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State Health Plan Under Attack!

There is a **\$500M shortfall** in 2026 and an additional \$800M shortfall in 2027.

The Legislature is Prioritizing Tax Breaks for Major Corporations and the Wealthy along with Private School Vouchers Over Health and Financial Security of State Employees.

The new State Treasurer Brad Briner has announced that he is not planning to ask the State Legislature to cover the \$500 Million shortfall, rather he would push this cost onto state employees and retirees. This comes after the state had a surplus in FY 2023-24 around \$413 million and a just under \$1 billion in additional revenue in FY 2024-25. ***Join UE150's fight to preserve our benefits!***

Treasurer Briner's FY 2025-26 Budget Proposals include:

Increase Premiums

\$10-160

per month

There are currently three proposals to increase the amount you pay in your checks monthly.

Tobacco Waiver & Obesity Drugs

\$60-180

per month

He wants to eliminate the tobacco waiver for everyone and change the type of obesity drugs they will cover.

Privatize Retiree Insurance

He wants to eliminate the current zero premium PPO plan and replace it with a for-profit Medicare Advantage plan which has worse coverage and fewer options.

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