



## Legislative Accomplishments 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (2025-2026)

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### **Committee and Caucus Highlights**

- Rep. DelBene serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, working to secure a fairer tax code, health care reform, trade deals, and retirement security. She sits on the Trade, Tax, and Oversight Subcommittees.
- Rep. DelBene is the co-chair of the Women’s High-Tech Coalition; Digital Trade Caucus; Medical Technology Caucus; Kidney Caucus; Caucus on Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality Technologies; Internet of Things Caucus; and Hazards Caucus. She is a leadership member of the Reproductive Freedom Caucus as Chair of the Restriction Impacts Task Force.

### **Legislative Achievements**

#### ***Families***

- Rep. DelBene [championed a key provision](#) in the American Rescue Plan which expanded the Child Tax Credit to provide families with regular payments and make the credit fully refundable. Nearly 1.4 million children and 800,000 Washington state families received up to \$300 per child per month. Across the country, 2.9 million children were lifted out of poverty because of this historic provision. This benefit was based on legislation she introduced, [the American Family Act](#), which would permanently expand the Child Tax Credit. Rep. DelBene fought to get the expanded CTC included in Republicans’ One Big Ugly Bill, but every Republican Ways and Means member voted against it.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit Enhancement Act](#) legislation that would permanently expand the child and dependent care tax credit (CDCTC), the only tax credit that helps working parents offset the rising cost of child care. The bill would raise the maximum credit from \$1,050 to \$4,000 for one child, and \$2,100 to \$8,000 for two or more children.

#### ***Jobs & the Economy***

- Rep. DelBene [introduced the Apprenticeship Opportunity Act](#), to boost participation in apprenticeship programs by creating exemptions for apprenticeship income from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligibility criteria.

- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [Small Business Tax Fairness and Compliance Simplification Act](#) which would bring tax relief to beauty salon owners and workers by extending the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) tax tip credit to the beauty service industry. Her bill was enacted in 2025.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [Community News and Small Business Support Act](#) which would support jobs in local newsrooms, strengthen small businesses, and increase access to local news.
- As a member of the Ways & Means Committee, Rep. DelBene has fought to stop legislation that would take away funding from the Department of Labor to address unemployment fraud and surprise families with a bill for overpayments they received through no fault of their own.

### ***Health Care***

- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [Honor Our Living Donors \(HOLD\) Act](#), which would allow more living organ donors to be reimbursed for travel costs, lost wages when taking time off of work, and child/dependent care when donating organs. This bill language was successfully incorporated into the FY26 Health and Human Services Appropriations and was [signed into law](#) on Feb 3, 2026.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act](#), which modernizes prior authorization processes in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans. The current system often requires faxes or phone calls by clinicians, leading to significant delays and administrative burdens. Her widely supported legislation, with 280 cosponsors in the House, will establish electronic prior authorization and increase transparency in MA plans.
- Rep. DelBene has been a leading voice on eliminating the harmful WISeR model, a program from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which has introduced prior authorization into traditional Medicare, leading to delays in care for necessary treatments for patients in severe pain. Rep. DelBene [led a letter to CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz](#) raising concerns about this and introduced the [Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act](#) to repeal the WISeR model in Medicare.
- As someone who started her career in medical research, Rep. DelBene has been a leading voice in Congress to protect U.S. leadership in medical research and innovation, as it has been under greater threat than ever before in our history. Rep. DelBene [led a bipartisan letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy](#) demanding transparency on the severe understaffing of National Institutes of Health (NIH) Advisory Councils, a critical step in getting federal funding to the researchers in Washington state and across the country who are finding the cures and treatments to save American lives.
- Rep. DelBene secured increased funding of \$53 billion for the NIH in the Fiscal Year 2026 spending bill.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Chronic Care Management Improvement Act](#), which would change Medicare rules to allow seniors to access services to manage their chronic medical conditions without a co-pay.
- Rep. DelBene [led a bipartisan letter](#) to HHS Secretary Kennedy and CMS Administrator Oz to improve Medicare coverage for FDA-designated breakthrough medical devices, ensuring seniors don't have to wait through years of red tape to access lifesaving treatments.

- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [Protecting Air Ambulance Services for Americans Act](#), which would give the federal government the authority to update Medicare reimbursement rates for air medical services based on updated cost data, so Washingtonians can continue to access lifesaving emergency care, especially in rural communities.
- As a leader in the Pro-Choice Caucus, Rep. DelBene, [led a letter to HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#) to remove anti-vaccine OB/GYNs from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as vaccine-preventable diseases put pregnant women and their babies' lives at risk.

### ***Housing***

- Rep. DelBene [introduced the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act](#), which would help create or rehabilitate 1.6 million affordable homes nationwide by expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). This bill would also create veteran-specific housing options, build housing for extremely low-income populations, and boost affordable housing in tribal and rural communities. Provisions of her bill were enacted in 2025 and are estimated to help build more than 1.2 million affordable homes across the country.
- Every year, Rep. DelBene helps secure appropriations funding for homeless assistance grants, Section 8 Housing vouchers, assistance for homeless veterans, Section 4 community development grants, and rural housing programs.
- Rep. DelBene secured [\\$19 million in funding](#) to construct 88 new family-style military homes in Snohomish County for service members and their families stationed at Naval Station Everett.

### ***Public Safety & Crime***

- Rep. DelBene is an original cosponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act which would increase police accountability and transparency by banning chokeholds, ending qualified immunity, and establishing new standards for policing.
- Every year, Rep. DelBene supports increased annual funding for Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs, which help victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking find safety while also holding thousands of perpetrators accountable for their actions. Additionally, her legislation, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, ensures that LIHTC properties provide VAWA protections and provides housing stability for survivors.
- Rep. DelBene supports increasing annual funding for frontline community-based organizations that are implementing evidence-informed intervention programs to prevent gun violence in America's most impacted communities; and increasing funding and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute hate crimes.

### ***Climate & Environment***

- In honor of the Oso landslide that tragically claimed 43 lives in our community, Rep. DelBene [introduced legislation](#) to that created programs to address key gaps in science and mapping critical to understanding landslide hazards. This information helps

communities plan for and respond to natural hazards, update the nation's topographical maps, and inform public safety, national security, planning, infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, and natural resource management. Every Congress, DelBene introduces legislation to extend these vital programs.

- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Clean Competition Act](#), which would make American companies more globally competitive and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by imposing a carbon fee on energy-intensive imports. This legislation would help level the playing field for domestic manufacturers who are decarbonizing but are being undercut by dirtier goods produced abroad.

### ***Immigration & the Border***

- Rep. DelBene is a cosponsor of key immigration legislation including the American Dream and Promise Act which would provide Dreamers with a pathway to citizenship.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Protecting Taxpayer Resources Act](#) to prevent President Trump from reassigning Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criminal investigators to immigration enforcement without proper training and oversight.
- Rep. DelBene is supportive of several bills to hold the Trump administration, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and ICE accountable including the No Secret Police Act which would require law enforcement officers and DHS agents engaged in border security and civil immigration enforcement to clearly display identification and insignia when detaining or arresting individuals, and the Protecting Sensitive Locations Act, which would codify commonsense protections for immigrant communities at sensitive locations such as schools, hospitals, and places of worship.

### ***Veterans***

- Rep. DelBene is an original cosponsor of the Major Richard Star Act, which would allow combat-disabled veterans with fewer than 20 years of service to concurrently receive disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs and retirement pay from the Department of Defense without reduction.
- Rep. DelBene helped secure the passage of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, which was enacted in January 2025. This legislation modified the Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP) allowing some veterans who face challenges obtaining care at VA facilities to receive care from over 800,000 community providers, extending mental health support to family caregivers, modernizing electronic health records at the VA, and increasing the availability for in-home care alternatives to nursing homes for our veterans.

### ***Technology***

- Rep. DelBene was one of the first Members of Congress to advocate for a strong national data privacy law, having first introduced such legislation in 2018 and continues to fight for this priority as public and legislative attention increasingly focuses on AI and its implications.
- Rep. DelBene, as a Member of the New Democrat Coalition Innovation & Technology Working Group, helped write and release the [New Dem Innovation Agenda](#). This

roadmap was written with the intent to foster cutting edge research and technological advancements, generate new jobs, grow businesses, and improve the lives of hardworking Americans. For technology to serve everyone effectively, we need a regulatory framework that both fuels innovation and ensures consumer safety.

- Rep. DelBene introduced the bipartisan [United States Leadership in Immersive Technology Act](#) to establish an advisory panel tasked with creating a national immersive technology strategy. Despite being home to some of the world's largest XR content and hardware producers, like virtual reality headsets and interactive 3D models, the U.S. is behind other countries in applying them to commercial and personal use. The U.S. must defend its leadership position on the international stage to guide the creation of XR standards.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Smart Cities and Communities Act](#) to expand smart city technologies and improve federal coordination of these programs. This technology is already making an impact in cities across the nation, including Washington. In Redmond, this technology is being deployed to improve traffic flow and management, and the City of Bellevue has a Smart Mobility Plan to help the city plan for shared-use mobility, autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, and data management.

### ***Education***

- Every year, Rep. DelBene leads her Democratic colleagues advocating for increased funding for Education and Innovation Research and computer science programs.
- Rep. DelBene strongly condemns President Trump's harmful efforts to dismantle the Department of Education. She is a cosponsor of the Department of Education Protection Act, which would protect the structure of the Department of Education to ensure every student receives the free and appropriate public education they deserve.
- Rep. DelBene is a cosponsor of H.Res. 94, a resolution expressing support for the Nation's local public K-12 schools and condemning any actions that would defund public education or weaken or dismantle the Department of Education. The resolution highlights the historical role of the federal government in public K-12 education to promote equity of access for all students, regardless of background or ability.

### ***LGBTQ+***

- Rep. DelBene introduced the LGBTQ+ Equality Day Resolution to commemorate the anniversary of three historic Supreme Court victories that have played a pivotal role in advancing LGBTQ+ equality. Over the past two decades, the U.S. Supreme Court has issued three landmark rulings on June 26 that helped eliminate LGBTQ+ discrimination, affirm the dignity of same-sex couples, and move our country toward a more perfect union.
- Rep. DelBene is an original cosponsor of the Equality Act (H.R. 15), which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual identity and establish a uniform federal standard that protects LGBTQ+ people from discrimination in every aspect of their lives.

### ***Oversight***

- Rep. DelBene led her Ways and Means Democratic colleagues in sending a [letter](#) to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) expressing concerns about the agency’s use of artificial intelligence (AI) to generate code that manages Americans’ taxpayer data.
- Rep. DelBene secured an U.S. Government Accountability Office (U.S. GAO) [investigation](#) into the effects caused by President Trump unlawfully terminating more than 18 Inspectors General. Inspectors General are tasked with conducting audits and investigations at federal agencies, to ensure the federal government acts transparently, is held accountable, and uses taxpayer dollars efficiently. Trump’s firing of these government watchdogs risks eliminating objective, nonpartisan oversight of federal agencies, and greatly increases their potential to operate irresponsibly and wastefully.
- Rep. DelBene co-led a GAO investigation into the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) team's access to the Treasury Department and the Bureau of Fiscal Service, the payment system responsible for distributing critical payments nationwide. The [report](#) confirmed the bureau failed to fully implement IT controls when managing DOGE’s access.
- Rep. DelBene introduced a [resolution of inquiry](#) demanding that the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) turn over all records related to the IRS’s illegal sharing of private taxpayer information with immigration enforcement.

### *Trade*

- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Prevent Tariff Abuse Act](#) and the [Congressional Trade Authority Act](#) to reassert Congress’s constitutional authority when it comes to trade policy in response to the economic chaos of President Trump’s rapidly changing tariff regime.
- Rep. DelBene is supportive of the RELIEF Act, which would refund tariffs illegally collected by the Trump administration under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

### *Voting Rights/ Campaign Finance*

- Rep. DelBene is an original cosponsor of the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act which would restore and modernize the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA), addressing modern-day voter suppression and ensuring every voter, regardless of race or background, has equal access to the ballot box.
- Rep. DelBene is a cosponsor of H.J.Res. 54 which proposes an amendment to the Constitution that would reverse Citizens United and establish that the rights enumerated in the Constitution belong to natural persons, not corporations, and ensure citizens have equal access to the political process, regardless of economic status.

### *Fiscal Year 2026 Funding for Critical Washington State Priorities*

- **Delivering \$22 Million in Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2026** – Rep. DelBene secured nearly \$22 million in federal funding for 15 community projects that will modernize and replace aging road and water infrastructure, support local farmers and

small businesses, and improve community resources and safety. The funded projects include:

- **City of Arlington, SR-531 Trail - \$850,000:** This project proposes the design and construction of a 12-foot-wide multi-use trail along the north side of state highway SR-531 from 67th Ave to SR-9. This trail alignment borders a high-density residential development and will provide a safe pathway for pedestrians and bicycles where currently none exists.
- **City of Bothell, Woodcrest Utility Replacement Project - \$ 1,092,000:** The Woodcrest neighborhood includes 157 manufactured and mobile homes that provide affordable housing primarily to senior and fixed-income residents. The purpose of this project is to replace the community's failing water utilities to bring them up to current standards, provide improved service and fire flow, improve substandard sewer and stormwater infrastructure, reduce utility repairs and maintenance, and reduce impacts to human health and the environment.
- **City of Redmond, AC Water Main Replacement - \$2,500,000:** The City of Redmond AC Water Main Replacement project will replace a significant amount of AC pipe in the Viewpoint neighborhood of Redmond. This project is part of a larger effort to eventually replace all the AC pipe in the City, which is one of the highest priority projects in the City's Water System Plan. In addition to providing safe, resilient water supply to the area, the project benefits all of the City by reducing maintenance demands resulting from frequent main breaks. Eliminating main breaks caused by aging, brittle pipe directly protects Idylwood Creek, one of the major salmon-bearing streams in the City.
- **Snohomish County, EvergreenHealth Monroe Specialty Care Expansion - \$1,500,000:** Snohomish County's EvergreenHealth Monroe Specialty Care Expansion project will spearhead the expansion and facility enhancement for subspecialties including orthopedics, cardiology Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT), urology, and rheumatology to ensure the delivery of top-tier healthcare services to the residents of East Snohomish County.
- **City of Bellevue, Lake Washington Sanitary Sewer Lake Lines Program - \$500,000:** The City of Bellevue's project will help the City identify solutions for replacing the nearly 15 miles of sewer lines along the shorelines of Lake Washington. The project is located in Lake Washington adjacent to waterfronts in the following areas: Bellevue, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Beaux Arts Village and a portion of King County. The lake lines convey residential wastewater to be treated by King County Wastewater Treatment Division's treatment plants. This is vital to keeping our environment healthy and safe for all residents of the 1st Congressional District and throughout King County.
- **City of Mountlake Terrace, Community Center Resiliency Project - \$850,000:** The City of Mountlake Terrace's project renovates the emergency services shelter building to fix ongoing roof leaks, heating breakdowns and lack of cooling so operations are not continuously impacted.
- **Lake Washington Institute of Technology, Early Learning Center Childcare Project - \$250,000:** The Lake Washington Institute of Technology's Early Learning Center Childcare Project supports both workforce development and regional economic mobility. Funding for this project will replace portable

classrooms used for the Early Learning Center (ELC) at Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech). This will allow LWTech to continue offering high-quality, low-cost childcare for 114 children of college students, employees, and residents of the 1st Congressional District. This renovation increases the number of children served from 74 to 114, an increase of 54%. The ELC is currently housed in portable buildings that have outlived their lifespan and must be replaced; this funding will allow LWTech to construct a modern, safe, and accessible childcare center.

- **City of Lake Stevens, Early Learning Library Project - \$250,000:** The Lake Stevens Early Learning Library Project will address essential infrastructure needs in a fast-growing community while delivering significant economic and social benefits. The project generates immediate economic impact through construction jobs and creating permanent library positions. With features like dedicated children's and teen areas, flexible meeting spaces, and outdoor gathering spaces, the library will provide invaluable resources to one of the fastest-growing communities in the region.
- **Snohomish County, Alderwood Mall Parkway: SR525 to 168<sup>th</sup> St. SW Project - \$1,000,000:** The Alderwood Mall Parkway: SR525 to 168th St. SW Project involves widening the roadway from three to five lanes to enhance traffic flow, capacity, and safety for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It includes two through lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, continuous curb and gutter, shared-use paths on both sides with ADA compliant curb ramps, aligning with the existing five-lane road configuration and improving traffic signal and intersection efficiency at the SR 525 NB On/Off Ramps.
- **City of Monroe, Railroad Segregation Project - \$850,000:** The Railroad Segregation project will address the significant safety and mobility challenges created by five closely spaced, at-grade BNSF rail crossings that currently divide the Monroe community, isolating residents from essential goods and emergency services while delaying response times. By improving these crossings, the project will enhance traffic flow along key regional corridors, including State Route 522, State Route 203, and U.S. 2, reducing congestion and strengthening connectivity for commuters traveling through Monroe and neighboring communities such as Sultan, Gold Bar, Duvall, and Snohomish. Funding will support the completion of a feasibility study, as well as the design and engineering phases, positioning the City to implement long-term infrastructure solutions that improve safety, reliability, and overall transportation efficiency.
- **City of Kenmore, Environmentally Sustainable Public Works Operations Center - \$2,000,000:** The Environmentally Sustainable Public Works Operations Center will incorporate a range of sustainability-focused features both within the facility and across the surrounding site. The City is seeking funding to support key components, including electric vehicle charging infrastructure, solar energy systems, geothermal heating, and a water quality testing laboratory equipped with modern tools. The project also integrates low-impact development techniques, stormwater retention and reuse systems, and the planting of vegetation, trees, and landscaping to reduce environmental impact. Together, these elements are

- designed to strengthen environmental stewardship while improving overall energy efficiency and long-term operational resilience.
- **Snohomish County, Snohomish Conservation District’s Natural Resources Center - \$1,200,000:** The Snohomish Conservation District’s Natural Resources Center project will support the construction of a multipurpose community facility designed to expand education and workforce development opportunities. Funding will be used to help cover construction costs for the Natural Resources Center building, including both indoor and outdoor classroom spaces that will be dedicated to hands-on workforce training. These facilities will provide a flexible environment for community programming, equipping participants with practical skills in natural resource management while strengthening local capacity for environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.
  - **The City of Snohomish, Snohomish Infrastructure Investments for Public Safety and City Services Campus - \$3,150,000:** The City of Snohomish is partnering with Snohomish County Fire District #4 on a new Public Safety & City Services Campus that will house new stations for both the Fire District and the Snohomish Police Department, as well as facilities for other City services. The City’s project will help fund critical infrastructure improvements along Pine Ave for streets, sidewalks, water, stormwater, power, and fiber required for re-development of these parcels and revitalizing parts of the Pilchuck District.
  - **Community Transit, Swift Green Line Extension Southern Terminal Facility - \$2,000,000:** The Swift Green Line Extension Southern Terminal Facility project will advance critical planning and design work for the expansion of bus rapid transit service in Snohomish and King County. Funding will support the completion of environmental review and design for new terminal facilities serving the planned Swift Green Line extension, which will run from Canyon Park to downtown Bothell and University of Washington Bothell / Cascadia College. The project will add up to six new stations and integrate with Sound Transit’s Stride S3 bus rapid transit line, strengthening regional connectivity and expanding reliable, high-capacity transit options for commuters across the corridor.
  - **City of Marysville, 156<sup>th</sup> St. NE Overcrossing Project - \$4,100,000:** The 156th St. NE Overcrossing Project will restore critical east–west connectivity by replacing a former at-grade rail crossing that was closed in the early 2000s by BNSF Railway and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The project will construct a grade-separated overcrossing at 156th St. NE, aligning with a planned future interchange at Interstate 5 funded through the Connecting Washington Program. While the new interchange is expected to improve access to the growing Cascade Industrial Center east of I-5, the presence of a parallel rail line to the west currently limits connectivity and effectively landlocks surrounding areas. The overcrossing will resolve this constraint by improving traffic circulation and providing reliable interstate access for residents and businesses west of the rail line.