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Release: ARRM Statement on Minnesota's Record Budget Surplus

EAGAN, MINN. – Yesterday, Minnesota Management and Budget released their updated economic outlook showing a projected budget surplus of \$17.6 billion through FY25.

“Yesterday’s announcement was another reliable indicator that Minnesota’s economy continues to grow and reach record new highs. There is no reason to wait on making impactful investments in Home and Community Based Services for people with disabilities. We need our legislators to act right away so that people in the caring professions, specifically Direct Support Professionals are appropriately compensated for their work.” said ARRM CEO Sue Schettle.

After a legislative compromise on Human Services total spending collapsed in the 2022 Legislative Session, [disability providers rallied](#) in front of the Governor’s residence to raise awareness for the workforce crisis impacting disability services and the onslaught of home closures displacing people with disabilities. With the inaction of the 2022 session behind them, disability advocates are looking forward to the 2023 session.

“During the 2023 Legislative Session, ARRM and our legislative allies will be proposing that the Legislature fully fund the Competitive Workforce Factor (CWF), move up scheduled CWF increases, and make significant structural reform to the Disability Waiver Rate System funding formula,” said 2022-23 ARRM President Stacy Roe. “This projected record surplus can make a tremendous impact on the quality of life for people with disabilities and the dedicated workforce that supports them, but only if the Legislature moves quickly,” Roe added.

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About ARRM (The Association of Residential Resources of Minnesota)

ARRM is a nonprofit association of more than 200 provider organizations, businesses and advocates dedicated to leading the advancement of home and community-based services supporting people living with disabilities in their pursuit of meaningful lives.

Founded in 1970, ARRM continues to lead advocacy and training for positive industry reforms that support Minnesotans with disabilities. To learn more, visit arrm.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).