

Overview of general political landscape



4 Open Statewide Races

- Governor
- Insurance Commissioner
- Public Lands Commissioner
- Attorney General

Legislature

- ~20% of House and Senate members not returning
- Few remaining EL Champions in the Legislature
- New leadership

Financing

- Ballot initiatives to repeal Capital Gains and Climate Commitment Act – significant budget implications
- Governor's Budget Office issued limiting budget instructions
- Indications of slowing revenue – next Revenue Forecast out on 6/26

Redistricting

- Remedy Federal Voting Rights Act violations that critics said diluted the power of the area's Latino electorate
- Redrawn boundaries affects 13 legislative districts
- Significant upheaval impacting many districts; some incumbents moving to remain in district or retiring

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Implications of Changes

- Loss of institutional memory
- Shift in power dynamics
- Trickle down of new statewide leadership – potential for new Agency Heads and senior leadership
- Opportunities for younger and more diverse legislators and legislative leaderships

SEWA Focus: Education and building new champions

SEWA Legislative Priorities for 2025

- Next steps in Fair Start for Kids Act
 - Eligibility expansion to more families (75% of state median income)
 - ECEAP entitlement
 - Cost of care for subsidy
- Facilities: construction and minor renovation
- Home Visiting rates and expansion