HHAV State Policy Agenda Setting
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1. Question: If there are multiple budget priorities, how will HHAV determine which to prioritize?

Answer: HHAV will evaluate each budget issue individually. Several members have already shared potential budget priorities, and we will consider each request as part of this process.

Last year, some members asked whether HHAV would support advocacy for specific budget line items on behalf of individual members. We have decided that we will, with an emphasis on whether the proposed investment benefits the entire state or is limited to a particular region or community. We anticipate giving greater priority to statewide requests.

This does not mean that members should refrain from submitting requests that benefit a specific community or region. We encourage members to include those requests in the application process, and we will consider them. However, requests with statewide impact will generally receive greater prioritization.

2. Question: How does HHAV anticipate addressing issues that do not initially make the priority list but gain momentum later in the legislative session?

Answer: The HHAV policy advisory committee will play an important role in this process. We cannot anticipate every development that may arise during the legislative session, so we will have strategic conversations with our lobbyists and the advisory committee throughout the session to assess emerging opportunities and adjust our approach as needed.

While the priority list will be more focused this year, applying lessons learned from legislator feedback and working with a smaller, representative advisory group will help HHAV determine when and how to shift priorities. HHAV will also consider how best to communicate any changes in direction to the full membership.