); Senate Failed to Concur;

SB 54	SB54 : An Act to, appropriate funds for the Dakota State University Cyber Program Expansion and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 34-1);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 8-1);	House Do Pass Amended (passed 60-8);
SB 55	SB55 : An Act to, appropriate funds for the expansion of broadband infrastructure and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Governor's Office of Economic Development	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 8-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 9-0);	House Do Pass (passed 65-4);
SB 60	SB60 : An Act to, revise the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2022.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Bureau of Finance and Management	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 16-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 32-1);	Referral to Committee pursuant to JR 6D-1 H.J. 682		House Do Pass (passed 60-9);
SB 61	SB61 : An Act to, make an appropriation to the Board of Technical Education to support the purchase of simulation equipment for a health sciences clinical simulation center on the campus of Southeast Technical College and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Board of Technical Education	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 7-0);	House Do Pass (passed 63-4);
SB 62	SB62 : An Act to, make an appropriation for eligible water, wastewater, storm water, and nonpoint source projects and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 8-1);	House Do Pass Amended (passed 69-0);
SB 63	SB63 : An Act to, revise the appropriation for road improvements to the State Veterans Cemetery, to provide for ordinary operations of the cemetery, and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 18-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	Referral to Committee Waived pursuant to JR 6D-1 H.J. 478		House Do Pass (passed 64-0);
SB 64	SB64 : An Act to, make appropriations from the water and environment fund and its revolving fund subfunds for various water and environmental purposes and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Office of the Governor	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 17-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Referred to the House of Representatives, Passed	House Do Pass Amended (passed 66-0);
SB 65	SB65 : An Act to, delineate uses for the South Dakota housing opportunity fund.	1	Support	Sen. Wheeler and Rep. Welsgram	Senate Commerce and Energy	Do Pass Amended (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Not Pass (passed 7-2);	House Do Pass Amended (Failed 46-22);
SB 67	SB67 : An Act to, make an appropriation to the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to improve and repair infrastructure around Lake Alvin and Newell Lake and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Dept. of Game, Fish and Parks	Joint Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 17-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 5-0);	House Do Pass (passed 66-0);
SB 70	SB70 : An Act to, modify the amount of time to report an injury for workers' compensation.	1	Oppose	Sen. Nesiba and Rep. Duba	Senate Commerce and Energy	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 8-1);				
SB 80	SB80 : An Act to, exempt the provision of electricity through electric vehicle charging stations from the definition of electric utility.	1	Support	Sen. Crabtree and Rep. Willadsen	Senate Commerce and Energy	Do Pass Amended (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 35-0);	House Commerce and Energy	Do Pass (passed 10-0);	House Do Pass Amended (passed 65-1);

MTA=Motion to Amend
 CRA=Committee report adopted
 DPA=Do pass amended
 DPAct= Do pass action
 DNP=Do not pass

Green = Signed by Governor
 Red = Failed
 Orange = Withdrawn

Yellow = Tabled
 Blue = Deferred to 41st Day
 Pink = Vetoes

SB 102	SB102 : An Act to, create the medicaid expansion fund and to provide for the receipt of monies received as a result of expanding medicaid eligibility.	1	Support	Sen. Steinhauer and Rep. Tidemann	Senate Health and Human Services	Do Pass Amended (passed 5-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 21-14);	House Committee on Appropriations	Tabled (passed 7-1);	
SB 115	SB115 : An Act to, make an appropriation for quiet zone railway crossings and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	Sen. Kolbeck and Rep. Jamison	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 8-1);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 26-9);	House Committee on Appropriations	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 7-2);	
SB 130	SB130 : An Act to, authorize the Board of Regents to acquire property, contract for the design and construction of the Dakota State University Applied Research Lab, to make an appropriation therefor, and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	Sen. Crabtree and Rep. Peterson (Kent)	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 8-1);	Senate Do Pass (passed 34-1);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass (passed 6-3);	House Do Pass (passed 56-9);
SB 145	SB145 : An Act to, provide protections and workplace safety for meat and poultry processing workers.	1	Oppose	Sen. Nesiba and Rep. Healy	Senate Commerce and Energy	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 8-1);				
SB 154	SB154 : An Act to, revise criteria for the South Dakota freedom scholarship.	1	Support	Senator Breiting and Rep. Mortenson	Senate Education	Do Pass (passed 5-0);	Senate Do Pass (passed 26-9);	House Education	Do Pass (passed 10-3);	House Do Pass (passed 40-25); Senate Concurred
SB 162	SB162 : An Act to, revise the discretionary formula for reduced taxation of new structures and residential property.	1	Support	Sen. Crabtree and Rep. Bartels	Senate Commerce and Energy	Do Pass Amended (passed 8-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 35-0);	House Taxation	Do Pass Amended (passed 11-0);	House Do Pass (passed 68-2); Senate Concurred
SB 174	SB174 : An Act to, make an appropriation to provide a grant for the construction of a facility to provide certain health facilities and services and to declare an emergency.	1	Support	Sen. Kolbeck and Rep. Johnson (Chris)	Senate Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 9-0);	Senate Do Pass Amended (passed 33-1);	House Committee on Appropriations	Do Pass Amended (passed 9-0);	House Do Pass Amended (passed 69-0); Senate Failed to Concur; Conference Committee Report adopted
SB 182	SB182 : An Act to, prohibit discriminatory actions against persons engaged with the firearm industry.	1	Oppose	Sen. Johnson (David) and Rep. Hansen	Senate Commerce and Energy	Deferred to the 41st Legislative Day (passed 6-2);				

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