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Governor's declaration in SOS builds on administration's work to bolster state's workforce in high-demand, high-need industries.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers Tuesday night focused largely on addressing the state's generational workforce challenges during his 2024 State of the State address. Gov. Evers declared 2024 the Year of the Worker in Wisconsin and announced new efforts by the Evers Administration to build a workforce prepared to meet the needs of a 21st-century economy, including launching the state's first teacher apprenticeship pilot program, creating the Governor's Task Force on the Healthcare Workforce, and establishing the Office of Employee Engagement and Retention for the State of Wisconsin workforce, which will focus on recruiting and retaining state employees.

"This past year has shown there's much we can accomplish when we work together. Today, there are pressing issues that demand our work bridging partisan divides continues.

"I, again, am calling on this Legislature to address what I believe are the two greatest challenges facing our state: the first, our decade-long struggle to retain, attract, and train talented workers to address our state's workforce shortages; and the second, the Republican majority's disinterest in working toward a meaningful, bipartisan plan to do something about it.

Gov. Evers Declares 2024 the Year of the Worker

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