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Agriculture

House Study Bill 165— Commercial Fertilizer Reduction Pilot Program
Proposes to establish a pilot program aimed at reducing the average statewide use of commercial nitrogen-based fertilizers by the lesser of 15% or 30 pounds per acre. Participants will receive compensation for their involvement (not less than $5/acre involved). Creates a 5-year $2-million Standing Appropriation from the General Fund beginning in Fiscal Year 2026 with repeal of all provisions December 31, 2030.
Status: Passed House Ag Committee will be Referred to House Appropriations

House File 179/HF 32— On-Farm Meat Processing Plant Annual Inspection Fees
Proposes to create a new type of food processing entity that is licensed and inspected by the Department of Inspection, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) agents that can store officially processed packaged meat or poultry raised by the licensee and offered for sale at the premise on a wholesale or retail basis. The bill legalizes the on-farm storage of processed inspected packages and allows the on-premise sale on wholesale or retail basis for such packages. The annual license/inspection fee level to be assessed upon on-farm meat and poultry production operations with wholesale or retail packaged sales is $75.
Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

House File 508/HSB 131—Grain Indemnity Program & Fee Update
Proposes to make a number of modernizing changes to the state grain indemnity program. The measure proposes new definitions and regulations surrounding credit-sale contracts sale of grain, specifically extending grain indemnity coverage to deferred pricing credit sales contracts, but not to deferred payment credit-sales contracts since the language explicitly differentiates between deferred-pricing and deferred-payment contracts. The measure establishes new requirements for grain dealers regarding financial statements and indemnity fees/participation fees. The bill further modifies the conditions under which indemnity fund fees are assessed and outlines the process for indemnification claims.
Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

House File 799/HSB 143-- IDALS Code Clean Up
Proposes to provide updates for programs and regulations related to agriculture, including crop production, animal health, agricultural processing, and agricultural marketing, providing for powers and duties of the department of agriculture and land stewardship, providing fees, and providing penalties.
Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

House File 800/HSB 132—Sheep Promotion Chapter Rewrite
Proposes to modify the Sheep & Wool checkoff to delete the existing 2-cent a pound wool assessment and doubles the per-hear market assessment from 10-cents to 20-cents. It changes the name to Sheep Promotional Board and other conforming changes.
Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

Commerce

HF 303 – Prior Authorization

This bill sets up timelines for response from health insurers on prior authorizations, requires insurers to review health care services that require prior auth, requires a prior auth exemption program with each health insurer and a report submitted to the Insurance Division on the effectiveness of their program.
Status: Senate Calendar

HF 318 – Breast Imaging Cost Sharing
This bill requires insurers to provide the same cost-sharing requirements for supplemental breast examinations and diagnostic breast examinations as they do for mammograms.
Status: Senate Commerce Committee

HF 330 – Autism Coverage
This bill strikes age and benefit limits from the autism coverage requirements of health plans in Iowa.
Status: Senate Commerce Committee

HF 302 – Climate Change Hazardous Liquid Pipeline
This bill removes the statute the IUC cited in its Summit Carbon decision to say that the state policy finds the factor of climate change weighs in favor of granting a hazardous liquid pipeline to Summit. This bill also prohibits the IUC from considering climate change when determining whether to grant a HLP permit.
Status: House Calendar

HF 304 – IUC Bill
This bill comes from the Iowa Utilities Commission to remove oversight of outdated telecommunications that are no longer in place and to remove the need for a paper form to grant a franchise to construct and operate an electric transmission line.
Status: House Calendar

HF 308 – Medicare Supplements
This bill establishes an annual open enrollment for Medicare Supplemental policies and prohibits consideration of pre-existing conditions in issuing those plans.
Status: House Calendar

HF 311 – Bank Boards
This bill revises requirements related to bank board of directors' meetings and membership.
Status: House Calendar

HF 404 – Community Solar
This bill requires investor-owned utilities to allow for community solar projects in their service area.
Status: House Calendar

HF 512 – Consumer Loans
This bill mirrors the law in place in the Money and Interest statute to the Consumer Loan code section that offer federally qualified mortgages with non-bank mortgage lenders limitations on fees charged to borrowers.
Status: House Calendar

HF 545 – Delivery Networks
This bill requires delivery network drivers/companies to maintain liability coverage that applies during the delivery available period and the delivery service period. The coverage must be for $50,000 when there is a bodily injury or death to one person, $100,000 when there is bodily injury or death to two or more persons,

and $25,000 when there is injury or destruction of property (these exceed the amounts for minimum vehicle coverage in Iowa which are $20k/$40k/$15k).
Allows personal line insurers to not cover the personal vehicle while the insured is logged on to a delivery network company's digital network. Primary liability is placed on the delivery network company's coverage.
Status: House Calendar

HF 636 – Dental Prior Authorizations
This bill prohibits a dental carrier from denying a claim submitted for an approved for by prior authorization, with certain exemptions.
Status: House Calendar

HF 637 – Dental Overpayment
This bill sets up an appeal process when an overpayment is made to a dental provider by a dental insurer, makes notice requirements regarding overpayments, and allows for withholding on a future claim if certain information is provided.
Status: House Calendar

HF 640 – Self-Storage
This bill allows self-storage facilities to limit access if the occupant is using the space for residential purposes and allows for written agreements to be deemed accepted if not returned. This bill also allows for notice to remove personal property and for remaining property to be subject to lien.
Status: House Calendar

HF 781 – Casino Smoking
This bill eliminates the exemption to the smoke free air act that allows for smoking on gaming floors.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 99 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers
This bill includes the following additional regulations of PBMs in Iowa:

- Prohibits a PBM or insurer from discriminating against a pharmacy if the pharmacy is acting within its license and all laws.
- Prohibits the removal of pharmacy choice or imposing any monetary advantages or penalties that result in removing pharmacy choice (including unnecessary specialty drug designations and requiring use of mail order pharmacies)
- Prohibits additional cost-sharing on the insured based on where they choose to have their prescription filled
- Requires all rebates to benefit the insured
- Requires any amount paid by the insured for the prescription drug to be applied to their deductible
- Requires PBMs to reimburse pharmacies based on acquisition cost
- Prohibits spread pricing unless all cost differential is provided to the insured
- Requires pharmacies have an appeals process if not reimbursed at acquisition cost

Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HSB 123 – Governor Energy Bill
This bill comes from the Governor and does the following, as amended in committee:

- Allows advance ratemaking for new generation facilities, including small nuclear reactors, energy storage, and gas peaker plants

- Requires the utility to provide support for their advance ratemaking application through an electric utility resource plan that has been filed no more than 24 months prior to the advance ratemaking application
- Requires IUC to adopt rules to complete advance ratemaking proceedings within 10 months of filing an application
- Requires electric IOUs to file a resource plan with IUC at least once every 5 years, with IUC feedback and required good faith to involve stakeholders in the process
- Allows public utilities to apply for innovative tariffs that do not negatively impact nonparticipating customers
- This bill updates language passed by the legislature in 2020 to establish a right of first refusal to incumbent companies in building electric transmission lines. Last year, the Iowa Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction, *LS Power Midcontinent v. Iowa*, that the law likely violated the title clause and single-subject rule of the Iowa Constitution. This bill reinstates the law already passed by the legislature, with the following changes:
    - Requires incumbent owners to provide Municipal utilities and RECs an opportunity to jointly own a portion of the transmission line based on load ratio share.
    - Requires quarterly updates to the IUB to show that the incumbent owner has used competitively bid construction contracts.
    - Allows the OCA and IUC to utilize the filings to challenge the costs of the project in front of FERC.
    - Provides for ag restoration requirements and allows IUC to appoint an inspector to ensure that the land has been restored properly
- Adds water infrastructure to the existing energy infrastructure revolving loan program at IEDA.
- Requires the infrastructure revolving loan fund to provide Iowa State University $633,000 annually to do load forecasting
- Requires anaerobic digester systems to receive a permit from the DNR.

Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HSB 150 – Trigger Leads
This bill prohibits financial institutions from using an unfair or deceptive practice when using prescreened mortgage trigger lead information from another financial institution.
Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HF 556 – Credentialing Timeline
This bill provides a timeline for an insurer to respond to a provider seeking to be credentialed in-network and to provide a reason for denial.
Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HSB 182 – State-Regulated Dental
This bill requires dental carriers to disclose to dental providers whether the covered person's dental care services plan is state regulated.
Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HSB 206 – Infrastructure Sabotage
This bill adds cable services and information services to the definition of critical infrastructure under the sabotage law. A person who intentionally causes interruption of a fundamental service through critical infrastructure commits a class B felony.
Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HSB 256 – DIFS Bill
This bill comes from the Department of Insurance and Financial Services to do the following:

- Bring financial literacy programs in to department wide duties post-reorg. Allows up to $250,000 to be transferred into the financial exploitation prevention fund and the financial literacy and investor education fund from the commerce revolving loan fund.
- Makes tax returns by captive insurers confidential
- Allows for public hearings to be held on proposed health insurance rate increases, rather than required.
- Establishes language going forward regarding high-deductible health plans and cost-sharing requirements
- Requires insurers to file a withdrawal plan with the Insurance Division if significantly lowering business in the state or limiting new policies
- Defines "line of sight" for replacement costs and actual cash value, and allows insurers to write a different standard in to their policies
- Includes a rewrite of the service contract laws in Iowa

Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HF 627 – Interest Limit
This bill prohibits delayed deposit services from imposing an annual percentage rate create than 36%.
Status: Passed House Commerce Committee

HF 622 – Catastrophic Savings Accounts
This bill establishes catastrophic savings accounts, allowing Iowans to open interest-bearing savings accounts for paying qualified catastrophic expenses. The bill outlines contribution limits based on homeowners' insurance premiums and provides tax incentives.
Status: House Ways & Means Committee

Economic Growth

HF 112—Targeted Small Businesses
Current law provides that to qualify as a targeted small business, the business must have an annual gross income of less than $4.0 million. This provides that to qualify a business must either have an annual gross income of less than $10 million or fewer than 20 employees.
Status: House Calendar

HF 517—Vacant School Building Demo Fund
Creates a vacant school building demolition grant program within IEDA.
Status: House Appropriations Committee

HF 533—Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
Provides that the midwest interstate passenger rail compact is entered into and enacted into law together with several other midwestern states if those states join the compact in substantially the same form.
Status: House Calendar

HF 550—Grocery Reinvestment Fund
Creates a grocer reinvestment and local produce processing grant program and appropriates $2.0 million to the fund for the next two years. Modifies the local food and farm program.
Status: House Appropriations Committee

HSB 294—Artificial Intelligence Guardrails

Regulates the use of artificial intelligence to create materials related to elections and protections in interactions with AI systems.
Status: House Calendar

Education

HF 118 - Modification of National Guard Service Scholarship Program
Modifies the national guard service scholarship program in Iowa. It establishes that scholarship awards cannot exceed the difference between the tuition rate at the institution attended by the national guard member and any financial aid received under specified federal programs. The bill also removes the provision that eligibility and scholarship determinations cannot be based on a national guard member's unit or drill location.
Status: House Calendar

HF 117 - National Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship Program
Creates the National Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship Program, administered by the college student aid commission. This program is designed for Iowa National Guard members who are enrolled in educational programs leading to approved credentials. Eligible individuals must be residents of Iowa, have completed initial active-duty training, and maintain satisfactory academic progress. The scholarship awards will cover the total cost of the educational program, and the adjutant general will certify eligibility and award amounts. The bill also allows for the carryover of unspent funds to the next fiscal year for this purpose.
Status: Senate Education Committee

HF 890 - Education Reporting and Certification Enhancement
Modifies community college reporting requirements to the Department of Education. Establishes a national board certification program for teachers. Provides stipends for advanced dyslexia specialist endorsements. Includes provisions for employee compensation at specialized educational services. Mandates annual reporting of financial and educational outcomes to the General Assembly.
Status: House Calendar

HF 174 - Modification of Effective Dates for School District Changes
House File 174 amends the effective date provisions for school district changes in Iowa. If a proposition to enlarge, reorganize, or change a school district's boundary is approved by voters before January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 following the election. Conversely, if approved on or after January 1, 2025, the change will take effect on July 1 of the following calendar year. The bill also adjusts the effective date for the attachment of territory in cases of dissolution based on the same timeline. Additionally, the legislation is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025.
Status: Sent to Governor

HF 165 - Civics Test Requirement for High School Graduation in Iowa
House File 165 introduces a requirement for students in grades 9 through 12 to pass a civics assessment based on the U.S. citizenship and immigration services naturalization civics test. Students must correctly answer at least 60% of the questions to pass, with unlimited retakes allowed for those who do not meet this threshold.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 31 - Modification of School Calendar Start Dates
House Study Bill 31 modifies the earliest possible start date for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa. Under current law, the school calendar must begin no sooner than August 23. The proposed change allows for the school year to start on the earlier of August 23 or the first Wednesday following the conclusion of the Iowa State Fair. The bill maintains the requirement for a minimum of 180 days or 1,080 hours

of instruction per year. Additionally, it stipulates that school boards must hold a public hearing before adopting the school calendar
Status: House Calendar

HF 166 - Public School Display of National and State Motto and Silent Time Requirement
Public schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools must display the national and state mottos in a visible location. All schools are required to start each day of classroom instruction with two minutes of silent time. The silent time is to occur immediately prior to the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. The bill amends existing laws to include these new requirements for both public and charter schools.
Status: House Calendar

HF 190 - Online Assessment Administration for Iowa Schools
House File 190 introduces provisions for the administration of state assessments to students receiving online instruction. It allows school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, and charter schools to conduct assessments in an online format that mirrors the students' regular academic environment. Key conditions include scheduled assessment times, synchronous sessions managed by school personnel, and monitoring by assessment proctors via video feed. The bill also stipulates a maximum student-to-proctor ratio of 10 to 1 and requires verification of assessment submission by school employees.
Status: House Calendar

HF 771 - Purple Star School Initiative
Introduction of a Purple Star School Initiative to recognize schools supporting military-connected students. Mandates the director of the department of education to develop and administer this initiative. Aims to increase the support available to military-connected students and their families.
Status: House Calendar

HF 167 - Strengthening Reporting Requirements for Grooming Behavior in Education
House File 167 modifies the existing definition of 'grooming behavior' to focus on the process of building trust and emotional connections with students for exploitative purposes. This change aims to clarify the intent behind such behaviors, making it easier for school authorities to identify and report inappropriate conduct. The bill mandates that school officials report any disciplinary actions against licensed employees for engaging in grooming behavior, thereby reinforcing the protection of students from potential exploitation.
Status: House Calendar

HF 163 - Iowa School Safety Enhancement Act
Establishes multidisciplinary threat assessment teams in each school district and accredited nonpublic school. Allows covered entities to share records and information related to students at risk of emotional disturbances or threats to safety. Defines 'covered entity' to include nonpublic schools, charter schools, state agencies, and other relevant organizations. Provides immunity from civil liability for individuals reporting credible threats in good faith. Encourages collaboration among schools, law enforcement, mental health professionals, and other stakeholders.
Status: House Calendar

HF 772 – Annual Authorization Fee for Postsecondary Educational Institutions
House File 772 amends existing law to require the Iowa college student aid commission to collect a single, nonrefundable annual authorization fee from specific educational entities that are exempt from registration. The fee is set at $2,000 for entities with a primary location in Iowa and $3,500 for those outside Iowa. The commission is authorized to increase this fee annually by up to 3%. This change aims to ensure that the

commission can cover the costs associated with administering the relevant educational statutes while providing a clear framework for institutions operating in Iowa.
Status: House Ways & Means

HF 88 – Modification of Requirements for competent private instruction and independent private instruction
Introduces significant changes to the state's education system, particularly focusing on private instruction and world language education. It allows parents to place children under competent private instruction with fewer requirements, including the removal of immunization proof for first-time placements. The act also clarifies the definition of independent private instruction and ensures that diplomas from such programs are treated equally to traditional high school diplomas. Additionally, it prohibits the incorporation of gender-neutral language in world language instruction where applicable. The legislation increases the tuition tax credit for families with children receiving private instruction or attending accredited schools, retroactively applying to tax years beginning January 1, 2025.
Status: House Calendar

HF 189 - Eligibility of Nonpublic School Students for Public School Athletics
Students enrolled in nonpublic schools can participate in public school athletic contests not offered by their own school. Students from contiguous school districts are also eligible to participate under the same conditions. Participation is subject to an agreement between the school district and the nonpublic school regarding eligibility. Fees for participation must be paid by the student or their guardian and cannot exceed fees charged to public school students. The number of nonpublic school participants will not affect the classification of public schools.
Status: House Calendar

HF 212 - Regulation of School Meal Ingredients
House File 212 amends existing laws to ensure that school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools comply with specific requirements when providing breakfast and lunch programs. The bill mandates the use of natural fats and oils in meal preparation and explicitly prohibits the use of margarine and certain artificial dyes and additives in meals served to students. This legislation aims to enhance the nutritional quality of school meals and protect student health by eliminating potentially harmful ingredients. The new regulations will take effect for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2027.
Status: House Calendar

HF 315 - Budget Adjustments for School Districts Affected by Natural Disasters
House File 315 amends the current budget adjustment provisions for school districts in Iowa. It allows districts that have been affected by a natural disaster, for which a major disaster has been declared, to receive an additional budget adjustment. This adjustment is equal to the amount of the school district’s budget adjustment for the base year. The intent is to provide financial support to schools recovering from disasters, ensuring they can maintain educational services despite financial setbacks.
Status: House Calendar

HF 272 - Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Competitive Scholar Program
Establishment of the Advanced Dyslexia Specialist Endorsement Competitive Scholar Program. Provides tuition reimbursement for teachers pursuing an advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement. Eligibility requires teachers to work in Iowa schools or area education agencies. Reimbursement is available for a maximum of two years, covering up to 75% of tuition costs. An appropriation of $335,000 is allocated for the program for FY 2025-2026.
Status: House Appropriations

HF 316 - Career Education Enhancements
Introduces a requirement for the Iowa Department of Education to create a list of industry-recognized credentials for students in grades 9-12. Mandates the development of a seal to be affixed to high school transcripts for students who attain these credentials. Expands career education curriculum in grades 5-6 to include career planning and pathways. Requires school districts to report students who achieve industry-recognized credentials to the Department of Education. Specifies that the state cost of implementing these mandates will be covered by state school foundation aid.
Status: House Calendar

HF 271 – Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program Scholarship Program
Establishes a scholarship program for individuals with intellectual, developmental, or learning disabilities. Eligibility requires enrollment in a U.S. Department of Education approved comprehensive transition and postsecondary program. Scholarship awards are capped at $5,000 per academic year. Annual reapplication is required for continued eligibility. Priority is given to Iowa residents in the scholarship application process.
Status: House Appropriations

HF 395 – Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program Scholarship
House File 395 amends the existing law regarding school bus driver training by allowing the Department of Education to accept proof of completion of federal entry-level driver training (ELDT) as a substitute for the state-approved course. The bill maintains the requirement for school bus drivers to complete an approved course every 24 months. Additionally, it mandates that the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, establish rules for training providers to ensure compliance with the new provisions.
Status: House Calendar

HF 392 – Authorization for Year-Round School Calendars
Expands eligibility for year-round school calendars to include grades 9 through 12. Removes the previous limitation of year-round calendars only for prekindergarten through grade eight. Requires a public hearing before submitting an application for a year-round calendar. Initial applications must be submitted by November 1 of the preceding school year.
Status: Senate Education Committee

HF 389 – Child Abuse Reporting and Accountability in Schools
Defines 'public school' and 'nonpublic school' for child abuse reporting purposes. Includes employees and agents of public and nonpublic schools in the definition of 'a person responsible for the care of a child'. Mandates reporting of child abuse allegations against school employees to HHS and law enforcement if it constitutes a criminal act. Requires HHS to adopt rules for handling child abuse reports in schools. Requires placing employees on administrative leave during ongoing child abuse assessments.
Status: House Calendar

HF 393 - Iowa School Performance Profiles Regarding Dropout Impact
The bill amends the calculation of school performance grades to exclude the negative impact of a student's second or subsequent dropout after returning to school. The performance grade will be based on a combination of aggregate growth, aggregate proficiency, and other academic indicators.
Status: House Calendar

HF 369 – Agriculture Education Grant Program
Establishes an agriculture education grant program within the Iowa Department of Education. Defines 'agriculture education program' and 'personal services costs' related to teaching. Allows school districts to

apply for grants to offset costs of hiring teachers for agriculture education. Grants can cover 100% of costs for programs under ten years old and 50% for older programs. Funds must supplement existing public funding and are managed in a dedicated grant program fund.
Status: House Appropriations

HF 391 – Incorporation of Pregnancy and Fetal Development into Health Education Curriculum
Mandates the teaching of human biology related to pregnancy and fetal development in grades 7-12. Requires the inclusion of a high-definition ultrasound video showing early fetal development like the Baby Olivia video. Requires a computer-generated animation depicting fertilization and stages of human development. Applies to school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools. Ensures that the curriculum is age-appropriate and research-based.
Status: House Calendar

HF 513 – High School Athletic Participation for Eighth Graders
House File 513 amends existing laws to require school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to permit students enrolled in grade eight to participate in high school athletic contests. This participation is contingent upon the students meeting the academic standards set by their respective schools.
Status: House Calendar

HF 515 – Enhancement of Funding for Shared School Resource Officers
Increases the supplementary weighting for school resource officers from two pupils to four pupils.
Applies to school budget years beginning on or after July 1, 2025. Allows school districts to receive additional weighting for sharing operational functions even if the arrangement is not newly implemented.
Status: House Calendar

HF 579 - Modification of Funding Limits for At-Risk Student Programs
Increases the maximum ratio of modified supplemental amount to total regular program district cost from 2.5% to 5% for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026.
Allows the increased ratio only if approved by voters in an election.
Specifies that the approved ratio cannot increase by more than one-quarter of one percent per fiscal year.
Outlines the process for placing the funding limit proposition on the ballot.
Retains the previous highest ratio for districts that exceeded 2.5% before July 1, 2013.
Status: House Calendar

HF 522 – Therapeutic Classroom Support through Nutritional Initiatives
Amends the definition of 'therapeutic classroom' to include support for students with emotional, social, or behavioral needs. Authorizes the expenditure of funds for nutritional items, including micronutrients and whole foods. Includes provisions for assessing students' macro-nutritional needs. Restricts the use of artificial or synthetic food additives that may negatively affect student behavior. Addresses the negative impacts of excessive digital screen use and promotes natural light exposure.
Status: House Calendar

HF 514 – Robotics Extracurricular Activities in Schools
House File 514 introduces new provisions to enhance robotics extracurricular activities in Iowa schools. It mandates the Department of Education to offer technical assistance to school districts for establishing career and technical student organizations focused on robotics, in compliance with federal law. Additionally, the bill permits high school athletic organizations to sponsor interscholastic contests related to robotics, thereby promoting student engagement in this field.

Status: Sent to the Governor

HF 520 – United States Government Instruction in Iowa High Schools
Increases the required United States government instruction from one-half unit to one full unit for high school students. Mandates inclusion of voting statutes, procedures, and voter registration requirements in the curriculum. Requires a study of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, along with an assessment of students' knowledge. Includes instruction related to civics, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of citizens. Applies to school years starting on or after July 1, 2026.
Status: House Calendar

HF 521 – Repeal of Obscenity Exemptions for Educational Institutions and Libraries
Repeals Code section 728.7, which provided obscenity exemptions for educational purposes. Removes protections for the use of obscene materials in accredited schools and public libraries. Eliminates the allowance for minors to attend exhibitions or displays of art that may contain obscene material. Affects the legal framework surrounding the definition and use of obscene materials in educational contexts.
Status: House Calendar

HF 785 - Charter School Governance and Student Enrollment Programs
All members of a charter school's governing board must be citizens of the United States. The requirement for non-resident board members to be residents of Iowa has been removed. No more than one member of the governing board may reside in another state. Students from charter schools can access concurrent enrollment programs through their school district. Students from online charter schools can access these programs through their district of residence.
Status: House Calendar

HF 783 - Conference Realignment Committee for High School Athletics
Establishes a conference realignment committee to manage high school athletics affiliations. Prohibits state-funded dues or membership fees to athletic organizations unless they comply with new policies. Committee to review requests for changing conference affiliations and provide recommendations. Requires member schools to offer extracurricular activities for both boys and girls in all seasons. Imposes a two-year competition ban for schools that withdraw from a conference without approval.
Status: House Calendar

HF 787 - Iowa Education Reform Bill
Eliminates the tier system for calculating teacher salary supplement district costs per pupil. Establishes a new calculation method for teacher salary supplements based on minimum salary requirements and associated costs. Modifies teacher preparation requirements, allowing for reduced pre-student teaching field experience hours. Clarifies the conditions under which a child's district of residence can place them in out-of-state educational facilities. Sets minimum salary requirements for teachers based on years of experience and retirement status.
Status: House Calendar

HF 784 – Evidence Based Mathematics Instruction
New resources will be developed and distributed to support family-centered mathematics education. Evidence-based professional development services will be provided to teachers in schools identified as needing support. A comprehensive state mathematics plan will be created to improve student proficiency using systematic teaching approaches. School districts must assess K-6 students' mathematics proficiency at least three times a year and provide interventions for those persistently at risk. Higher education institutions must include mathematics teaching methods in their practitioner preparation programs.

Status: House Calendar

HF 789 - Charter School Funding
House File 789 modifies the current funding formula for charter schools by adding the teacher salary supplement state cost per pupil to the amount that charter schools receive from the school district of residence. The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies to school budget years starting on or after July 1, 2025.
Status: House Calendar

HF 782 - Regulation of Personal Electronic Devices in Schools
Commencing July 1, 2025, school districts must adopt policies limiting student use of personal electronic devices during instructional hours. Policies must include methods for parent communication, secure storage of devices, and disciplinary measures for violations. Parents can petition for device access during instructional time if a legitimate health-related reason is established. Students with individualized education programs or 504 plans may retain access to their devices as required by their plans. The Department of Education will provide model policies, but schools may implement stricter regulations.
Status: House Calendar

HF 856 – Prohibition of Funding for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives in Iowa
Prohibits state entities from using any funds to establish or support diversity, equity, and inclusion offices. Defines diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts broadly, including manipulation of employee or student body composition based on race, sex, or ethnicity. Excludes certain offices and activities from the funding prohibition, such as legal compliance offices and academic departments. Allows individuals to bring civil actions against state entities for violations of the funding prohibition. Grants the attorney general authority to enforce compliance with the new restrictions.
Status: House Calendar

HF 334 – Chaplains in Iowa Schools
Authorizes school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools to employ or engage chaplains. Chaplains are not required to have licenses, endorsements, or certifications from the board of educational examiners. Background investigation and termination procedures from section 279.69 apply to employed or engaged chaplains. Prohibits coercion of students to utilize chaplain services, ensuring participation is voluntary. Local School Boards may add additional qualifications.
Status: House Calendar

HF 858 - Concussion and Brain Injury Training for Coaches
Specifies that coaches must complete concussion training every two years. Removes the requirement for contest officials to complete the same training.
Status: House Calendar

HF 870 – Academic Credit for Religious Instruction Courses
Allows school districts to adopt policies for awarding academic credit for courses in religious instruction provided by private organizations. Prohibits consideration of religious content and denominational affiliation when evaluating the educational value of these courses. Establishes that absences for attending religious instruction courses do not count toward chronic absenteeism.
Requires parental notification to schools regarding a child's attendance in religious instruction courses. Mandates that schools excuse students for up to five hours per week to attend religious instruction courses.
Status: House Calendar

HF 859 – Reduction in Force Policies for Educational Institutions
Mandates the adoption of reduction in force policies by school districts, charter schools, and innovation zone schools. Defines 'administrative staff member' and 'practitioner' to clarify the scope of the legislation. Requires the use of practitioner performance as a primary factor in reduction in force decisions, rather than seniority or tenure. Establishes a timeline for policy publication and notification of affected practitioners. Includes provisions for grievance procedures for practitioners whose employment is terminated.
Status: House Calendar

HF 543 – Access to Feminine Hygiene Products in Iowa Public Schools
School districts must provide free access to feminine hygiene products in women's restrooms for female students in grades 6-12. Feminine hygiene products are defined as sanitary napkins, tampons, or similar items. The supply of these products must be regularly refilled.
An annual appropriation from the state general fund is established to cover compliance costs from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028. The Department of Education will create processes for reimbursement of compliance costs to school districts.
Status: House Calendar

HF 102 - Seizure Management in Schools Act
Training requirements for school personnel on seizure recognition and first aid. Mandatory seizure action plans for students with epilepsy or seizure disorders. Liability protections for school employees assisting students with seizure needs. Collaboration with parents and healthcare professionals in developing health plans. Implementation timeline starting July 1, 2025, with training completion by December 31, 2026.
Status: House Calendar

HF 448 - Elective Social Studies Courses on Religious Scriptures
Establishes rules for elective social studies courses on religious scriptures for grades 9-12. Courses may include the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, or both. Requires adherence to federal and state guidelines regarding religious neutrality. Students are not required to use a specific translation of the scriptures. Allows for the display of historical artifacts and religious materials in educational contexts.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 156 – Curriculum Transparency
Expands the definition of 'instructional materials' to include various educational resources beyond textbooks. Requires school districts to maintain and publicly display a comprehensive list of instructional materials used in classrooms, organized by subject area and grade level. Establishes a process for parents or guardians to request that specific instructional materials not be provided to their children. Allows only certain individuals (e.g., parents, guardians, students, and legal authorities) to bring civil actions against school districts for non-compliance, following a structured complaint process. Mandates that school districts update their lists of instructional materials within ten school days of first use and maintain them for at least two years.
Status: House Calendar

HF 891 - Obscenity Protection for Minors
Defines 'obscene performance' and sets criteria for what constitutes obscenity. Establishes penalties for exposing minors to obscene performances. Allows civil actions for damages against violators by parents or guardians. Prohibits public institutions from using state resources for obscene performances.
Status: House Calendar

HF 284 - Eligibility Criteria for Iowa Public Libraries under Enrich Iowa Program

Amends the definition of 'eligible public library' for the Enrich Iowa program. Prohibits libraries from being dues-paying members of certain nonprofit organizations that advocate for library legislation.
Status: House Calendar

HF 149 – Simplification of Student Harassment and Bullying Definitions
Removes language linking harassment and bullying to actual or perceived traits or characteristics of students. Defines harassment and bullying as repeated and targeted behavior based solely on the creation of an objectively hostile school environment.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 2 - Exemption of School Attendance for Military Applicants and Service Members
Modifies school attendance requirements for military applicants and service members. Adds new exemptions to current compulsory attendance laws.
Status: House Calendar

HF 68 – Open Enrollment Policies for English Learners
Requires school districts to define 'insufficient classroom space' with regard to English learners.
Status: House Calendar

HF 868 – Study on Establishing a Higher Education Institution in Pottawattamie County
The bill requires a feasibility study for a higher education institution in Pottawattamie County or a contiguous county. The institution is to be governed by the state board of regents and will offer undergraduate and graduate programs. The study will include recommendations for the most suitable city for the institution's location. Tentative timelines for establishment and operational readiness will be outlined in the study.
Status: House Calendar

HF 461 - Notice Requirements for Chronically Absent Students
Changes the method of notification from certified mail to ordinary mail for notices sent to parents or guardians regarding chronic absenteeism.
Status: House Calendar

Environmental Protection

House File 191-- Prohibition of Intentional Air Contaminant Emissions for Geoengineering Purposes
Proposes to prohibit intentional emission of air contaminants for the purpose of affecting temperature, weather, or sunlight intensity and mandates the environmental protection commission to adopt rules to administer the prohibition. The bill specifies that the new law and ensuing rules will control over any other conflicting laws.
Status: Passed Out of the Committee

Health and Human Services

HF 305 – County Medical Examiners
This bill allows licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants to serve as county medical examiners.
STATUS – Senate HHS Committee

HF 309 – DIAL Bill
This bill clarifies that the Department of Inspections and Appeals is only required to review deficient practices with nursing facilities, and no other health facilities under the code chapter. This code section was added last

year to require a process for citations that involves feedback from the nursing facilities. It was only intended to affect nursing facilities.
STATUS – Senate Calendar

HF 312 – Psychiatric Deterioration
This bill allows for individuals to be committed based on psychiatric deterioration (defined in Section 4 of the bill), in addition to current law which allows for commitment when they are a danger to themselves or others. According to the Treatment Advocacy Center, an organization with a mission to eliminate the barriers to timely and effective treatment of serve mental illness through advocacy, public education and support, there are over 30 states that allow for psychiatric deterioration for their commitment laws.
STATUS – Senate HHS Committee

HF 313 – Commitment Hearing Testimony
This bill allows for physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners to testify at committal hearings if they witnessed the examination, reviewed the report, and the professional that examined the individual is unable to attend the hearing.
STATUS – Senate HHS Committee

HF 383 – Psilocybin
This bill removes crystalline polymorph psilocybin from Iowa's schedule I controlled substances list after the drug has received approval by the FDA and is rescheduled. This bill circumvents the typical process with the Board of Pharmacy on bringing an annual bill to the legislature with its recommendations on changes to the controlled substances list.
STATUS – Senate HHS Committee

HF 299 – Immunization Exemptions
This bill requires all child care providers, schools, and higher education to notify parents/students of legal vaccine exemptions when communicating with parents regarding vaccine requirements.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 300 – Physician Assistant Compact
This bill adds Iowa to the interstate license for Physician Assistants Compact. 14 states currently have enacted this compact (Including Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin). The compact is effective and is now in the implementation process which will take 18 to 24 months.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 301 – Iowa Priority Resident and Fellow, Rural Rotation
This bill codifies requirements that were placed into session law in 2019 in House File 532. Additionally, it adds fellowships to the requirement that UIHC prioritize Iowans.

- Requires medical residencies at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic to give priority to applicants that have an Iowa connection (resident of Iowa, went to undergrad in Iowa, or medical school in Iowa).
- Requires primary care residencies (family medicine, OB, psych, and internal medicine) at UIHC to provide the opportunity to participate in a rural rotation to expose those medical residents to rural areas of Iowa.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 310 – Assaults on Health Care Providers
This bill expands the health care provider definition under the code chapter that provides enhanced penalties for assaulting a person engaged in certain occupations.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 379 – Medical Residency Interviews
This bill requires the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics to offer an interview for the medical residencies of some of the most-needed specialties in Iowa to those with an Iowa connection. Additionally, this bill requires UIHC to offer DMU and UI medical students the option to participate in an audition clinical in the specialty of the residency for which they are applying.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 382 – Child Care Flexibility
This bill allows for 16- and 17-year-olds to provide flex care during nap hours and during brief periods in a child care center for children under the age of 5. DHHS is pursuing this bill through rules currently for ages 2-5. DHHS is committed to finalizing those rules in March, and being effective in July.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 384 – Minor Consent Vaccines
Iowa code allows for minors to consent to very few medical treatments without parental consent. One of those is for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. This code section has been construed to include the ability for a minor to consent to the Hepatitis B vaccine and the HPV vaccine. This bill removes the ability for a minor to consent to vaccines for a STD without parental consent.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 385 – Commitment Discharge
This bill requires facilities that are discharging individuals committed for substance abuse or mental health to provide the following at discharge:

- Refer the individual committed to the administrative services organization (ASO) for evaluation, case management, and post-discharge services
- Assess for suicide risk
- Provide a 30-day supply of medications prescribed
- A discharge report to the individual committee or their legal representative. The discharge report will have all their appointments and medications outlined, ASO contact information, an aftercare plan with crisis prevention, and education materials developed by DHHS
- Notify the ASO and legal guardians

This bill also requires the ASO to coordinate post-discharge care for individuals after commitment.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 386 – 3-year Medical School Study
This bill requires the University of Iowa and Des Moines University to study the feasibility of transitioning their medical schools to 3-year programs.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 390 – Child Care Employee Physicals
This bill strikes the requirement that all personnel in a registered child care provider must have a physical prior to beginning employment.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 471 – Concussion providers
This bill adds specialized psychologists to the list of health care providers that determine concussion protocols for schools.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 509 – Autism Coverage/Support Program
This bill comes forward based on an interim report that analyzed adding applied behavior analysis services to the list of benefits covered under the hawk-i program. This bill repeals the Autism Support Program after the current enrollees have completed their two years of coverage, and adds autism coverage under the hawk-i program. As of December 2024, there were 678 children on Hawk-i with an autism diagnosis. The report states that "based on Medicaid utilization data, expected provider capacity limitations, and potential offsets within the Autism Support Program, the fiscal impact will…be somewhere between $500,000 and $3 million" annually of state general fund. At the subcommittee, DHHS anticipated the cost being $753,000. The HHS Budget currently appropriates $188,000 annually to the Autism Support Program
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 516 – 80% In-State Residents
This bill requires the University of Iowa medical school and dental school to have at least 80% of their students be residents of Iowa. This bill also requires an annual report by UI regarding the same schools and UIHC medical residencies demographic information.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 623 – Governor Child Care Continuum Bill
This bill comes from the Governor to do the following related to child care and preschool:

- Allows community-based providers not affiliated with a school district to participate in the statewide voluntary preschool program subject to the same requirements as a school district to participate.
- Removes the Child Development Coordinating Council
- Adds additional responsibilities of the Department of Education to ensure high-quality curriculum for preschool
- Revises the current ECI local board makeup from 34 boards to 7, which are modeled after the Iowa Behavioral Health District map.
- Makes child care employees providing care directly to children eligible to receive Child Care Assistance if working at least 32 hours per week and have children enrolled in child care.
- Creates a child care continuum partnership grant pilot program to award competitive grants to partnerships between preschools and child care centers to provide full-day early childhood education.

Fiscal Information:

- DHHS estimates it will cost $9.1 million annually from the Child Care Development Fund to make child care employees eligible for Child Care Assistance.
- The Governor's office has said that the child care continuum partnership grant program will be $16.3 million annually coming from existing funds.
- The Governor's office has said that they will be repurposing about $3.6 million in Shared Services funding.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 638 – Finding Family
This bill appropriates $275,000 for additional Department of Health and Human Services employees focused on finding relatives for children placed in foster care, and provides additional emphasis on foster parents that have cared for the child for at least nine months in determining custody.
STATUS – House Appropriations Committee

HF 643 – CCUSO Reimbursement
This bill requires DHHS to reimburse a county jail $50 per day if a resident of the Cherokee Civil Commitment Unit for Sex Offenders if a resident is located at a county jail.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 644 – Foster Parent Consent
This bill allows for DHHS and foster parents to consent to routine medical care for a child placed in their care.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 648 – Dental Sedation
This bill allows a dentist to employ a licensed sedation provider to administer moderate sedation on an outpatient basis to a patient who is at least 13 years of age. The Dental Board has oversight regarding the permit and course requirements.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 699 – Drug Paraphernalia
The bill expands the exemptions of drug paraphernalia to include fentanyl test strips, xylazine test strips and other drug-checking equipment, even with a nominal amount of a controlled substance. This bill allows for the use of drug-checking equipment, providing drug paraphernalia or a nominal amount of one or more controlled substances when analyzing drug-checking equipment. Also allows for opioid settlement funds and federal funds to be used for drug-checking, prohibits individuals from being arrested or charged, disciplinary action, loss of dependents, loss of housing, or any other punitive action for engaging in this bill. Cannot be the reason for a law enforcement search or criminal case. This bill also prohibits the results of the drug-checking analysis from being used for treatment.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 701 – Obesity Rx Study
The bill requires DHHS to submit a report to the legislature regarding anti-obesity medications under the Medicaid program.
STATUS – House Calendar

HF 707 – Radon Test Standing Appropriation
This bill creates a $20,000 standing appropriation to DHHS to be used to make radon test kits available, free of charge to homeowners and renters in Iowa.
STATUS – House Appropriations Committee

HF 754 – Governor Health Care Bill
This bill comes from the Governor to do the following:

- Requires DHHS to request federal approval for a health care hub-and-spoke partnership funding model to establish regional collaboration between health care providers in rural areas.
- Consolidates five health care loan repayment programs into one called the Health Care Workforce and Community Support Grant Program within DHHS that will award loan forgiveness or bonuses based on high-need health care professions in shortage areas. Provides for transition of funds to continue to support those with existing awards.
- Repeals existing residency and fellowship programs, with transition provisions, and converts those programs to the Medicaid graduate medical education efforts.
- Eliminates the Health Facilities Council and replaces it with DHHS as the decision maker regarding certificate of need
- Requires DHHS to bid out the Iowa Health Information Network.

STATUS – House Appropriations Committee

HF 757 – DHHS Bill

The bill comes from the Department of Health and Human Services to do the following:

- Makes clear that administrative service organizations are not covered by IPERS and that they may not serve as judicial advocates
- Allows for fictive kin licensure
- Clarifies confidentiality of records related to child abuse and dependent adult abuse
- Allows the DHHS director to require providers to share information with DHHS as necessary to identify child abuse and dependent adult abuse.
- Allows DHHS to access financial records that they reasonably believe are related to the financial exploitation of a dependent adult.
- Transfers the region incentive fund to DHHS to ensure continuity of care between the MHDS system and the Behavioral Health System.

STATUS – House Appropriations Committee

HF 775 – Abortion Medications

The bill requires medication abortion providers to inform the woman seeking the abortion of the medical risks and potential to reverse the medication abortion. This bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to post information online to help women find information on the ability to reverse the effects of the medication abortion. Additionally, the bill prohibits abortion-inducing drugs from being dispensed outside of a health care setting.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 796 – SNAP foods, Double Up Food Bucks

The bill requires DHHS to request a waiver from USDA to only include healthy food based on necessary nutrition for good health in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. If USDA approves this waiver, there will be a $1 million appropriation to the Double Up Food Bucks Program in FY26.

STATUS – House Appropriations Committee

HF 801 – Human Trafficking Screening

The bill requires child welfare children to be screening for commercial sexual exploitation.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 802 – Right to Try

The bill expands the definition of eligible patient in Iowa's right to try law and allows for individualized investigational treatment if they meet the written informed consent provisions.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 805 – Dental Assistant Registration

This bill strikes the requirement to be registered as a dental assistant with the Board of Dentistry. Allows a person to be a dental assistant if they have completed practice training under the supervision of a dentist.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 806 – Organ Donation Peer Review

This bill adds organ procurement organizations to the list of entities eligible for peer review committee legal protections.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 807 – Perinatal Hospice

This bill requires DHHS to create a website with information on perinatal hospice services available in Iowa and nationally.

STATUS – House Calendar

HF 277 – Birth Centers
This bill removes the requirement that birth centers must obtain a certificate of need prior to opening or expanding their service.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 153 – High Acuity Youth
This bill comes from the Department of Health and Human Services to do the following:

- Allow for protective locked environments
- Allows for 30-day, court-ordered behavioral health evaluations at the Eldora State Training school for child welfare involved youth and at the Independence Mental Health Institute for non-child welfare involved youth.
- Allows for a residential facility to not be licensed as a children's residential facility if it provides live-in care to waiver individuals 16 years of age and older.
- Transfers administrative authority of juvenile court services from the chief judges to the JCS director
- Suspends hawk-i coverage for incarcerated youth

STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 248 – Work Requirements Medicaid Expansion
The bill requires the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to request federal approval to include work requirements as a condition of a member maintaining eligibility for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan. The bill specifies that at least 80 hours of work each month are needed to maintain eligibility and lists certain exemptions from the work requirement.

- This bill provides DHHS flexibility in determining what qualifies for work (education, job skills training, caregiving services) and allows DHHS to individually determine good cause for an exemption from the work requirement.
- This bill conditions continuing Medicaid Expansion in Iowa upon future federal administrations allowing work requirements.
- This bill seeks federal approval to align the work requirements of all public assistance programs to ensure consistency.
- This bill creates an IT fund to modernize IT within DHHS. The bill states that work requirements will be implemented when there is a real-time system that can facilitate evaluation and referrals.
- This bill increases the assets of a married couple participating in the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program from $12,000 to $24,000. DHHS estimates this will have a $382,753 state general fund cost in FY26, $697,381 in FY27 and $1.36 million in FY28.
- This bill requires DHHS to review the MEPD programs of other states and make recommendations to the legislature.

STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 249 – GEMT
The bill requires DHHS to employ dedicated staff for the sole purpose of expanding the GEMT program.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 267 – Pediatric Hospice
The bill licenses pediatric palliative care in Iowa.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 268 – Specialty Hospital

The bill establishes a specialty hospital designation for ChildServe.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HF 608 – County Hospital Child Care
The bill allows a county hospital to establish a child care facility.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 284 – Dementia Specialists
The bill requires the six area agencies on aging to hire a dementia specialist and requires DHHS to hire a dementia services coordinator.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HF 105 – Medical Cannabidiol
The bill, as amended, allows flower to be used in vaporizable form, allows patients to have up to a 90-day supply of THC, requires the board to create packaging requirements and prohibits the dispensing of inhalable forms to patients under 21 years of age.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

HSB 241 – Work Without Worry
The bill removes all asset and income limits to be eligible for Medicaid and waiver services for individuals with a disability that are employed. This bill requires 6% of income to be paid in monthly premiums.
STATUS – Passed House Health and Human Services Committee

Higher Education

HF 420 - Workforce First Act: Review of Academic Programs in Higher Education
Mandates a review of all undergraduate and graduate academic programs by the state board of regents. The review must be completed by the first meeting of the board on or after November 1, 2025. The purpose is to evaluate alignment with current and future workforce needs in Iowa.
The board will consult with the department of education and the department of workforce development. A report with recommendations for each program will be submitted by November 30, 2025.
Status: House Calendar

HF 440 - College Affordability Act
Tuition increases for in-state residents are limited to a maximum of three percent per fiscal year. Tuition rates for undergraduate students in their first academic year will not increase in subsequent years. Institutions must offer at least one baccalaureate degree program that can be completed in three years by the academic year beginning in 2027. A work plus program will be established, allowing students to work part-time while their employer covers tuition and mandatory fees during employment semesters.
Status: House Calendar

HF 437 - School of Intellectual Freedom at the University of Iowa
Establishes a School of Intellectual Freedom as an independent academic unit within the University of Iowa. The school will focus on teaching and research related to the American constitutional order and society. It will offer courses, certificate programs, and degrees related to free speech and civil discourse. The university must employ at least five tenure-eligible faculty members for the school. An academic council will be appointed to assist in selecting the dean of the school.
Status: House Calendar

HF 269 - Freedom from Indoctrination Act

Prohibits public institutions from requiring students to enroll in diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory-related courses for degree requirements. Prevents institutions from incentivizing faculty to include diversity-related content in their courses. Allows exemptions for programs focused on racial, ethnic, or gender studies, but students cannot be required to enroll in these programs for other degree requirements. Ensures that the act does not limit academic freedom or free discussion of ideas in the classroom. Applies to academic years starting on or after July 1, 2026.
Status: House Calendar

HF 575 - Combatting Foreign Funding of Higher Education Act
Public institutions of higher education must report funding from foreign sources exceeding $50,000 annually. Reports must include details on the amount, type, purpose of funding, and information about the foreign source. Reports are to be posted on the institution's website and provided to the governor and general assembly. The attorney general can enforce compliance through legal action if institutions fail to report as required. Payments made by individuals for tuition or related fees are exempt from reporting requirements.
Status: House Calendar

HF 270 - Syllabus Transparency Act
Institutions must provide a syllabus for each undergraduate course offered for credit. Syllabi must include the instructor's name, major course requirements, and reading materials. Information must be accessible from the homepage with no more than five links. Syllabi must be searchable by keywords and accessible without registration. Information must be available by the first day of classes and updated as needed.
Status: House Calendar

HF 402 - Increasing Civics Proficiency in Higher Education Act
Beginning in the 2027 academic year, a survey course in American history and civil government is required for baccalaureate degree completion at public institutions. The course will cover topics including the basic principles of the U.S. republican form of government, historical developments, and comparisons with other government forms. Among other things, the founding documents and landmark Supreme Court cases will be part of the course.
Status: House Calendar

HF 295 – Accreditation Autonomy Act
Prohibits accrediting agencies from taking adverse actions against public institutions for compliance with state law. Defines 'accrediting agency' as a non-governmental entity providing accreditation to public institutions of higher education. Allows public institutions to bring civil actions against accrediting agencies for violations of the new provisions. Updates references in the Iowa Code from the 'higher learning commission' to 'any federally recognized accreditor of postsecondary educational institutions.' Establishes remedies for institutions affected by adverse actions, including injunctive relief and liquidated damages.
Status: House Calendar

HF 296 – Iowa College Finance Transparency Act
Institutions must disclose budgets and expenditures of $50,000 or more. Public access to financial information is required without registration or user identification. Information must be updated regularly and remain available for at least ten years. Specific financial data to be included: annual budgets, salary reports, and transaction registers. The act takes effect on December 1, 2025.
Status: House Calendar

HF 401 - Core Curriculum Act for Undergraduate Education

Establishes general education requirements for undergraduate students at regents institutions. Requires specific semester credit hours in English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, western heritage, and American heritage. Limits total general education requirements to 37 semester credit hours. Allows for waivers of requirements for complex degree programs.
Mandates that courses do not distort historical events or promote identity politics.
Status: House Calendar

HF 703 – Increasing Student Financial Aid Awareness Act
The Iowa student loan liquidity corporation must provide annual estimates of the federal direct plus loan's annual percentage rate and related assumptions. The corporation is required to maintain an updated internet site with information on college family loans and partnership loans, including comparisons with federal loans. The bureau of Iowa college aid will analyze the provided information for accuracy and notify the corporation of any discrepancies. If state loans are found to have lower rates than federal loans, the bureau must publish this information online and notify educational institutions to include it in financial aid offers. Institutions are required to inform students about the benefits of federal loan programs before considering state loans.
Status: House Calendar

HF 576 - Combatting Terrorist Sympathizers Act
Institutions must adopt policies prohibiting nonimmigrant visa holders from supporting terrorist activities or organizations. First violation results in at least one year suspension for students or termination for faculty/staff; second violation leads to permanent expulsion or termination.
Institutions are required to update records with the Department of Homeland Security following disciplinary actions. The attorney general is empowered to investigate and enforce compliance with the new policies. Noncompliant institutions may lose eligibility for state tuition grants.
Status: House Calendar

HF 577 – Tuition Waiver and Stipend for High Achieving Students
Waives undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for Iowa residents achieving maximum scores on specified college readiness assessments. Provides a stipend of $5,000 per semester to qualifying students. Allows the board to require documentation of test scores for eligibility.
Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue receiving the waiver and stipend. Applies to assessments administered by ACT, the College Board, and Classic Learning Initiatives.
Status: House Calendar

HF 854 – Prohibition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Offices in Private Higher Education
Prohibits private higher education institutions from establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion offices. Exemptions apply if required by federal or state law or accreditation standards. Certain activities are not affected by the prohibition. Institutions can be reported for violations, leading to potential loss of tuition grant eligibility. Institutions must correct violations or demonstrate compliance within 30 days.
Status: House Calendar

HF 855 – Prohibition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Offices in Community Colleges
Prohibits community colleges from establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion offices. Bars the requirement of diversity statements from individuals. Prevents preferential treatment based on diversity, equity, and inclusion criteria. Requires annual compliance reporting to the general assembly and governor.
Status: House Calendar

HF 867 – Iowa Tuition Grant Allocation for High-Demand Majors

At least 50% of Iowa tuition grant funds must be awarded to students in high-demand majors. A list of qualifying high-wage jobs will be created and updated every two years. Criteria for high-demand jobs include a minimum salary and educational requirements.
Status: House Calendar

Judiciary

HJR 9 /HSB 35-Constitutional Amendment- Right to Confront Accuser
House Joint Resolution 9 is a proposal to change the Iowa Constitution. It aims to protect children under 18 and witnesses with mental illnesses or disabilities by allowing laws that limit an accused person's right to confront these witnesses face to face in court. If approved, this amendment would be published and then sent to the next group of lawmakers for further consideration before being put to a public vote.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 209/HF 15- Rural Attorney Recruitment Fund
House File 209 establishes a Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program in Iowa, aimed at helping rural counties and municipalities recruit attorneys. Participating attorneys can receive incentive payments equal to 90% of the University of Iowa College of Law's resident tuition, paid in five annual installments. Counties or municipalities must contribute 35% of the total incentive payments. The program is limited to five attorneys in its first year and includes requirements for attorneys to work with the state public defender and participate in volunteer legal projects. A fund is created to support the program, which will not revert at the end of the fiscal year.
STATUS- House Appropriations Committee

HF 198/HSB 17- Expedited Business Filing Fees
House File 198 establishes an expedited filing service for business documents with the Secretary of State. The bill outlines specific surcharges for different levels of expedited service: $250 for one-hour service, $175 for same-day service, $50 for two-day service, and $15 for five-day service. The fees collected will be deposited into the business administration fund to support the administration of business organization statutes
STATUS-House Ways and Means Committee

HF 298 /HSB 39-Apartments for Children in Delinquency Proceedings
House File 298 allows for the placement of children who are the subject of pending delinquency petitions into supervised apartment living arrangements as part of a consent decree. This option is available for children who have lived in a qualified residential treatment program or shelter for at least six months and lack family support for a successful transition to independent living. The bill also mandates that the state will cover the costs of these placements, provided they meet specific requirements established by the Department of Health and Human Services.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 306/ HF 64- Obscene Material
House File 306 increases penalties for sharing or showing obscene material to minors. It keeps the first offense as a serious misdemeanor. However, a second offense becomes an aggravated misdemeanor with a mandatory one-year jail term, and a third or subsequent offense is classified as a class “D” felony with a mandatory three-year jail term.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 314/ HSB 41- Adoption Waiver
House File 314 allows a juvenile court to waive the requirement for a preplacement investigation and report in certain adoption cases. This waiver can occur if the adoption petitioner has been the legal guardian of the child

for at least 36 consecutive months and has fulfilled their responsibilities as a guardian during that time. Currently, waivers are only permitted if the petitioner is a relative of the child within the fourth degree of consanguinity.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 317 /HSB 13- Indigent Defense Appointment
House File 317 addresses the issue of indigent defense and the appointment of counsel by the court. It states that attorneys appointed to represent individuals in criminal, juvenile, or civil proceedings are not liable for damages resulting from a conviction unless it is determined that they provided ineffective assistance of counsel, which directly caused the damage. Additionally, if an attorney is appointed and did not consent to the appointment and is then accused of ineffective assistance of counsel, they will be treated as a state employee, which includes protections and indemnification under state law.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 363/ HSB 16 Disposition of Remains
This bill is about who can make decisions regarding the final arrangements for a person's remains after they pass away. It states that if someone is not allowed to be a decision-maker according to a person's wishes, they cannot take control of those arrangements. Essentially, it ensures that only the right people can make decisions about how a person is laid to rest.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 367/ HSB 40 CINA Family Interaction
House File 367 modifies the rules regarding family interactions during ongoing child in need of assistance (CINA) proceedings. Currently, family interactions must continue unless a court or the Department of Health and Human Services determines they are detrimental to the child. The bill changes this requirement, stating that interactions should continue unless a court finds substantial evidence that they pose an imminent risk to the child's life or health.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 381 /HSB 115- Code Editors Bill
HF 381 is the code editors bill. The bill makes grammatical and reference corrections in the code.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 439/HSB37- Citizenship Status on Identification
House File 439 requires individuals applying for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card in Iowa to provide their citizenship status, indicating whether they are a U.S. citizen or a noncitizen authorized to be in the U.S. This status must be included on the back of the driver's license or identification card. The bill applies to all new applications and renewals made after its effective date.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 472/ HSB 116- Anti Slapp
Under current law, if a person is convicted of a felony that caused the death of another, the defendant is ordered to pay $150,000 to the victim’s estate. HF 594 amends that code provision and exempts individuals whose offense was directly related to being a victim of human trafficking.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 472/HSB 116- Uniform Public Expression Protection Act
House File 472, aims to protect people's rights to free speech, assembly, and association. It allows individuals to quickly ask a court to dismiss lawsuits that they believe are unfairly targeting their expression on public

issues. The law does not apply to cases involving government officials acting in their official roles or businesses selling goods and services.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 570/HSB140- Probation Reform
This bill introduces new ways for people on probation in Iowa to reduce their probation time. Starting July 1, 2026, individuals can earn credits that shorten their probation period. They can earn:

1. **Discharge Credits**: For every full month they follow the rules of their probation, they get a two-week reduction in their probation time.
2. **Educational Credits**: If they earn a high school diploma, a certificate, or complete a training program, they can reduce their probation by three months.
3. **Workforce Credits**: If they keep a job for six months, they can reduce their probation by one month.

Probation officers will keep track of these credits and inform individuals about how many they have earned. However, there are limits on how much time can be reduced, and individuals must also pay any required fees before they can complete their probation. The bill also requires annual reports on how many people are earning these credits.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 571 /HSB 139- Medical Conscious
House File 571, provides protections for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payors regarding their rights to exercise their conscience, engage in whistleblower activities, and express free speech.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 572/ HSB15- Human Smuggling Prohibition
House File 572 establishes the criminal offense of smuggling of persons. It defines the offense as knowingly transporting noncitizens for payment, encouraging illegal entry into the U.S., or assisting individuals to enter agricultural land without consent. The offense is classified as a class "C" felony, but can escalate to a class "B" or "A" felony if the smuggled individual is a child or suffers serious harm. An affirmative defense is available if the smuggler is related to the individual being smuggled.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 573 /HF 139- Involuntary Commitment
House File 573 allows anyone to start the process for involuntary commitment of individuals with substance use disorders by filing an application in any county. If the application is filed in the wrong county, it must be transferred to the correct one. The bill also gives law enforcement the authority to take individuals into custody for treatment in any county where they are found.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 578/ HF 239- Consumer Advocate
House File 578 changes the office of the consumer advocate from a division of the Department of Justice to an independent agency. The governor will appoint the consumer advocate, with Senate confirmation, from a list of three candidates provided by a committee. The consumer advocate will serve a five-year term and report regularly to the committee. The bill also removes the Attorney General's authority to set the consumer advocate's salary and hire staff, and it ends the current consumer advocate's term when the bill takes effect.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 602/ HSB 38- Two Way Testimony

House File 602 allows courts to protect minor witnesses from trauma when testifying in the presence of a defendant. It permits the minor's testimony to be taken in a separate room and transmitted to the courtroom using two-way, closed-circuit equipment with both audio and video feeds. The bill requires a court finding that such measures are necessary for the minor's well-being.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 615/ HF 244- Misrepresenting Service Animals
House File 615 is a bill that addresses the offense of intentionally misrepresenting an animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training. The bill simplifies the criteria for this offense by removing the requirements that the person must have received a prior warning and that they must know the animal is not a service animal. Under the bill, a person can be charged with a simple misdemeanor for misrepresenting an animal as a service animal, which carries a penalty of up to 30 days in jail and a fine between $105 and $855.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 639/ HF 240 -Pipeline Insurance
House File 639 requires applicants for hazardous liquid pipeline permits to provide proof of insurance or a surety bond to cover potential damages from the pipeline's construction and operation. This insurance must be sufficient to address losses from any spills, property damage, and increased insurance costs for affected individuals. Additionally, if someone cannot obtain insurance or faces higher premiums due to the pipeline, the pipeline owner must either buy insurance for them or reimburse their increased costs.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 647/ HSB 49- Place of Trial
House File 181 prohibits drivers and passengers from possessing open containers of beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in the passenger area of motor vehicles. The bill aligns with existing laws that restrict open containers of alcoholic beverages. Violating this law is classified as a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a scheduled fine of $260.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 647/HSB 49- Place of Trial
House File 647 outlines the venue for trials in criminal cases when the county of the offense is unclear. It specifies that trials should be held in the county of the victim's residence if they can be identified. If there is no victim or the victim's residence cannot be determined, the trial will take place in the county where the accused resides. For non-natural person victims, the trial can occur in any county where the victim has a physical presence. In cases with multiple victims, the trial may be held in any county where a victim resides, prioritizing natural persons.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 649 /HSB 189 Human Trafficking Definition of Service
House File 649 amends the definition of "services" in relation to human trafficking laws. The bill changes the definition to focus on performing activities for the benefit of an perpetrator, including commercial sexual activity and sexually explicit performances, without requiring an ongoing relationship between the victim and the perpetrator.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 763/ HF 242- Eminent Domain Court Review
House File 763 allows property owners affected by eminent domain claims to seek a court review of their rights in Polk County. It permits new court actions under certain conditions, such as if 18 months have passed

or if circumstances have changed. A $10 fee is required to start a court action. The bill also removes the need for a bond when appealing court decisions related to these cases.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 773/ HSB 14- Department of Revenue Administrative Hearing Costs
House File 773 modifies the rules regarding the recovery of costs in administrative hearings or court proceedings related to tax disputes with the Department of Revenue. The bill allows a prevailing taxpayer to recover reasonable costs, including court costs, expert witness fees, and attorney or accountant fees, without the current $25,000 cap. If a taxpayer substantially prevails, the burden of proof shifts to the Department to show that its position was justified. If the Department proves its position was justified, the taxpayer cannot recover costs.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 780/ HF 238 Pipeline Limits-
House File 780 addresses the regulation of pipelines transporting liquefied carbon dioxide. It prohibits the Iowa Utilities Commission from renewing permits for these pipelines and limits their operation to a maximum of 25 years. Currently, the commission cannot grant permits for longer than 25 years, and this bill reinforces that limit specifically for liquefied carbon dioxide pipelines.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 790/ HF 241- Iowa Utilities Commission Meeting Attendance
House File 790 requires that all members of the utilities commission be present during hearings related to public utility regulations and that these hearings pause if any member is absent. Additionally, at least one commission member must attend informational meetings about electric transmission lines and pipelines, with the meeting also pausing if no members are present. The bill aims to ensure full commission participation in these important discussions.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 798/ HF 278 -Social Media
House File 798, known as the "Social Media Parental Authorization Act," requires social media companies to obtain parental authorization before allowing minors (under 18) to create accounts on their platforms. The bill defines key terms, outlines the requirements for parental authorization, and mandates that companies provide parents access to their child's account for monitoring purposes. It prohibits the collection of data from minors without parental consent and allows the attorney general to enforce penalties for violations. Additionally, individuals harmed by violations can seek damages in court. The bill applies to social media companies operating in Iowa after its effective date
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 803/ HF 464- Substance Use Disorder Evaluation- Timing
House File 803 amends the law regarding individuals convicted of operating while intoxicated (OWI). It removes the requirement that a substance use disorder evaluation must be completed before sentencing. Instead, individuals will still be required to undergo the evaluation at their own expense, but the timing of the evaluation is no longer specified to be prior to sentencing.
STATUS-House Calendar

HSB 11 Miller Trusts Fees
This bill increases the monthly limit for necessary expenses that can be paid or set aside from a medical income assistance trust without needing court approval. The limit is raised from $10 to $50.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 141 Early Lease Termination
House Study Bill 141 allows tenants who are victims of certain crimes, such as domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking, or elder abuse, to terminate their rental agreements early without penalty. To do so, tenants must provide written notice to their landlord along with specific documentation, such as a protective order or a report from law enforcement. The bill ensures that tenants are not liable for rent or damages after the termination date and protects their confidentiality. Additionally, landlords cannot discriminate against tenants who have previously exercised this right.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 181- Gift Card Fraud
House Study Bill 181 addresses theft, forgery, and fraud related to gift cards. It establishes penalties for various offenses, including acquiring or using a gift card without consent, altering a gift card, and devising schemes to obtain gift cards through deceit. The penalties vary based on the value involved, ranging from serious misdemeanors to class "C" felonies, depending on the amount of money or value of goods or services involved. The bill also allows for the aggregation of values over a six-month period for charging purposes.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 213 Stand Your Ground
The bill establishes a process for determining immunity from criminal or civil liability when a person uses reasonable force in self-defense, defense of others, or defense of property. It allows defendants in criminal cases to file a motion for immunity at least 45 days before trial, leading to a pretrial hearing. If the court finds the defendant has a valid claim of immunity, the state must prove otherwise by clear and convincing evidence. If the state fails to do so, the case will be dismissed. In civil cases, defendants can also use this immunity as a defense.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 259- Judicial Branch Changes
The bill updates various aspects of judicial branch administration in Iowa. It changes residency requirements for judges, allowing them to reside in a county adjacent to their judicial election district. It also permits court proceedings to be held remotely. Additionally, the bill reorganizes the appointment and supervision of court reporters, giving the chief judge more authority in these matters. Finally, it allows clerks of court to provide access to civil pleadings before the official filing date is recorded. As amended, the bill raises the age for mandatory judicial retirement.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 261- Landlord Tenant Law
House Study Bill 261 modifies landlord and tenant laws. It defines "rent" to include base rent, utilities, and late fees. The bill changes how notice is served, allowing for notices to be deemed received after four days, regardless of weekends or holidays. It prohibits landlords from enforcing illegal rental agreement provisions and allows for the disposal of a tenant's personal property after eviction, excluding mobile homes unless they are the premises. The bill also establishes procedures for sealing court records in eviction cases, particularly for nonpayment of rent, under certain conditions. These provisions will take effect on July 1, 2026.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 262- Age to Possess Firearms
House Study Bill 262 proposes to lower the minimum age for acquiring and carrying firearms from 21 to 18 years old. The bill includes changes to related laws.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 264 Law Enforcement Certification Revocation
The bill modifies the grounds for revoking or suspending the certification of law enforcement officers and reserve peace officers. It allows the Iowa law enforcement academy council to take action if an officer is discharged for good cause or if they leave their position under circumstances that would justify discharge. Additionally, the bill states that only the grounds specified in this section can be used for revocation actions, and any pending actions based on other grounds must be dismissed.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 285- Immigration Enforcement
The bill establishes that law enforcement officers, including elected sheriffs, who knowingly fail to comply with immigration law enforcement requirements will be guilty of a class "D" felony. This felony can result in up to five years of imprisonment and fines between $1,025 and $10,245. Additionally, a conviction will lead to the mandatory revocation of the officer's certification by the Iowa law enforcement academy.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 287- Eminent Domain- Agricultural Land
The bill restricts the ability of utilities to use eminent domain to condemn agricultural land for the construction of hazardous liquid pipelines that transport liquefied carbon dioxide. It states that such projects are not considered a public use unless the landowner consents to the condemnation. The bill also defines what constitutes a utility and takes effect immediately, applying to condemnation proceedings filed after its enactment.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HSB 300- Joint Custody
The bill requires parents seeking joint physical custody of a child to submit a proposed parenting plan to the court. If a request for joint physical custody is denied, the court must specify what the parent not awarded custody needs to do to qualify for it in the future. Meeting these requirements can be considered a significant change in circumstances for custody modifications. Additionally, the bill prohibits the parent with physical custody from hindering the other parent's ability to meet these requirements.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 36-Interpreting Law- Administrative Hearings
House File 36 changes how courts interpret laws and agency rules. It requires courts to make their own interpretations without deferring to agencies. If a court finds that an agency has made an incorrect interpretation of the law, it must take action to correct it. The bill aims to limit agency power and ensure more judicial control over legal interpretations
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 62- Obscene Material Online
House File 62 establishes civil liability for commercial entities that publish or distribute obscene material on the internet if minors access that material. It requires these entities to verify the age of individuals attempting to access such content using reasonable methods. If they fail to do so, they can be held liable for damages and must cover court costs and attorney fees. The bill does not apply to providers or users of interactive computer services.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 81- Obscene Materials Involving Minors

House File 81 addresses obscene materials involving minors. It defines "obscene material involving a minor" as any visual depiction of a minor engaging in prohibited sexual acts that is deemed offensive and lacking serious value. The bill prohibits the production, distribution, receipt, or possession of such materials, with penalties of an aggravated misdemeanor for a first offense and a class "D" felony for subsequent offenses. Offenders must register as tier I sex offenders. HF 81 would apply even if the minor was an AI creation and not based on a “real” child. The bill does not apply to law enforcement activities or educational materials used in accredited schools or libraries.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 86- Foster Care
House File 86 updates provisions related to children in foster care and adoption. It allows courts to classify a child as in need of assistance if they require treatment for serious mental health issues and their parent is unable or unwilling to provide it. The bill changes how foster care reimbursement rates are set, removing the requirement to base them on USDA estimates and eliminating special needs stipends. It also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse adoption petitioners for investigation costs, up to $2,000 each, after approval.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 237 Iowa Utilities Commission- Sanctioning Power
House File 237 is a bill that sets limits on the Iowa Utilities Commission's ability to impose sanctions on intervenors in contested cases. The commission can only threaten or impose sanctions if it finds that the intervenor was knowingly dishonest or violated a criminal law, and that this conduct caused measurable harm to the commission exceeding $500.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 347- Educational Setting of Children
House File 347 establishes guidelines for child custody proceedings regarding a minor child's educational setting. It defines "educational setting" and states that if parents disagree on the child's education, the court must consider the child's current educational environment when making custody decisions. There is a presumption that it is in the child's best interest to remain in the same educational setting as the previous school year, which can only be challenged with strong evidence. The bill also requires custody orders to outline each parent's rights and responsibilities related to the child's education and mandates that parents provide a copy of the custody order to the child's school.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 373- Child Representation in CINA Cases
House File 373 is a bill that mandates legal representation for children involved in foster care and child welfare proceedings. It requires courts to appoint counsel for children aged 10 and older when they are parties in child in need of assistance (CINA) cases, and both counsel and a guardian ad litem for those under 10. The bill ensures that if a child remains in foster care after the issues leading to their placement have been resolved, they will continue to have legal representation until they are no longer in foster care. It also outlines the responsibilities of the appointed attorneys and allows for the appointment of the same counsel or guardian ad litem if they have previously represented the child in related matters.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 414- County Attorney Conflicts
House File 414 establishes regulations for county attorneys when there are conflicts of interest. It prohibits county attorneys from representing multiple parties in conflicting situations, accepting fees for certain services, and engaging in legal representation that conflicts with their official duties. Additionally, if a county

sheriff believes a conflict exists and the board does not take action, the sheriff can petition a district court for a ruling on the conflict. The court must respond within 30 days and may appoint outside counsel, with costs covered by the county.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 542- Human Trafficking
House File 452 aims to strengthen efforts against human trafficking. The bill extends the time for victims of sexual abuse or human trafficking to file claims until five years after they turn 18. It requires screenings for commercial sexual exploitation for children involved in delinquency cases and mandates substance use disorder screenings for youth before court hearings. Additionally, the bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan for restoration facilities for juvenile victims and allocates $750,000 to the Attorney General's office to enhance investigations and prosecutions related to human trafficking.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 463- Human Trafficking Prosecution
House File 463 establishes two human trafficking prosecution units within the Department of Justice. These units will work with various agencies to identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking cases while also providing support for victims. One unit will serve the western half of Iowa and the other the eastern half. Each unit will include representatives from law enforcement, victim services, healthcare, community organizations, and survivor advocacy groups. Additionally, the units may conduct training and raise community awareness about human trafficking. An amendment was added to the bill that establishes a fee structure for wire transfers and the money collected will be used to help fund these prosecution units.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 491- Common Carrier Definition
House File 491 defines a "common carrier" as a commercial enterprise that transports goods or passengers for hire. It specifies that a carrier transporting hazardous liquids must meet certain criteria to qualify as a common carrier. The bill also changes the burden of proof for agencies using eminent domain for pipeline projects, requiring them to demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that their actions serve a public purpose. Additionally, it prohibits pipeline companies from exercising eminent domain unless they qualify as common carriers. The bill takes effect immediately and applies to condemnation proceedings filed after its enactment.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 593- Ground Water Hazard Statement Exemption
House File 593 allows people to skip submitting a groundwater hazard statement when they file a declaration of value for certain property transfers. Specifically, if the property is being transferred to beneficiaries of a trust without any payment involved, they don't need to include the groundwater hazard statement.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 594- Prohibiting Financial Discrimination
House File 594 makes it illegal for financial institutions to discriminate against people based on their social credit scores when providing financial services. Discrimination includes refusing or limiting services due to factors like protected speech or certain business activities. If a person is denied services, they can request a written explanation from the financial institution, which must respond within 14 days. The bill allows the attorney general to enforce these rules, and individuals harmed by violations can seek damages, with higher penalties for willful violations.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 610- Iowa Utilities Commission Interveners

House File 610 allows certain individuals to intervene in proceedings conducted by the Iowa Utilities Commission. It grants the right to intervene to members of the general assembly, elected county or city officials, and any resident who has a minimally plausible interest in the proceeding.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 669- Human Trafficking Expungement For Victims
House File 669 allows victims of human trafficking to request the expungement of their criminal records for offenses committed while they were victims. The process requires a sworn statement and, if available, proof of victim status. The court can grant expungement based on evidence, and the records will be kept confidential. Certain serious crimes are excluded from this expungement process, and there are penalties for providing false information in the petition.
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 713- Probate
House File 713 requires property holders to notify beneficiaries of a deceased person's property within ten business days of being informed of the death. The bill allows beneficiaries to present an affidavit to claim the property or obtain information about it. The affidavit must include specific details about the decedent and the beneficiary, and it cannot require additional personal information from the beneficiary. If the property holder fails to respond within thirty days, the beneficiary can take legal action to recover the property or information. The bill also provides protections for those who act in good faith based on the affidavit
STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

HF 181/HSB 29- THC Open Container
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STATUS-Passed House Judiciary Committee

SF 418/HF 583/ HSB 242- Defining Sex, Male, and Female
Senate File 418 establishes definitions and rules regarding sex and gender for statutory purposes in Iowa. It defines "sex" as the biological classification of individuals as male or female based on observable characteristics at birth. The bill specifies that terms like "woman," "man," "mother," and "father" correspond to these definitions. It also mandates that vital records, such as birth certificates, must include a designation of sex. Additionally, the bill prohibits discrimination based on sex in various contexts. The bill also strikes gender identity from the civil rights code while leaving the clear definition of sex in place.
STATUS-Signed by the Governor

Labor and Workforce

House File 441/HSB 18-- Amendments to Employment Appeal Board Functions and Responsibilities

Proposes significant changes to the Employment Appeal Board's authority, specifically assigning it responsibilities previously held by the Public Employment Relations Board. The bill clarifies the board's jurisdiction over contested cases and outlines the procedures for judicial review, including the filing process and representation during such reviews. Furthermore, it specifies that the board and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing are not liable for unemployment benefits that are not due or payable.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 722/HSB 68-- Iowa Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Reform Act
Proposes significant changes to the Iowa workforce development framework, including the removal of certain duties from the Department of Workforce Development and the workforce development board. It eliminates the requirement for a statewide employment skills assessment and repeals several programs, such as the Iowa conservation corps. The bill also modifies the definition of 'taxable wages' for unemployment insurance, specifying that only wages paid in Iowa will be considered.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 767/HSB 26-- Amendments to Private Sector Employee Drug Testing Regulations
Proposes to amend the definition of 'safety-sensitive position' to include positions designated by employers where accidents could lead to significant harm. It allows for notifications regarding drug test results to be sent via electronic means or in-person, rather than solely through certified mail. The bill also clarifies the civil remedies available to employees and prospective employees in cases of violations, shifting the burden of proof in certain legal actions to the employee.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

Local Government

HF 774/HF 37 - County Attorney Salaries
Require counties and cities to post any required forms on their publicly available website and the website must accept electronic forms. Allows local governments to decide if and to what extent they will send and accept electronic records and electronic signatures.
Status: House Calendar

HF 307/HF 19 - Modify the costs eligible for EMS services fund expenditures
Clarifies in code that salaries/wages of emergency medical care providers are eligible expenditures of a county's emergency medical services trust fund
Status: House Calendar

HF 297/HSB 98 - Emergency Services Savings Funds
Allows city councils to designate specific areas entertainment areas for the purpose of collecting a surcharge, not to exceed 3%, on retail sales of food, alcohol, entertainment tickets, and lodging. Entertainment areas are contiguous parcels not to exceed 75 acres within the incorporated area of the city zoned for commercial or within a historical district with an expected attendance forecast of over 250,000 people annually. Creates a state surcharge revenue fund with an area account for each city creating an area for the revenues to be remitted monthly. Funds shall only be used for deposits to the debt service fund, emergency fund, capital improvements fund, and franchise fee accounts of the city.
Status: House Calendar

HF 760/HF 38 - Self-supported Entertainment Areas
Allows city councils to designate specific areas entertainment areas for the purpose of collecting a surcharge, not to exceed 3%, on retail sales of food, alcohol, entertainment tickets, and lodging. Entertainment areas are contiguous parcels not to exceed 75 acres within the incorporated area of the city zoned for commercial or

within a historical district with an expected attendance forecast of over 250,000 people annually. Creates a state surcharge revenue fund with an area account for each city creating an area for the revenues to be remitted monthly. Funds shall only be used for deposits to the debt service fund, emergency fund, capital improvements fund, and franchise fee accounts of the city.
Status: In House Ways and Means Committee

HF 380/HF 20 - Acquisition of Vehicles for General County Purpose
Adds to the list of "general county purpose" the acquisition of vehicles or vehicle equipment for county offices and departments. General county purposes can be funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds
Status: House Calendar

HF 510/HF 157 - Limiting petitions for special elections if remaining term is under 1 year
Amends code for how city official vacancies are filled if the remainder of the term is under 1 year. Currently, if a city council decides to appoint a replacement citizens may petition for a special election no matter how little time is remaining in the term.
Status: House Calendar

HF 641/HSB 82 - City Civil Service Bill
Prohibits cities from using citizen review boards of police officers. Increases commission memberships in cities above 50,000 in population. Restricts the removal or suspension of civil service employees to violations of law or city policies. Prohibits lawyers who have ever represented the civil service commission from representing the city in an appeal. Allows both parties in an appeal the right to discovery. Employees who prevail in their appeal are entitled to reasonable lawyer fees and costs and expenses.
Status: House Calendar

HF 651/HSB 154 - Notice Requirements
Code cleanup bringing conformity to public notice requirements. Iowa Code 362.3 requires that public notices of an official action required by city code to be published at least once between 4 and 20 days before the official action (election, hearing, etc.).
Status: House Calendar

HF 645/HF 230 - Nuisance Actions for Sports Venues
Provides immunity to sports and exposition venues from nuisance actions from a change in a municipality's ordinances if the venue has been in operation for over a year. The protection for the venues shall only apply for lawful operation of the venue.
Status: House Calendar

HF 652/HF 415 - County & City Regulation of property and Boards of Adjustment
Allows boards of adjustments to grant variances to zoning ordinances if the variance does not alter the character of the surrounding neighborhood and the owner can prove that practical difficulties are not self-created and are unique to the property.
Status: House Calendar

HF 642/HF 467 - County Advisory Boards
Requires the appointments to County Advisory Boards created by the Department of Health and Human Services be residents of the county.
Status: House Calendar

HF 650 (HF 479)Engineering Firms as the County Engineer

Code cleanup bill to eliminate outdated or redundant duties of the County Auditor.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 162 - Accessory Dwelling Units
Requires counties and cities to adopt ordinances to allow one accessory dwelling unit on the same lot as a single-family residence. Counties and cities may not adopt more restrictive requirements on an accessory dwelling unit than the single-family residence.
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 192 - Open records for government body instrumentalities
Amends the definition of "government body" to include the instrumentality of a city or township for the examination of public records.
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 193 - Regional Transit district 28E Agreements
Strikes county population minimums to create a regional transit district. Currently a county must have a population over 175,000 to create a regional transit district.
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 250 - Auditor Duties Cleanup
Code cleanup bill to eliminate outdated or redundant duties of the County Auditor
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 207 - Registration stickers for fleet vehicles
DOT shall not issue validation stickers for display on a vehicle designated as a fleet vehicle
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 246 - Governor's Disaster Bill
Establishes the Natural Hazard Mitigation Financing Program. Expands the Disaster Recovery Housing Assistance Program. Expands consumer protection by establishing licenses for all adjusters, appraisers, and umpires involved in insurance claims. Caps the amount adjusters are allowed to charge on non-catastrophic claims (15%), catastrophic claims (10%) and prohibits adjusters from soliciting or entering contracts within the first 72 hours of a disaster.
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 295 - Liens on snowmobiles, ATVs, water vessels
Allows the release of liens for a snowmobiles, ATVs, and water vessels by any county recorder with proof of release.
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 297 - Vehicle Accident Reports
Increases the threshold required for a driver to submit a written report of an accident from $1,000 to $7,000. Strikes the 24-hour deadline for a law enforcement officer to complete a written report of an accident
Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

HSB 296 - Partial payments for farm-to-market roads
Clarifies that partial payments do not constitute final acceptance of the work. Specifies that approval for partial and final claims can be made by the board of supervisors, county engineer, or the Department of Transportation.

Status: Reported out of House Local Government Committee

Natural Resources

House Joint Resolution 7/HJR 1- Constitutional Amendment on Hunting, Fishing, and Wildlife Management Rights

Proposes to amend the Iowa Constitution by adding a new section that guarantees the right of the state's residents to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife. This right is to be exercised in accordance with laws and regulations that promote wildlife conservation and management. If adopted, the amendment will be published and referred to the next general assembly for consideration before being submitted to voters for ratification.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 378/HF 65-- Deer Depredation & Shoot Permits

Proposes to modify the current deer depredation laws by changing the criteria for issuing permits from specific types of agricultural damage to a broader economic loss in agriculture, horticulture, or silviculture operations. It allows both landowners and tenants to apply for depredation and deer shooting permits if they incur an economic loss of $1,000 or more due to wild animals. The bill also introduces an annual deer depredation season from January 11 to January 31, during which specific methods of hunting are permitted. Furthermore, it permits the disposal of deer taken under these permits through composting or wastage.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 387/HF 21-- Lifetime Fur Harvester License for Disabled Veterans

Proposes to include provisions for issuing a lifetime fur harvester license to residents of Iowa who are disabled veterans or were prisoners of war during their military service. The bill specifies that these veterans can obtain the license upon payment of a fee established by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Furthermore, the DNR is tasked with preparing an application for this license, while the Department of Veterans Affairs will assist in verifying the applicants' status.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 388/HF 22-- Amendment to Nonresident Deer Hunting License Allocation

Proposes to amend the current process for issuing nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses by establishing a dual allocation system. Under the bill's new provisions, 65% of the licenses will continue to be awarded based on preference points, while the remaining 35% will be distributed through a random drawing, disregarding preference points. This change aims to enhance fairness in the allocation process, particularly for nonresidents who may have been repeatedly denied licenses due to high demand. Additionally, if a nonresident applicant receives a license, all their preference points will be removed, ensuring a reset for future applications.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 473/HF 107-- ATV/UTV Transport of Harvested Deer from Public Hunting Land

Proposes to allow registered all-terrain or off-road utility vehicles (ATV/UTV) to transport harvested deer (carcasses) from public hunting areas provided the operators and passengers are wearing specified hunting apparel (blaze orange). Current law gives the Natural Resource Commission authority to prohibit operation of ATV/UTV on public lands/ice/parks, except on designated riding areas and trails.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 646/HF 205-- Nonambulatory Resident Deer Hunting Season Weapons

Proposes to modify the existing laws governing resident deer hunting licenses for nonambulatory individuals. The bill stipulates that these hunters may only use certain authorized firearms during established firearm deer hunting seasons, as opposed the existing law that allows such weapon use to any established deer hunting

season. This change aims to clarify and limit the circumstances under which nonambulatory resident hunters can utilize shotguns, muzzleloading rifles, and specific handguns or rifles in that they would no longer be able to use them in bow seasons.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 710/HSB 163—The Allowance of Enclosed Docks on Public Waters & Insurance Requirement
Proposes to allow with regulation for the construction of enclosed structures on private docks, under specific conditions, including size and material requirements. The bill stipulates that these structures must not be used for habitation or storage and must comply with applicable building codes. Additionally, it requires dock owners to maintain liability insurance with a minimum coverage of $1 million. The legislation also permits associations managing communities adjacent to public lakes to set their own policies regarding these structures.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 797/HF 433-- Establishment of National Wild Turkey Federation Special Registration Plates
Proposes to provide for the issuance of special registration plates for the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF). The bill sets a special fee of $25 for these plates, with an annual renewal fee of $10. The funds collected will be allocated to the Department of Natural Resources to support wild turkey habitat conservation and hunting initiatives. Furthermore, it prohibits the Department of Transportation from requiring a minimum number of orders for the plates before issuance.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 832/HF 505-- Creation of Noodling Licenses in Iowa
Proposes to create a new type of fishing license that would allow for hand fishing, otherwise known as noodling. The bill defines noodling and sets restrictions on the practice, including a limit of three catfish per license, a minimum size requirement of ten inches for harvested fish, and a prohibition on the use of special equipment. Noodling is only permitted during daylight hours. The Natural Resource Commission is tasked with determining the tenure and fees associated with the license. Violations of these regulations will incur fines.
Status: Referred to House Ways & Means Committee

House File 841/HSB 255— Youth Deer Hunting License and Tag Expansion
Proposes to require that youth deer hunting licenses be available for purchase during the same timeframe as general deer hunting licenses, encompassing all established deer hunting seasons. It allows holders of a youth deer hunting license to utilize their license and tag during the season for which it was issued or in any subsequent established deer hunting season, provided they follow the authorized method of take for that season. However, if the tag is filled in one season, the license will not be valid for subsequent seasons.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 843/HSB 194-- Oil and Gas Production Regulation Update
Proposes several key amendments to the regulation of oil and gas production in Iowa. The bill establishes new definitions for terms such as 'casing', 'correlative rights', and 'exploratory well', enhancing clarity in the law. The measure mandates annual filing requirements for businesses involved in oil and gas activities, including detailed organizational information. It also allows the director of the Department of Natural Resources to grant variances to rules without a hearing, provided a good faith effort to comply is demonstrated. Lastly, the legislation outlines procedures for maintaining confidentiality of sensitive information for a period of five years. Lastly, it modifies the pooling order process to ensure equitable production sharing among owners.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 847/HSB 103-- Air Emission & Greenhouse Reporting Changes
Proposes to amend the duties of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reporting. The bill changes the timeframe for emissions reporting from the previous calendar year to emissions that occurred two years prior, in order to align with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual greenhouse gas inventories. Furthermore, if the EPA completes its inventory, it will satisfy the state's reporting requirement. The measure also repeals certain data collection and registry requirements previously mandated for the DNR, reflecting a shift towards reliance on federal regulations for greenhouse gas reporting.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 860/HSB 214-- Prohibition of State and Local Regulations on Fuel-Powered Equipment
Proposes to prevent government entities from enacting or maintaining regulations that restrict the possession, operation, or sale of fuel-powered equipment based solely on the equipment's fuel source. This includes prohibiting regulations that would require sellers to maintain inventories of specific fuel-powered equipment. The bill defines 'fuel-powered equipment' broadly to include any goods powered by internal combustion engines or electric motors. By making such regulations void and unenforceable, the legislation seeks to ensure that individuals and businesses can freely use and trade fuel-powered equipment without government interference based on fuel type.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 861/HF 480-- Beneficial Use Regulations & Water Allocation
Proposes to amend existing laws regarding water allocation by removing the current definition of 'beneficial use' and replacing it with a provision that mandates case-by-case evaluations by the Department of Natural Resources. This change aims to ensure that the determination of beneficial use is not confined to specific categories, allowing for a more flexible and tailored approach to water permits. The bill also stipulates that applications for water permits must be processed within specified timeframes, promoting efficiency in the approval process. Overall, the legislation reflects a shift towards a more individualized assessment of water use, potentially impacting various stakeholders in water management.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 863/HF 95—Allowance of Solid Blue Lights on Vessels in Iowa Waters
Proposes to amend Section 462A.12 of the Iowa Code by removing the prohibition against displaying solid blue lights on vessels operating under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resource Commission. Currently, only authorized emergency vessels are permitted to display blue lights. The bill aims to allow non-emergency vessels to display solid blue lights, while still prohibiting the use of flashing blue lights. Violations of the flashing light regulation will still incur a scheduled fine of $35.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 866/HSB 254-- Open Season Exceptions for Goose Management
Proposes to amend Section 481A.87 of the Iowa Code to allow owners or tenants of agricultural property to take, capture, or dispose of any species of goose without DNR prior permission if they consider the animal a nuisance. This change aligns geese with other nuisance animals such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks, which can already be managed without restrictions during open seasons. The bill aims to provide more flexibility for property owners in managing wildlife that may pose a nuisance to their agricultural activities. However, it is important to note that certain species of geese are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and violations of this act may result in federal penalties.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 881/HSB 66—Strict Liability for Hazardous Substance Oversight Costs

Proposes to introduce a new provision that holds individuals in control of hazardous substances strictly liable for excessive and extraordinary costs related to the oversight and monitoring of hazardous conditions they create. This amendment expands the current liability framework, which already includes certain costs associated with hazardous substances. The intent is to ensure that those responsible for hazardous conditions bear the financial burden of necessary state oversight, thereby promoting accountability and environmental safety.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

House File 892/HSB 257-- Amendment to Farm Unit Size Requirements for Free Hunting Licenses
Proposes to change the size requirement for parcels of land to qualify for special turkey and deer hunting licenses from two or more contiguous acres to twenty or more contiguous acres for parcels purchased on or after January 11, 2027. This change aims to clarify the eligibility criteria for hunting licenses and potentially limit access to those with larger land holdings.
Status: Placed on the House Calendar

Public Safety

HF 181/HSB 29- THC Open Container
House File 181 prohibits drivers and passengers from possessing open containers of beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in the passenger area of motor vehicles. The bill aligns with existing laws that restrict open containers of alcoholic beverages. Violating this law is classified as a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a scheduled fine of $260.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 173/HF 41- Penalties for Loss of Control
House File 173 adds Code section 321.288, which requires drivers to control their vehicles and reduce speed in certain situations, to the list of traffic violations that can incur additional penalties if they result in serious injury or death. If a driver is convicted of violating this section and it causes serious injury, they may face a fine of $500 or a license suspension of up to 90 days. If the violation results in death, the penalties increase to a $1,000 fine or a license suspension of up to 180 days.
STATUS- Senate Transportation Committee

HF 176 /HF 55- Felon Handgun Increase Penalty
House File 176 establishes mandatory minimum sentences for felons who possess firearms or offensive weapons. The bill outlines penalties based on the number of offenses: a first offense is a class "D" felony with a minimum of 2 years in prison, a second offense is also a class "D" felony with a minimum of 4 years, a third offense is a class "C" felony with a minimum of 7 years, and a fourth or subsequent offense is a class "C" felony with a minimum of 10 years. The bill prohibits deferred judgments and earned time cannot reduce the mandatory minimum sentences.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 177/ HSB 24- Assault Against Certain Professions
House File 177 increases penalties for assaults against certain occupations, including peace officers, correctional staff, and juvenile detention staff. It increases the severity of penalties for assaults committed with intent to cause serious injury or using a dangerous weapon. The bill also includes provisions for assaults that result in contact with bodily fluids, such as saliva, and establishes a minimum seven-day sentence for certain offenses.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 178/HF 45- Excessive Speeding
HF 178 increases the fines for speeding violations that exceed 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. Currently, the fine for such violations is $135, plus an additional $5 for each mile over the limit. The bill would raise the base fine to $285, while still adding $5 for each additional mile per hour over the 20-mile threshold.
STATUS- Senate Transportation Committee

HF 180/HSB22- Grooming
Individuals convicted of grooming will be required to register as tier I sex offenders for a period of 10 years.
STATUS-Passed on File in Senate Attached to SF 461

HF182/HSB25-Controlled Substances
This bill updates Iowa's controlled substances schedules by adding new substances and modifying existing classifications to align with federal regulations. It includes specific chemical compounds that are considered dangerous and may lead to severe penalties for violations, including significant fines and prison time. Additionally, the bill addresses reporting requirements for precursor substances used in the production of controlled substances. The legislation is set to take effect immediately upon enactment
STATUS-Passed on File in Senate Attached to SF 305

HF 249/HSB23- Improper Benefits- Recovery
This bill expands the authority of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to collect payments that were inappropriately obtained from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM). Benefits obtained through false or misleading information will create a lien on the individual's property in favor of the state. County recorders will be required to maintain an index of these liens for HSEM. Additionally, the bill allows HSEM to refer suspected fraud cases to DIAL and other state entities for further investigation and recovery of fund.
STATUS- Senate State Government Committee

HF 523/HF 108- Emergency Protective Orders
House File 523 allows peace officers to file a petition for a 72-hour emergency protective order on behalf of individuals who claim to be in immediate danger of domestic abuse, provided that the individual requests the officer to submit the petition.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 528 /HF 231- Excessive Speeding
House File 528 classifies driving at least 25 miles per hour over the speed limit as reckless driving. Currently, reckless driving is a simple misdemeanor, Under the bill if reckless driving unintentionally causes death or serious injury, it can result in felony charges. A class "C" felony for causing death carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison, while a class "D" felony for causing serious injury carries a penalty of up to 5 years.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 530 /HSB 166- Judicial Officers Permit to Carry Firearms
House File 530 i allows judicial officers, as well as certain attorneys (including the attorney general and their deputies), to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons. The bill specifies that these permits authorize the holders to carry weapons anywhere in the state at all times. It also requires that applicants may need to complete a proficiency examination at their own expense. The permits remain valid as long as the holder is employed in their position. Additionally, the supreme court can set further training requirements for judicial officers holding these permits.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 542/ HF 98- Slow Moving Vehicles On Side of the Road
House File 542 requires drivers to exercise caution when approaching not only stationary authorized emergency vehicles but also slow-moving authorized emergency vehicles traveling at 15 miles per hour or less. Drivers must either change lanes away from the vehicle, if safe to do so, or reduce their speed to a safe level if a lane change is not possible. Violations of this law are classified as simple misdemeanors, with increased penalties for accidents resulting in injury or death.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 546/ HSB 124- Minimum Bond Serious Crimes
House File 546 establishes a minimum bond amount of $100,000 for individuals arrested under specific serious offenses, including attempted murder, assault with a weapon, and possession by a felon. The bill also states that a bond schedule for release when courts are not in session cannot be applied to these serious offenses or any forcible felonies.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 549/ HF 42- Law Enforcement Involved Shooting Investigation
House File 549 requires county attorneys to review evidence in cases of officer-involved shootings that result in death or serious injury. The County Attorney must provide a written opinion and charging decision, or refer the case to the attorney general within 180 days. If there is a conflict of interest, the case will be handled by an independent county attorney, the attorney general, or a special prosecutor.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 569/ HF 40- Mandatory Driver's License Revocation
House File 569 mandates the revocation of a person's driver's license for 30 days if they are convicted of exceeding the speed limit by 100 miles per hour or more. It allows peace officers to immediately notify the driver of the revocation and take their license, issuing a temporary license valid for 10 days. The bill also specifies that individuals whose licenses are revoked under this provision are not eligible for a temporary restricted license. Additionally, it includes provisions for appealing the revocation and makes some updates to existing laws regarding driver's license revocations.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 635/ HF 457- Drivers License Revocation Start Time
House File 635 proposes to extend the time before a driver's license revocation takes effect for individuals charged with operating while intoxicated (OWI) or refusing a chemical test. Currently, the revocation begins 10 days after notice is given, but this bill changes it to 20 days. Additionally, the temporary driver's license issued after an OWI revocation will also be valid for 20 days instead of 10. The bill does not change the 10-day period for requesting a hearing to challenge the revocation.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 702/HF 44- Fireworks
House File 702 allows the sale of consumer fireworks year-round from permanent structures, removing the previous restrictions that limited sales to specific dates. It also prohibits county and city governments from restricting the use of consumer fireworks on July 3, July 4, and December 31. The bill maintains existing regulations on the use of fireworks during other times of the year.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 705/ HF 458 Grants for Sexual Assault Exam Centers
House File 705 establishes a grant program within the Attorney Generals Office to support a nonprofit organization that operates sexual assault forensic examination centers. The nonprofit must be incorporated in

Iowa, employ sexual assault nurse examiners, and focus on serving diverse populations, including underserved groups. The bill allows the nonprofit to seek additional funding and requires it to submit an annual report on its services and training activities.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 755/HSB 197-Firefighters Service Award
House File 755 establishes a length of service award program for volunteer fire fighters, volunteer emergency medical care providers, and reserve peace officers in Iowa municipalities. The bill allows municipalities to create programs that provide tax-deferred awards for these volunteers. It also creates a grant fund, funded by lottery revenues, to support municipalities in contributing to these programs. The fund will start with $2 million and can increase if depleted for two consecutive years, with a cap of $5 million. The bill takes effect on January 1, 2026.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 764/ HF 3-Speed Cameras and Fine Collection
House File 764 prohibits local authorities in Iowa from contracting with third parties to collect fines for excessive speed violations detected by automated traffic enforcement systems. Unpaid fines from these violations cannot be deducted from public payments like tax refunds. The restrictions apply to contracts entered or renewed after the bill's effective date and to unpaid fines from that date forward, regardless of when they were issued.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 770/ HF 89- Following Close
House File 770 establishes specific minimum following distances for drivers operating a motor vehicle in Iowa, based on the speed limit of the highway. The bill outlines that drivers must maintain at least 50 feet of distance at speeds of 35 mph or less, increasing to 200 feet for speeds over 65 mph. Violating this rule is considered a simple misdemeanor with a scheduled fine of $135. Additionally, if a violation results in serious injury or death, the court may impose additional fines or suspend the drivers license.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 791/HSB 200- Teaching Firearms Safety in Schools
House File 791 requires the Iowa Department of Education to create and distribute a model firearm safety instruction program for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The program for younger students will be based on the Eddie Eagle GunSafe program, while the program for older students will be based on the NRA's hunter education course. Starting in the 2026 school year, school districts must offer this firearm safety instruction to students in grades 7 through 12, including those in nonpublic schools. Instructors do not need to be licensed teachers, and courses can be held off school property.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 792/ HF 365- Penalty for Causing a Death from Fentanyl
House File 792 establishes a new cause of action for first-degree murder in Iowa. A person who unlawfully provides fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance to another person, resulting in that person's death, can be charged with murder. The bill specifies that it does not matter if the deceased person contributed to their own death by using the substance. If convicted, the offender faces a class "A" felony charge, which carries a life sentence without the possibility of parole.
STATUS-House Calendar

HF 793/ HF 265 Firefighter Requirements

House File 793 requires the Iowa Department of Public Safety to update rules by January 1, 2026, to prohibit individuals on the sex offender registry from being certified as fire fighters, including volunteer fire fighters.
STATUS-House Calendar

HSB 21 Illegal Gaming
The bill addresses illegal gaming in Iowa by defining two new terms: "account sharing" and "proxy betting." It makes these activities illegal and adds them to the list of prohibited actions under existing gaming laws. The bill also clarifies penalties for illegal gaming, which vary based on the amount of money involved and whether it is a first or repeat offense. Penalties range from serious misdemeanors to class "C" felonies, with corresponding fines and potential jail time.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HSB 171- Blood Draw
The bill expands the list of medical personnel authorized to withdraw blood from individuals suspected of operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The bill also establishes that these individuals must act reasonably and follow standard medical procedures, and it provides them with protection from civil and criminal liability, except in cases of negligence.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HSB 172- Financial Liability Coverage
The bill proposes to increase the penalty for individuals who are caught driving without financial liability coverage (insurance) for a second or subsequent time within five years. A first offense would remain a simple misdemeanor, followed by an aggravated misdemeanor charge for second and subsequent violations. Additionally, a person must provide proof of liability insurance to register or renew registration on a vehicle.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HSB 199 Conveyance Firearm
The bill amends existing laws regarding the carrying of firearms on snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). It removes current restrictions that require firearms to be unloaded and enclosed in a case while operating these vehicles. The bill allows individuals to carry loaded firearms on snowmobiles and ATVs without needing a permit, regardless of whether the land is owned or rented by the person, if their conduct is lawful. Additionally, it repeals fines associated with carrying firearms in vehicles.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HSB 201- Law Enforcement Administrative Investigations and Officer Rights
updates the rights and procedures for law enforcement officers during administrative investigations and disciplinary hearings. It ensures that officers or their legal counsel receive timely access to investigation reports and witness statements at no charge. The bill also establishes that officers placed on a Brady-Giglio list have specific rights and protections. Additionally, it prohibits county attorneys from representing parties in cases involving the same facts as a Brady-Giglio placement unless consent is given. Finally, it reinforces the confidentiality of communications with peer support counselors during crisis intervention.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HSB 290- Drug Interdiction Program
The bill appropriates $1.2 million for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to establish a drug interdiction program within the Iowa Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Iowa National Guard. The program aims to combat illicit drug trafficking in the state and allows for the hiring of 12 full-time positions, including drug interdiction specialists and criminal analysts. Unused funds at the end of the fiscal year can be carried over for future use.

STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HF 43- Indecent Exposure through Electronic Means
A person who sends an unsolicited nude picture to another through electronic means can be charged with indecent exposure.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HF 47- Booking Photos Confidentiality
This bill addresses the confidentiality of booking photographs, These pictures shall be generally considered confidential records but can be released under specific circumstances. As amended the bill ensures law enforcement can exchange pictures, that a bail bondsman has access, and that third party programs used by law enforcement can assist exchanging the images
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HF 201- Online Harassment and Doxing
House File 201 makes it a form of harassment to share someone else's personal information—like their home address, phone number, or social media profiles—without their consent. This is considered harassment if done with the intent to threaten, intimidate, annoy, or alarm the person, or to encourage others to do so. Violating this law would be classified as harassment in the first degree, which is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in jail and a fine between $855 and $8,540.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HF 519- Firearms Auctions
House File 519 requires the Department of Public Safety to sell seized or forfeited legal firearms and ammunition at public auction, with certain exceptions. Exceptions include cases where the items can be used by the department, are unique additions to its weapons archive, are restricted by the director, or are needed for exchanges with other agencies. Firearms and ammunition can only be destroyed if they do not sell at auction or are deemed damaged or unsafe. The bill does not apply to illegal or offensive weapons.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

HF 539- Veterans Transfer into Law Enforcement
Allows an honorably discharged military veterans with active-duty military police experience to qualify for lateral transfer to law enforcement agencies in Iowa without completing the standard academy training. Eligible veterans must apply to the council, provide proof of service and training, and complete an Iowa-specific orientation course, along with background checks.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

House File 728- Emergency Vehicles
House File 728 amends Iowa's motor vehicle laws by removing the word "official" from descriptions of authorized emergency vehicles, such as fire department, police, and emergency medical services vehicles. The bill does not change the rights and responsibilities of drivers operating these vehicles.
STATUS-Passed House Public Safety

State Government

HF 260/HSB 69 - Lottery Cleanup
Allows school boards, as they deem appropriate, to authorize the use of school property for non-school related events that can be issued temporary retail alcohol licenses. In current code there is no legal scenario to consume alcohol on property that is owned by a public school. Private school property does not have this prohibition.

Passed the House Floor

SF 162/HF 261 (HSB 73) IPERS Notification Bill
Repeals from Iowa Code the requirement that IPERS mail by first class mail notice of a terminated employees' balance and status. This information is available online through their IPERS' account and electronic notifications are current practice.
Status: Passed both chambers

HF 259/HSB 75 - Public Notice Requirements
Amends Iowa Code to provide further transparency in public notifications for public meetings of governmental bodies. Requires cancellation notice if a governmental body cancels its meeting
Status: Passed the House Floor

HF 532/HSB 119 - Dietitian Licensure Compact
Interstate compact to support the mobility of licensed dieticians. The compact would allow qualified licensed dieticians to apply and be approved for the compact privilege to practice in remote participating states.
Status: Passed the House Floor

HF 82 - Radon Mitigation in Residential Buildings
Requires new single-family and two-family residential construction to include passive radon mitigation
Status: House Calendar

HF 248/HF 26 - Adoptive Parent Employees Leave
Requires employers to treat adoptive parents of a child 6 years or younger the same as employees who are biological parents of a newborn in regard to their parental leave policies.
Status: House Calendar

HF 470/HSB 79 - Revenue ABD Bill
Updated the definition of "canned cocktail" and "mixed drink cocktail" to include drinks made with a beer or wine base. Updates code to require license applicants to use the USPS Verified Address for their licensed premise in their application to the Department.
Status: House Calendar

HF 397/HSB 74 - Safe at Home Program Bill
Makes several updates to the address confidentiality program to make it easier for an applicant to use a shelter as their address. Allows for the Secretary of State to perform necessary list maintenance to remove a participant if credible information is received that they have died or to cancel their voter registration if they have registered to vote in another state.
Status: House Calendar

HF 400/HSB 76 - Public Records Requests
Iowa Public Information Board bill to create more direct acknowledgement and provide estimated times and costs for fulfilling a public records request.
Status: House Calendar

HF 396/HSB 70 - Bank Utilization of Filing Services
Amends code to allow the secretary of state to provide banks to file for preclearance and expedited filings services.
Status: House Calendar

HF 398/HSB 111 - Corrections Appointments
Aligns the Board of Corrections' role to be align with last year's Boards and Commission's bill. Amends that appointments made within the Department of Corrections are not contingent on the approval of the Board of Corrections, but that the board serves to provide advice and recommendations of such appointments.
Status: House Calendar

HF 399/HSB 113 - DAS Libraries
Strikes reporting requirements that are redundant now that State Library is under the Department of Administrative Services. Updates Iowa Code to change "access plus" to interlibrary loan programs.
Status: House Calendar

HF 547/HSB 120 - Respiratory Compact
A proposed interstate compact to support the mobility of licensed respiratory therapists. The compact would allow qualified licensed respiratory therapists to apply and be approved for the compact privilege to practice in remote participating states.
Status: House Calendar

HF 544/HSB 110 - Ethics Bill
Updates filing deadlines from end of business day to the end of the day since there's an electronic filing option. Expands prohibition on candidates establishing or directing a political committee. Adds email addresses to statement of organization. Adds internet advertisements require an attribution statement as a published material.
Status: House Calendar

HF 524/HF 116 - Prohibiting Under 18 at tanning facilities
Prohibits a tanning facility from allowing a person under 18 to use a tanning device.
Status: House Calendar

HF 654/HF 438 - Persons appointed to a Constitutional Convention
Creates a new chapter of code for the commissioners selected for an Article V convention of states. Sets the parameters for selection of commissioners and alternative commissioners. Provides the authority and limitations of commissioners serving at a convention of states.
Status: House Calendar

HJR 11/HJR 6 - Article V Convention
A Resolution for an application to call a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution on the subjects of fiscal restraints on the federal government and term limits for federal officials and members of Congress. This application to Congress to call for a convention is a continuing application until 34 states make similar applications or the Iowa General Assembly withdraws the application.
Status: House Calendar

HF 706/HF416 - Open Meetings and Open Records
Increases fines for violations of Open Meeting laws and removal from office for a repeat offense. Requires all elected and appointed members of governmental bodies to complete an education course for Open Meeting and Public Information law compliance.
Status: House Calendar

HF 704/HSB 178 - Propane Education and Research Council

Updates definitions for the Propane Education and Research Council to eliminate outdated energy efficiency terms and to include propane wholesalers. Changes the configuration of the council from 10 voting members to 8 voting members. Moving the State Fire Marshal from an ex officio member to a voting member and eliminating all other ex officio members. Terms of the council will be 2 years with staggering initial appointments for 4 new appointments each year.
Status: House Calendar

HF 786/HF 127 - Supervisors District
Requires counties with a population of over 125,000 or a regent university to use plan "three". Moves the special election to determine supervisor representation plans from August to the November election in odd years. Requires vacancies for county supervisors in counties with a population over 125,000 or has a regent university a special election is required. Strikes section requiring counties of a population over 60,000 to achieve a vote of 2/3rd of voters to move from plan "three".
Status: House Calendar

HF 769/HF 69 - School Property Alcohol
Allows school boards, as they deem appropriate, to authorize the use of school property for non-school related events that can be issued temporary retail alcohol licenses. In current code there is no legal scenario to consume alcohol on property that is owned by a public school. Private school property does not have this prohibition
Status: House Calendar

HF 768/HSB 77 - IPIB Complaints
Extends the period an aggrieved party may file a complaint with the Board alleging a violation of the open meetings or public records laws.
Status: House Calendar

HF 776/HSB 176 - DIAL Department Bill
Allows DIAL and boards under their purview to adopt standards by reference to online publication. Allows DIAL to administratively close complaints if they don't include violations of DIAL Chapter of code. Allows DIAL to conduct audits and investigation of the Board of Medicine, Board of Pharmacy, Dental Board, and Board of Nursing. Shifts rulemaking authority over handicapped parking from DPS to DIAL.
Status: House Calendar

HF 700/HF 377 - Radon testing in rental properties.
Allows tenants to conduct a radon test in their dwelling unit. If the results are elevated (equal to or greater than 4 picocuries per liter) the landlord is required to provide test results showing a lower level or install a radon mitigation system that produced a lower level. If after 90 days of a tenant notifying a landlord of raised radon levels the landlord does not install a radon mitigation system the tenant is allowed to provide written notice to terminate the lease immediately and is entitled to any prepaid rent and their security deposit without penalty
Status: House Calendar

HF 711/HF 49 - Barber Training Programs
Creates an establishment training program to allow licensed establishments to employ unlicensed individuals to provide shampooing, cutting, coloring, and hairstyling services under the supervision of a licensee. Unlicensed individuals must complete 2 hours of education on laws, rules, and sanitation practices for barbering and cosmetology. Customers must receive written notice that the employee is unlicensed prior to receiving services.

Licensed establishments participating in the program shall be inspected by the Department and can have formal proceedings brought against the establishment including licensure revocation or suspension.
Status: House Calendar

HF 778/HSB 177 - Certified Public Accountants, Licensure
Updates the requirement for an initial issuance of a certificate to be either 151 semester hours, board recognized degree, and at least one year of experience or 120 semester hours, board recognized degree, and at least two years of experience.
Status: House Calendar

HSB 71 - State Contracts
Prohibits provisions of state purchasing contracts that are contrary to public policy. Limits the venue for litigation of contracts to state or federal court in Polk County. Applies to new or renewed contracts after the effective date of the bill.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 112 - Surviving Spouse Insurance Coverage
Authorizes DAS to continue the health insurance coverage for surviving spouses and eligible children of employees whose death is determined to be the direct result of a traumatic personal injury while performing the duties of their job. The State is not required to pay for the cost of the insurance coverage but can choose to cover all or a portion of the cost and would be the responsibility of the employing entity. Any uncovered portion of costs shall be paid by the surviving spouse or child for the continuation of coverage.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 175 - Wallace Building
Authorizes DAS to dispose of the Wallace Building and the parking garage on Grand Avenue.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 245 - Vet Immunity
Protects veterinarians who in good faith report abuse of a companion animal by granting them immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability. Veterinarians who assist law enforcement in the rescue of an abused animal is granted immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HF 596 - Recounts
Provides conformity to all election recounts in the state.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 173 – Nutrition Education Standards
Require educational standards to include instruction on nutrition to emphasize the importance of animal-based protein, dairy, vegetables, and fruit.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 247 - Public Notices
Defines that a proof of publication is a document including the published document, date of publication, and the name of the newspaper or a statement that the document was posted on the statewide public notice website. Newspapers are not allowed to charge for a proof of publication, however, may charge a fee of the actual cost for additional elements to a proof of publication.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 252 - Eligibility requirements for financial institutions public money
Repeals section of code requiring the Treasurer of State to establish a list of eligible financial institutions to accept state public funds.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HF 442 - Disclosure of lead service lines in real estate disclosures.
Requires the presence of lead service lines to be included in real estate disclosures.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 266 - 411 Cancer bill
Expands the definition of cancer for the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System and the Special Service Members of IPERS. Currently cancer coverage is only for 14 types of cancer.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HF 366 - Ethics of state employees
Prohibits employes of state agencies from using evidence of their employment while engaging in advocating to a member of the General Assembly unrelated to the official duties of their job. Allows the House and Senate Ethics Committees to issue advisory opinions and receive complaints concerning state employees.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 291 - Podiatric Compact
Establishes the interstate podiatric medical licensure compact to provide expedited licensure among member states.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 265 - IPERS Protected Occupation Benefits
Provides protection occupation retirees the ability to retire at the age of 50 if they have 22 years of eligible service. Provides annual COLA for retirees who are 55 years or older and have 22 years of service. The COLA is an additional 1.5% and retirees who receive a COLA are ineligible to receive retirement dividends. Increases the percentage used to calculate a member's benefit by 5/8% for each quarter of service beyond 22 years of service, not to exceed and additional 12%.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HSB 281 – Elections
Provides fix for the Secretary of State to address the citizenship issues from the 2024 general election. Raises the threshold to be a political party to 10% statewide, changes filing for NPPOs to primary election day, and adds sore loser ineligibility on candidate affidavit. Bans ranked choice voting.
Status: Passed House State Government Committee

HF 756/HSB 72 – Department of Management Department Bill
Transmission to DOM for budget creation shall be considered confidential until the release of the Governor's budget. Money in the Technology Reinvestment Fund shall be provided by DOM to implement prioritized state IT projects to improve technology infrastructure, services, and promote innovation. Increase frequency of FBI background checks for IT staff. Provides that IT contract language that is counter to Iowa's public policy are void and limits litigation venue to Des Moines. Communications with the CISO and government entities concerning a cybersecurity threat are confidential. Moves the Iowa Statistical Analysis Center from HHS to DOM. DOM is not the lawful custodian of any records it maintains in an IT capacity for other state entities.
Status: In the House Appropriations Committee

HF 759/HSB 109 - Filing Biennial Report
Strikes from code the statutory fee amount ($60) for a business entity to file its biennial report. Allows the Secretary of State's office to determine and assess a fee for filing of the report.
Status: In the House Ways and Means Committee

HSB 78 - Governor Employee Parental Leave
Provides paid parental leave to state employees who are entitled to leave under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.
Status: Reported by the House State Government Committee

HF 526/HF 57 - Direct to Consumer Beer
Creates an alcoholic beverage carrier permit to expand the shipment to consumer to include beer. Currently only wine is allowed. Beer direct shipper permits can be issued to beer manufacturers to allow the sell of beer at retail directly to a person in the state. Beer shipper permit holders are required to report and pay the barrel tax on all beer sold, including direct shipment.
Status: In the House Ways and Means Committee

HF 761/HF 140 - Direct to Consumer Liquor
Creates a new section of code to allow for the direct shipment of native liquor within Iowa. Creates a direct shipper permit for alcoholic liquor manufacturers to directly ship alcohol to Iowans. Requires direct shipment permit holders to submit a monthly report to ABD detailing the shipments, individual customers, and amount of taxes collected in connection to the direct shipment of alcoholic liquor.
Status: In the House Ways and Means Committee

Transportation

House File 525 – Gadsden Flag Specialty License Plate
House File 525 would direct the Department of Transportation to issue a Gadsden Flag license plate for motor vehicles subject to registration. The fee for getting this special license plate would be $50 in addition to a vehicle's regular registration fee. One dollar from each fee would be appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for education and training on the Second Amendment and for firearm safety. The bill would also change the language of the state law prohibiting license plate frames from obstructing any letter or number printed on the plate. Under the bill, a frame could obstruct the motor vehicle licensee's county of residence.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Ways & Means Committee

House File 527 – Allowing CDL Drivers under age 21 to Haul Loads with Hazardous Materials
Federal law governing commercial driver's licenses says that a CDL holder working for a private or for-hire carrier must be 21 in order to transport hazardous materials. But federal law also allows states to implement limited exceptions on state roads to expand what a CDL holder under 21 can do. Current Iowa law does not allow a CDL holder under 21 to drive hazardous materials on intrastate routes, but does allow them to haul fertilizer, petroleum products, and pesticides. House File 527 would remove Iowa's current restrictions and allow CDL holders working for private or for-hire carrier under 21 to transport hazardous materials on intrastate routes.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 529 – Maximum Load Weights for Alternate-fueled Vehicles
Trucks in Iowa are limited to hauling 80,000 pounds, including the weight of the truck. Alternate-fueled vehicles, like EV trucks and those using natural gas, have fuel systems that weigh more than diesel-powered trucks. Iowa law gives natural gas-powered trucks an additional 2,000 pound allowance, as long as that weight

is due to the fuel system and fuel. House File 529 changes this to give all alternate-fueled vehicles a weight limit of 82,000 pounds.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 531 – Weight Limits for Hauling Fluid Milk Products
House File 531 would increase the maximum pound limit for trucks hauling fluid milk products.
Current law limits these trucks to hauling no more than 96,000 pounds. The bill would increase the permitted amount to 130,000 pounds. This change would put Iowa's limits in line with neighboring states. The bill would go into effect upon enactment and the weight change would also apply to trucks with current Iowa permits.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 548 – Requirements for Recycling Batteries from Electric Vehicles
House File 548 would create a new education requirement for people recycling battery electric vehicles (EV) or Hybrid EV. No person would be allowed to recycle these vehicles without completing a vehicle high-voltage battery safe handling and storage education program. This program would have to be approved by the Dept. of Transportation and the requirement would not go into effect unitl January 1, 2027.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 574 – Adding Places that a Student with a Special Minor's Restricted License Can Drive To
Under current law, a student holding a Special Minor's Restricted License (aged 14.5 to 16) is able to drive to school, extracurricular activities, work, or stop at service stations. The student is limited to driving no more than 25 miles, unless the school is more than 25 miles away and they live in that school district. House File 574 would add the student's established place of worship to the list. A student with a special minor's restricted license would be able to drive to religious services or volunteer service program at their place of worship.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 581 – Scenic Byways Fund
House File 581 provides the option to Iowans when renewing their title registration to donate $1 or more to the Scenic Byways Enhancement Fund. Iowa has 14 Scenic Byways that currently receive $500,000 annually through the Transportation Commission for corridor management, signs, and marketing.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Appropriations Committee

House File 695 – International Fuel Tax Agreement Decal Fees
Vehicles, other than personal vehicles, are required to pay a tax to the state for the fuel they use in driving through Iowa. They also must have a duplicate permit or license and other evidence that shows they are paying this tax. Most states and Canadian provinces have banded together to administer these taxes through the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA). Iowa provides a decal to place on a vehicle to show they are paying their taxes via IFTA. In 2023, it cost the state 92 cents to prduce the decal while charging just 50 cents for it. House File 695 adjusts the cost of the decal to ensure the state covers the cost of producing the decal. The bill raises the fee to $1.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Ways & Means Committee

House File 696 – Changes to Single-trip Permits for Oversized Loads
Iowa law requires motor carriers who need a permit to haul an overweight load to first increase their registered vehicle weight to the maximum load they plan to carry. A carrier whose truck is going to carry a larger than normal load must first go to their registration office (county treasurer, IRP office, or out of state registration agency) and increase their registration weight by the increased amount before they can get an overweight permit for the trip.

House File 696 would address several issues in the process. The bill would allow additional registration types from other states to get single-load permits in Iowa. The bill also streamlines the process by striking current language which prevents a single-trip permit to be used in lieu of the changed registration. And the bill would institute a $4 per ton fee for every ton exceeding the 80,000 current load limit.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Ways & Means Committee

House File 697 – Allowing ATVs to be modified to Carry an Additional Passenger
House File 697 would create an exception to modify an ATV to carry one additional person, provided that the modification is either an aftermarket product or an original equipment manufacturer product specifically designed for that purpose and commercially available.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 698 – Motor Carrier Safety Improvements and Employment Status
House File 698 states that the deployment, implementation, or use of motor carrier safety improvements cannot be used as a factor in determining whether a person hired to haul a load is classified as an employee, independent contractor, or jointly employed employee.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 758 – Administrative Fees Charged by Auto Dealers for Vehicle Purchases
Current law allows an auto dealer to charge a "documentary fee" of up to $180 per vehicle for the preparation of the documents necessary to register and title a motor vehicle. House File 758 would change this fee to an "administrative fee" for services related to the purchase of a motor vehicle. The bill would also remove the existing cap on the amount of the fee.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Ways & Means Committee

House File 762 – Educational Requirements for ATV/UTV Operators
House File 762 changes the requirements for ATV, UTV, and off-road motorcycle operators to go thru a DNR-approved operator education program. Under the bill, all operators over the age of 12 would be required to complete the operator education program to legally use their vehicle on roads, public lands and trails. The bill also creates a testing requirement, which would align the requirements of the operator education program with the existing snowmobile education certification requirements.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, In the House Ways & Means Committee

House File 765 – Regulating Motor Size of Electric Bicycles
House File 765 sets the maximum amount of power that an electric motor can generate and still be considered a low-speed electric bicycle. The bill also sets the power limit for pedestrian conveyance with an electric motor at no more than 750 watts.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 766 – Permissible Window Tint on Motor Vehicles
House File 766 changes the requirements for window tinting motor vehicles operating in Iowa. Under current Iowa law, windows in motor vehicles must allow 70% light transmittance. The bill would set the minimum light transmittance at 50 percent. House File 766 exempts vehicles owned by law enforcement agencies from the limits in the bill.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 777 – Documents Required for Transfer of Vehicles with Salvage Titles
House File 777 provide an alternative way for insurers to get a salvage certificate on a vehicle that is a total loss without having the original title to the vehicle. The bill would create a second way for an insurer to provide the

written documentation. An insurer would be able to submit one or more documents showing a transfer of ownership if the vehicle has been deemed to be a total loss. The insurer will also have to indemnify the DOT for any claims due to the issuance of the certificate.
Status: On the House Floor

House File 788 – Required Drug Testing for Certain DOT Drivers Involved in Accidents
House File 788 would require a DOT employee operating one of the Department's commercial motor vehicles to provide a urine sample to test for alcohol or drugs if the employee is involved in an accident which causes injury or death. The analysis would be in accordance with requirements of the state's operating while intoxicated law (chapter 321J).
Status: On the House Floor

House File 827 – Distracted Driving & Road Safety
House File 827 turns Iowa's texting while driving ban into a ban on using electronic devices while driving. The bill allows drivers to use these devices in their hands-free or voice activated modes and does provide some limited exceptions to the ban. The fine for violating the new law would be $100 and would be classified as a moving violation.
Status: On the House Floor
House File 599 – Requiring Regional Representation on the State Transportation Commission
Iowa's Transportation Commission has seven members. The only requirement in the Code with regards to make up of the Commission is that no more than four members can be of the same political party. House File 599 would divide the state into seven regions and require the Governor to appoint one member of the Transportation Commission from each region.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House File 613 – Increasing the distance a student with a Special Minor's Restricted License Can Drive to School if Open Enrolling
When the Legislature revised the school driving permit laws last year, it limited the distance a student could drive to school to 25 miles, unless the school of the district they reside in is farther away. House File 613 would allow students with a special minor's restricted license who are open enrolling to another school to drive up to 40 miles to that school building.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House File 614 – Directing the DOT to Prioritize Making Highway 30 a Four-Lane Highway Statewide
House File 614 directs the Commission to prioritize US Highway 30 as part of the five-year plan, and to make the road a four-lane highway all across Iowa. Currently, only parts of Highway 30 are a four-lane highway.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House File 618 – Clarifying What a Digital Network of a Ride Sharing Company Is
House File 618 clarifies that a digital network used by a ride-sharing company like Uber or Lyft is not a product, as defined by Iowa Law.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House File 632 – Limiting Motocross Facility Liability
House File 632 would limit the liability of motocross facilities for injuries or deaths resulting from inherent risks associated with motocross activities. The bill also outlines exceptions to liability limits and requires warning signage to inform participants of these risks. House File 632 also preserves existing legal claims and defenses, ensuring that it does not retroactively affect past incidents.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House File 729 – Railway Tracks Overpass & Underpass Fund
While cities currently have the authority to require railroads to build overpasses or underpasses if the rail tracks if it crosses a city street, counties do not have similar authority. To help with growing issues of trains blocking roadways, House File 729 would create a new grant program within DOT to help cities and counties with the costs of constructing new railway overpasses and underpasses.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

House Study Bill 293 – Resolution Calling for Raising Load Weight Limits on Interstates
The resolution calls on Congress to change the law governing load weight limits on Iowa's interstates, to allow loads up to 96,000 pounds. This would align with the current load limits on state highways in Iowa.
Status: Passed House Transportation Committee

Veteran Affairs

HF 250 – County Vets Commission
This bill comes from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs to update a legislative report to be based on the fiscal year, rather than calendar year, and to provide oversight over the training of county executive directors and administrators by the commandant of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs.
Status: Passed Both Chambers

HF 175 – In-State Tuition
This bill requires Iowa's community colleges and regent universities to provide in-state tuition for veterans, their spouse, their dependent children, and their survivors, no matter state of residence.
Status: Senate Veterans Affairs

HF 534 – Veterans Trust Fund
This bill comes from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs to continue the $2.5 million transfer from the Iowa Lottery to the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund until the fund reaches $75 million, rather than current law of $50 million. At the beginning of FY25, the trust fund was at $42.6 million.
Status: House Calendar

HF 779 – Veteran License Plate
This bill allows reserve forces and Iowa national guard members to receive the United States veterans license plate.
Status: House Calendar
HF 518– Hyperbaric Oxygen Pilot
This bill establishes a veterans recovery pilot program and fund to allow for the free treatment of veterans with PTSD or traumatic brain injury with hyperbaric oxygen treatment. The program is repealed July 1, 2031.
Status: House Appropriations Committee

HF 234 – Reserve Scholarship
This bill allows reserve forces and Iowa national guard members to receive the United States veterans license plate.
Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

HF 469 – Veterans Omnibus
This bill, as amended, does the follow related to veterans:
- Requires state agencies to give preference to veterans for awarding grants
- Entitles preference to veterans in all public assistance programs

- This bill came from the Iowa Secretary of State. The bill provides for a military service filing fee waiver on specific documents for qualified businesses that have a veteran or enlisted member as an interest holder in the business. The Secretary of State estimates that they will collect less than $100,000 less per year in fees based on this bill
- Places veterans higher on a waitlist than others seeking treatment through a treatment program or the MHDS Regions
- Requires the Board of Regents to waive all undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees for veterans and dependents
- Expands the number of veterans eligible to receive a free license to not just those with a permanent services connected disability rating of 100%
- Expands those eligible for a veterans license plate
- Provides free vehicle registration for up to three vehicles for all veterans
- Allows for a reduction in property taxes for veterans at 20% disability rating or higher. Appropriates funding from the general fund to fund these credits
- Prohibits the DNR from charging fees to veterans
- *Veterans with a service-connected disability will not be charged for a permit to carry a weapon*

Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

HF 692 – Deer Hunting Disabled Veterans
This bill allows disabled veterans that served in the armed forces on active duty (verified by IDVA) to use a deer hunting license and tag during any deer hunting season that corresponds with the method of take for the license
Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

SF 152 – Military Drivers License
This bill allows the DOT to waive the requirement for driver education if the applicant had a military license.
Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

HSB 244 – POW Flag
This bill requires all state-owned buildings to fly the POW/MIA flag and allows for other public buildings to fly the flag.
Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

HSB 243 – Veteran Service Organizations Grant Program
This bill appropriates $250,000 to the veterans service organization grant program to provide matching funds for employing staff to assist veterans with claims.
Status: Passed House Veterans Affairs

Note:
Appropriations, Ways & Means and Oversight are not subject to the funnel (Joint Rule 20).

Appropriations

Senate File 167 – Supplemental State Aid
As amended by the House, the bill sets the increase in school foundation aid at 2.25 percent. The amended bill also increases the state cost per pupil by $10 to address funding equity issues in the school finance formula and increases the state's funding for the Transportation Equity Program by $5.8 million. A one-time supplement equal to 0.6% SSA growth is provided. All totaled, the bill, as amended by the House, increases school funding for the 2025-2026 school year by almost $149 million.
Status: Passed by the Senate, Amended and Passed by the House, On Senate Floor