



## 2018 PRIORITIES

### INTERPRETER SERVICES (SB 6245)

The procurement model for interpreter services used by Medicaid and DSHS has proven to be successful. A competitive bid process for a scheduling vendor has reduced administrative costs, a collective bargaining process for the interpreters has increased pay, and overall costs to the state has declined. This measure would expand that procurement model to all of state government.

### TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT (HB 1851)

Most state services are delivered through third-party vendors, and the state hasn't always done an effective a job of making sure our outsourced tax dollars are spent efficiently and effectively. The TPA requires the state to more carefully analyze the costs of outsourcing, monitor contracts more effectively, and hold contractors accountable when they fail to produce promised results.

### RATE INCREASE FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY VENDORS (Budget)

It's critical for DOC to have access to inpatient chemical dependency services. Unfortunately, there hasn't been a rate increase for CD vendors since 2007. The result is the employees who actually deliver these critical services are woefully underpaid and overworked. It will be impossible to continue without a reasonable vendor rate increase.

### STATE REVENUE (Budget)

State revenue as a percent of the economy is declining and will continue to decline. Our current revenue stream is no longer capable of keeping up with the growth in costs to deliver current services, let alone any new investments in critical priorities. We strongly support revenue proposals that address the underlying structural problems in our budget and that make our upside-down tax system a little more fair.

**PSERS MEMBERSHIP (HB 1558):** Include institutions workers in the Public Safety Employees Retirement System. PSERS is appropriate for those state workers who put themselves at risk of physical harm every day.

**PLAN 2 DEFAULT (HB 1560):** Make Plan 2 the retirement system default for new employees, rather than Plan 3. New hires could still opt in to Plan 3. This provides fair protection for those among us who are less savvy financially, and saves the state money.

**SHARED LEAVE (SHB 1434):** Expand the shared leave program to include pregnancy-related disability or illness, or for parental leave to bond with a new child. This is a small item, but it will help make our state a little more family-friendly.

### CAMPUS POLICE (SB 5295)

Campus police officers are the only general authority police force in the state without access to arbitration. Recent incidents only underscore the importance of having a well-trained and properly-equipped police presence at our institutions of higher education.

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