



## Legislative Accomplishments 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (2023-2024)

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### **Committee and Caucus Highlights**

- Rep. DelBene serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, leading the debate on a fairer tax code, health care reform, trade deals, and retirement security.
- 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 Pro-Choice Caucus.

### **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 in 800,000 Washington state families received up to \$300 per child per month. Across the country, 2.9million 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 introduced the [401Kids Savings Act](#) which would create universal children’s savings accounts (CSAs) that will help children nationwide start saving and provide every child with economic opportunity.

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

- Rep. DelBene introduced the [SNAP E&T Enhancements Act](#) which would make it easier for Americans participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) to access job training services.
- Rep. DelBene has introduced the [Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act](#) to test and evaluate innovative portable benefit designs for the growing independent workforce.
- 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.

- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Small Business Tax Fairness and Compliance Simplification Act](#) that 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.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Community News and Small Business Support Act](#) which would support jobs in local newsrooms, strengthen small businesses, and increase access to local news.

### ***Health Care***

- In January 2024, the Biden administration finalized [regulations](#) to improve health outcomes for seniors by modernizing our nation’s antiquated prior authorization process, which often still requires faxing documents to insurance companies. This follows passage in the House of legislation Rep. DelBene sponsored, the [Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act](#), to establish an electronic prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage plans, increase transparency, and speed up prior authorization decision timeframes.
- Rep. DelBene helped secure increased funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Fiscal Year 2024 spending bill.
- 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.
- 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.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Value in Health Care Act](#), which would incentivize greater participation for Medicare beneficiaries in health models focused on the quality of care provided, not the quantity of services. Rep. DelBene secured an extension of these important incentives in the recently passed 2024 spending bill.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act](#), which would provide Medicare beneficiaries with faster access to safe, effective breakthrough medical devices. This bill was recently approved by the House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee.
- Rep. DelBene serves as a leadership member of the Pro-Choice Caucus and an original cosponsor of the Women’s Health Protection Act, which would ensure that reproductive choices rest with a woman, her family, and her doctor – not with politicians.

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

- Rep. DelBene cosponsored 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.
- The House of Representatives passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, with the support of Rep. DelBene. This historic gun violence prevention legislation will help protect America’s children, keep our schools safe, and reduce the threat of violence across our country.

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

- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Clean Competition Act](#), which would make American companies more competitive in the global marketplace 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 being undercut by dirtier goods produced abroad.
- In honor of the 10-year anniversary of the Oso landslide that tragically claimed 43 lives in our community, Rep. DelBene [introduced legislation](#) to continue programs that 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. DelBene was the lead sponsor of the original National Landslide Preparedness Act that created these programs and was signed into law in 2021.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the Hydrogen Aviation Development Act to advance the development of hydrogen as a source of alternative fuel for the aviation industry. [Key provisions](#) from this legislation that will help make the aviation industry cleaner were included in the House-passed FAA reauthorization bill.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [American High-Speed Rail Act](#) to invest \$205 billion to build out a high-speed rail network in the United States. This legislation comes on the heels of the Biden administration awarding a historic \$8.2 billion for high-speed rail and pipeline projects across the country, including to support the Cascadia High-Speed Rail and Amtrak Cascades corridors in our region.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Transportation Innovation Coordination Act](#) to accelerate the decarbonization of larger commercial vehicles.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [SWIMS Act](#), which would end future capture and breeding of certain large marine mammals, including whales, for public display, ensuring these creatures can live freely in their open environments where they belong.

### ***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, and the U.S. Citizenship Act to comprehensively reform. Rep. DelBene believes we must restore humanity to our immigration system while also securing our border.
- When our border communities were suffering from the continued northern border closure, Rep. DelBene [led numerous efforts](#) urging American and Canadian officials to safely reopen the northern border.

### ***Veterans***

- Rep. DelBene introduced [legislation](#) to require the Department of Veterans Affairs to create an LGBTQ+ Veterans Advisory Committee.
- Rep. DelBene introduced the [Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act](#), which would expand veterans' access to long-term, good-paying manufacturing jobs by boosting training for those reentering the civilian workforce from military service.

### ***Housing***

- Rep. DelBene [introduced the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act](#), which would help create or rehabilitate 2 million affordable homes nationwide by expanding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. This bill would also create veteran-specific housing options, target extremely low-income populations, and boost affordable housing in tribal and rural communities.
- 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.

### ***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.
- Rep. DelBene has introduced the Internet of Things (IoT) Readiness Act to ensure our country has the data needed to be prepared for the continued growth of smart technology and the needed amount of spectrum capacity.

### ***Postal Service***

- Rep. DelBene [protected mail delivery](#) for nearly one million King and Snohomish county residents by advocating for Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to scrap the consolidation of a critical Redmond mail processing facility. Rep. DelBene sent multiple letters to DeJoy, visited the facility in January 2022, and spoke with workers and union leaders at the facility to prevent the consolidation from moving forward.

### ***Small Business***

- Rep. DelBene [pushed](#) the Small Business Administration to ensure that Tribal small businesses, particularly Tribal fishers, have access to federal small business programs.

### ***Trade***

- Rep. DelBene successfully persuaded the Biden administration to expand sanctions against Russia's seafood sector to drain Putin's war chest following a [letter](#) she sent to the administration in December 2023.
- Rep. DelBene helped [secure](#) a continued ban on e-commerce tariffs at the World Trade Organization, which protects American workers and our economy from new fees on products from music streaming and video game downloads to emails and text messages to friends and family abroad.
- Rep. DelBene helped [secure](#) the lifting of retaliatory tariffs against Washington apples in India, which will allow our farmers to gain back market share in India and support the more than 68,000 jobs in Washington they support.

### ***Fiscal Year 2024 Funding for Critical Washington State Priorities***

- **Delivering \$18 Million in Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2024 – Rep. DelBene** secured nearly \$18 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 - \$1,000,000:** 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 Bellevue, Bellevue Police Department Body-worn Camera Program - \$963,000:** The body-worn camera program will help increase accountability and transparency in interactions between officers and members of the Bellevue community. By acquiring the camera technology, the program can enhance the Police Department’s patrol operations, incident investigation, incident response, and crime prevention.
  - **Cities of Bellevue and Redmond Electric Fire Engines & Charging - \$1,000,000:** This project supports the Cities of Bellevue and Redmond in acquiring two electric fire engines and associated charging infrastructure, replacing two aging diesel engines that each emit 18 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) and 0.13 metric tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx) per year. These electric fire engine orders are the first of their kind in Washington state.
  - **City of Bothell, Woodcrest Utility Replacement Project - \$959,752:** 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 Kenmore, Swamp Creek Tributary Culvert Replacement Project - \$1,300,000:** The Swamp Creek Tributary Culvert Replacement Project replaces a culvert that is currently blocking the passage of migrating salmon and other fisheries. Opening up this culvert, which is in an unnamed but important tributary to Swamp Creek, will create a continuous fish-passage route all the way to the mouth of the Sammamish River.
  - **City of Lake Stevens, Cedarwood Community Recreation Center - \$1,366,279:** Construction for Cedarwood Community Recreation Center is a vital project in an underserved area with a lack of recreation opportunities, and youth and adult programming. This project will help Washington families access before and after-school care, flexible meeting /classroom space, and remove blight from the surrounding area in Lake Stevens.
  - **City of Marysville, Grove Street Overcrossing - \$850,000:** This funding will help fund construction of the Grove Street Overcrossing project in Marysville, which will construct an overcrossing that would span the existing at-grade crossing, providing congestion relief and improving safety.

- **City of Mountlake Terrace, Main Street Revitalization Phase Two Project - \$850,000:** The Mountlake Terrace Main Street Revitalization Phase Two Project will provide a transportation network that supports Transit Oriented Development (TOD) for Mountlake Terrace Town Center connected to the Sound Transit Light Rail station scheduled to open in 2024.
- **City of Redmond, AC Water Main Replacement - \$959,752:** The City of Redmond AC Water Main Replacement project will replace an asbestos cement water main pipe that has reached the end of its useful life. The pipe is subject to frequent breaks, creating a risk to life and property from water damage and loss of fire protection and drinking water. The new ductile iron pipe will provide superior seismic resilience, fire protection, and drinking water reliability.
- **City of Woodinville, Little Bear Creek Culvert Replacement Project - \$850,000:** Little Bear Creek, running through the City of Woodinville, is a critical habitat for runs of Chinook, sockeye, kokanee, and coho salmon, and coastal cutthroat trout. Several undersized culverts that represent salmon-barriers and create flooding potential, exist along the Woodinville portion of the seven-mile creek. This project will replace two of those culverts and restore fish habitat within Little Bear Creek.
- **NWIRC Innovation Center Network - \$850,000:** The Northwest Innovation Resource Center (NWIRC) is working with regional leaders to establish an innovation center in Arlington at the Cascade Industrial Center (CIC). This center will provide a critical resource missing in our region, serving as a hub for entrepreneurs and small businesses to explore new technologies to remain competitive. This funding will go towards the Arlington CIC location.
- **Snohomish County, Chinook Marsh - \$959,752:** Snohomish County and the City of Everett are partnering on the Chinook Marsh project, which will relocate a vital City of Everett drinking water transmission line to reduce flood and seismic hazards, and restore approximately 430 acres of tidal habitat benefitting Endangered Species Act listed Chinook Salmon. The Chinook Marsh project will provide additional public benefits by upgrading flood protection for adjacent and nearby residents and revitalizing a trail for recreation.
- **Snohomish County Food & Farming Center - \$5,000,000:** This funding will allow for the completion of the processing, aggregation, and distribution center portion of the Snohomish County Food and Farming Center.
- **Sound Transit, Ash Way Station - \$500,000:** This request will provide funds for the design of the Ash Way Station of the Everett Link Extension (ELE). The ELE will extend light rail service 16.3 miles north from Lynnwood City Center to Everett Station adding six new stations. When complete, the ELE is expected to serve 37,000 — 45,000 riders by 2040.
- **Stillaguamish Tribe, SR-530 Roundabout - \$500,000:** The funding will construct a roundabout at the SR-530 & Smokey Point Blvd in Arlington, WA. These improvements to the SR-530 corridor will help connect people to their jobs and homes, reduce congestion on I-5, and increase safety with a reduction in collisions.