***DES SAFS Legislative & BATS Workshop***

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***Q&A***

*How do you balance time during session?*

For small agencies, I think that developing relationships especially ones that will have impact on your agencies issues would be a priority. For me, I start checking email after five. Also, on Thursdays the next week’s schedule comes out. On Fridays our leadership team talks about the different bills that will be on the schedule and determine what action needs to be taken and to decide who will be needed.

*Legislation Liaison* –

Does not get any time off during session, including holidays. Also, it’s vital that you have contact information to insure that you can have the appropriate people in place.

*What is the proper etiquette for seeking an audience?*

Contact your legislative assistant, they are the gate keeper.  Strive to develop and keep a good rapport with them, do not make them mad. Also, lurking can be a good way to get a foot in the door.

*Who has access to bill analysis in BATS?*

It can only be seen by your agency, OFM and WaTech. However, there could be a public disclosure request.