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**PASS THE BUDGET.
PAY STATE EMPLOYEES
AND RETIREES.**

The Budget Delay Continues, and Every Day Costs You

The raises are agreed to. The money is there. But state employees still aren't seeing a dime — because the legislature still hasn't passed a budget.

Republican leaders in the House and Senate announced a high-level budget framework last month, 10 months after the fiscal year it was supposed to govern had already begun. Now, committee chairs are still working through the finer details of the spending plan with a self-imposed deadline looming — one that, by all accounts, [they are unlikely to meet](#).

For state employees, the delay isn't an abstraction. The pay raises both chambers agreed to won't take effect until a final budget is signed into law. Every week that passes is another week those raises sit on paper while your bills keep coming.

Senate Democrats gathered this week to mark what they called 1,000 days without a budget, highlighting the direct impact the legislature's inaction has had on state workers' pay. [SEANC Executive Director Ardis Watkins put it plainly](#): without raises, state employee pay has fallen behind rising inflation and healthcare costs — and that is driving the vacancy crisis spreading across state government.

"We have huge vacancy crises in these jobs simply because we can't recruit at the pay we're offering now," Watkins said.

We discussed the delay at length on [this week's The SEANC View podcast](#). We also talk about Stanley Cup Fever that has taken over Raleigh, the continuing debate over the Atrium/WakeMed merger, rising healthcare costs for retirees, and more.

The raises are there. The will is there — at least in part. What's missing is a budget. And that's entirely within the legislature's control.

Tell your legislators to pass the budget now

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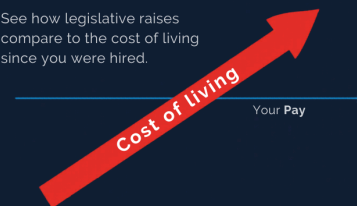
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This week, SEANC launched two new tools to put real numbers behind what you already know. Active employees can visit [seanc.org/pay](#) to see how their pay has stacked up against the cost of living since the year they were hired.

If you're a retiree, a [new COLA calculator shows](#) exactly how much buying power your pension has lost since you retired — and how much ground the legislature has failed to make up.

WHAT IS YOUR PAY REALLY WORTH?

See how legislative raises compare to the cost of living since you were hired.



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Retirees



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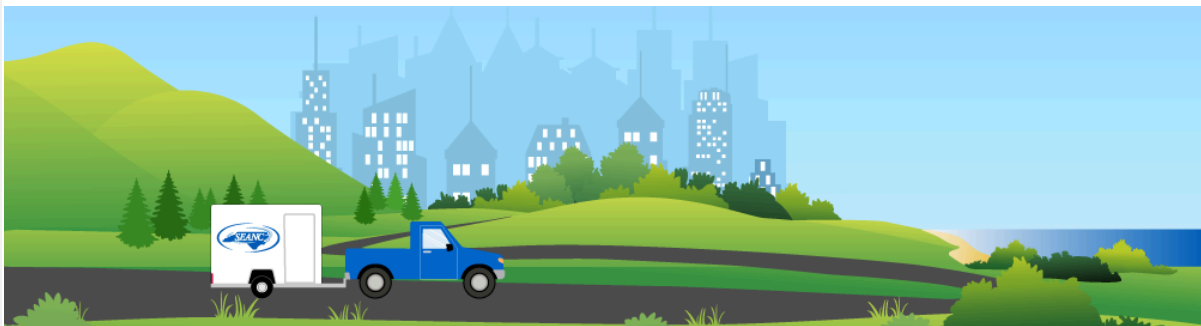


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We're ready to visit your worksite!

SEANC was on the move this week, visiting agencies across the state at facilities like the DHHS Disability Determination Services office in Raleigh, sharing information about SEANC's benefits and showing appreciation to the employees.

Other agencies that SEANC visited this week include:

- NC Works-Forsyth County
- Hertford County Probation and Parole
- Wake County Courthouse

And many more!

SEANC is ready to present our many benefits and recruit new members at your worksite! Click [here](#) to let us know if you'd like us to visit. We'll take care of the rest!

Request a visit from SEANC



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Upcoming Retiree Forums

DISTRICT 24

JUNE 11
11:30 AM

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Lumberton, NC 28358
Lunch Served

DISTRICT
61 & 62

AUGUST 3
9 AM

MYRTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

5524 Myrtle Grove Road,
Wilmington, NC 28409
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AUGUST 14
10 AM

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SEANC office temporarily closed for repairs

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We remain committed to our mission of protecting and enhancing the rights and benefits of state employees and retirees.

The SEANC staff is working regular business hours and is here to help you with any needs you may have. Please get in touch with us by phone, email, or through our website for assistance.

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