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2023 Policy Positions

Early Childhood Care and Education

Ellevate recommends the Legislature invest in early care and education in 2023, specifically a minimum of \$52 million for the Child Care Assistance Program as recommended by the Governor and the original draft of HB 1, and ideally \$200 million for the Child Care Assistance Program to save the 16,000 childcare seats being lost statewide as a result of expiring federal funds.

Statewide Broadband

Ellevate supports the Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity in providing access to AFFORDABLE broadband across all areas of Louisiana, particularly in connecting underserved rural areas and expanding affordable options to all households.

Long Term Care

Ellevate supports the creation of a new Community Options Waiver Fund to be funded by 12% of excess revenues, up to \$50 million, to provide home and community-based supports for our senior citizens.

Behavioral Health

Ellevate supports the mental health crisis stabilization funding in the executive budget for 2023.

Telehealth

Ellevate supports policies that strengthen and expand the use of telehealth or telemedicine.

Domestic Violence

Ellevate requests \$15 million in funding for domestic violence victims' beds and opposes legislation that weakens victims' rights and protections.



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Workforce Shortage

Ellevate supports efforts to alleviate workforce shortages in our state, arising primarily from low workforce participation rates, through apprenticeships, continuing education, workforce development, and K-12 career readiness programs such as Dual Enrollment. This support includes funding for the MJ Foster Promise Program as well as using Level 3 MFP dollars to create additional access to Dual Enrollment.

Coastal Restoration

Ellevate prioritizes maximizing funds for coastal preservation and restoration from state and federal sources to implement science-based strategies to preserve Louisiana's coast.

Tax Restructuring and Reform

Ellevate encourages principled reforms to Louisiana's tax structure that balance the needs of the business community, local governments, and citizens across various economic levels, while providing sufficient funding at both the state and local level to improve Louisiana's quality of life and competitiveness in national and global markets.

Regarding Sales and Use Tax Reform, Ellevate encourages streamlining Louisiana's tax base and system of collection, in a transparent manner that is fair to all parties and brings our system into compliance with the principles espoused in the Wayfair decision.

Economic Development Incentives

Ellevate supports economic development incentives that enable the state to successfully compete for projects, while not impairing the state's ability to provide needed services for its citizens.