

Creating Surpluses for Tax Cuts Prioritized Over Spending Needs and Priorities

Budget and Legislative Requests Requiring Funding Not Considered in 2023

- HB 2854 (2023)- Relating to priorities for the use of funds for child-care and performance-based contracting
- HB 2953/SB 464 (2023)- Locality pay legislation to address public job vacancies in border counties
- HB 3015(2023)- Creating the Food Infrastructure Grant (Fiscal note = \$500,000)
- HB 3415/SB 197 (2023)- Paid parental leave pilot programs
- SB 36 (2023)- Child Tax Credit (Fiscal note = \$24 million)
- SB 37 (2023)- Granting all public employees a 10 percent per year permanent pay increase
- SB 269 (2023)- Increasing dental coverage limit for Medicaid enrollees (Fiscal note = \$12.4 million state funding)
- SB 479 (2023)- Expanding doula insurance coverage for pregnant women (Fiscal note = \$85,000 state funding)
- SB 578 (2023)- Hunger-Free Campus Act

Upcoming Changes/Reductions in Funding

- Federal child support funding ending in August 2023
- End of child care subsidies for essential workers under 200 percent FPL in October 2022 (impacting [6,200](#) children)
- End of [enhanced SNAP benefits](#) in March 2023, with food pantries already seeing increased needs following expiration
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program applications frozen since December 2022 due to funding uncertainties

Failures to Increase Funding

- No increases in smoking cessation funding despite report of need for [\\$16.5 million](#) in funding
- No increases in funding for local child abuse prevention programs that reduce need for foster care
- No increases in funding for home visitation programs including Parents as Teachers or Family Resource Centers
- No investments to increase capacity and availability of substance use disorder treatment