



2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

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I. LEGISLATORS AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Composition of the 91st Iowa General Assembly

Senate

- 34 Republicans, 16 Democrats
- Senate Leadership:
 - Jack Whitver (R-Ankeny), Majority Leader
 - Amy Sinclair (R- Allerton), President
 - Janice Weiner – (D) Iowa City

House of Representatives

- 67 Republicans, 33 Democrats
- House Leadership:
 - Pat Grassley (R - New Hartford), Speaker
 - Matt Windschitl (R - Missouri Valley), Majority Leader
 - Brian Meyer (D-Des Moines), Minority Leader

2025 Lawyer - Legislators

House:

HD 6 Representative Megan Jones	Republican	Sioux Rapids
HD 29 Representative Brian Meyer	Democrat	Des Moines
HD 35 Representative Sean Bagniewski	Democrat	Des Moines
HD 39 Representative Rick Olson	Democrat	Des Moines
HD 40 Representative Bill Gustoff	Republican	Des Moines
HD 45 Representative Brian Lohse	Republican	Bordurant
HD 58 Representative Charley Thomson	Republican	Charles City
HD 98 Representative Ken Croken	Democrat	Davenport
HD 91 Representative Judd Lawler	Republican	Tiffin

Senate:

SD 11 Senator Julian Garrett	Republican	Indianola
SD 21 Senator Mike Bousset	Republican	Ankeny
SD 23 Senator Jack Whitver	Republican	Grimes
SD 45 Senator Janice Weiner	Democrat	Iowa City
SD 22 Senator Matt Blake	Democrat	Des Moines

Judiciary Committee Members

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Role				
Steven C. Holt	R	12	Chair	Jeff Shipley	R	87	Member
Judd Lawler	R	91	Vice Chair	Dr. Megan L. Srinivas	D	30	Member
Lindsay James	D	71	Ranking Member	Henry Stone	R	9	Member
Ken Croken	D	97	Member	Mark I. Thompson	R	56	Member
Jon Dunwell	R	38	Member	Charley Thomson	R	58	Member
Samantha Fett	R	22	Member	Blaine C. Watkins	R	100	Member
Bill Gustoff	R	40	Member	Beth Wessel-Kroeschell	D	49	Member
Brian Meyer	D	29	Member	Skyler Wheeler	R	4	Member
Carter F. Nordman	R	47	Member	Ross Wilburn	D	50	Member
Rick L. Olson	D	39	Member	Craig Steven Williams	R	11	Member
				John H. Wills	R	10	Member

Senate

Name	Party	District	Role				
Jason Schultz	R	6	Chair	Mark S. Lofgren	R	48	Member
Julian B. Garrett	R	11	Vice Chair	Janet Petersen	D	18	Member
Matt Blake	D	22	Ranking Member	Herman Quirnbach	D	25	Member
Tony Bisignano	D	15	Member	Jeff Reichman	R	50	Member
Mike Bousset	R	21	Member	David D. Rowley	R	5	Member
Dan Dawson	R	10	Member	Tom Shipley	R	9	Member
Adrian Dickey	R	44	Member	Jeff Taylor	R	2	Member
Lynn Evans	R	3	Member	Scott Webster	R	47	Member
Jesse Green	R	24	Member	Janice Weiner	D	45	Member
Izaah Knox	D	17	Member	Cherielynn Westrich	R	13	Member

Justice Systems Appropriations Subcommittee Members

<u>HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES</u>	<u>SENATE</u>
Brian K. Lohse (R, District 45), Chair Mark I. Thompson (R, District 56), Vice Chair Ken Croken (D, District 97), Ranking Member Zach Dieken (R, District 5) Cindy Golding (R, District 83) Judd Lawler (R, District 91) Mary Lee Madison (D, District 31) Mike Vondran (R, District 94); Ross Willburn (D)	Julian B. Garrett (R, District 11), Chair Cherielynn Westrich (R, District 13), Vice Chair Izaah Knox (D, District 17), Ranking Member Jeff Reichman (R, District 50) Thomas Townsend (D, District 36)

III. STATE OF IOWA BUDGET BRIEF

The status of the state budget has an impact on every legislative session and certainly has an impact on the viability bills that have a negative fiscal impact. Our affirmative legislation on central office equipment sales taxes has a fiscal impact to the state of -\$800,000 in FY 2026 and -\$900,000 in FY 2027. Based on the information below, the legislation faced a headwind but still significantly advanced in the legislative process because of the policy behind the statutory clarification in the legislation.

The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met on March 13 to review/update their estimates from their December 2024 meeting and to provide the revised estimates for FY 2025 and FY 2026. They also provided their initial thoughts on FY 27. The Governor and Legislature must base their budget on the December estimates unless the March estimate for FY 2026 is lower than the December estimate, which in this case it is.

Net Receipts Plus Transfers:

FY 2021 Actual	\$8.801 billion (10.97% or \$870 million)
FY 2022 Actual	\$9.803 billion (11.4% or \$1.002 billion)
FY 2023 Actual	\$9.845 billion (0.4% or \$42 million vs. FY 22 Actual)
FY 2024 Actual	\$9.756 billion (-0.9% or -\$89 million vs. FY 23 Actual)
FY 2025 March Estimate	\$9.135 billion (-6.4% or -\$621 million vs. FY 24 Actual)
FY 2026 March Estimate	\$8.508 billion (-6.9% or -\$627 million vs FY 25 March Est)

FY 2026 - The March REC estimate for FY 2026 net General Fund receipts, including transfers, totals \$8.508 billion, a decrease of \$627 million (6.9%) compared to estimated FY 2025. The estimated changes include a decrease of 13.7% in gross personal income tax, an increase of 3.6% in gross sales/use tax, and an increase of 4% in gross corporate income tax receipts. Inheritance tax revenue is expected to decrease by 70.2%.

Net Appropriations for FY 2020	\$7.819 billion
Net Appropriations for FY 2021	\$7.823 billion
Net Appropriations for FY 2022	\$8.124 billion
Net Appropriations for FY 2023	\$8.212 billion
Net Appropriations for FY 2024	\$8.547 billion
Enacted Appropriations for FY 2025	\$8.910 billion

The approved budget is \$9.425 billion (a 5.3% increase) which is \$917 million above the revenues identified by the March REC for FY 2026. The state had to use \$917 million from savings accounts to address the shortfall. Equal amounts were used from the ending balance and the Taxpayer Relief Fund.

II. ISBA AFFIRMATIVE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The ISBA Board of Governors approved the association's legislative proposals for the 2025 session. These proposals are developed by various sections of the ISBA, reviewed by the Board, and formally adopted as part of the ISBA's legislative program.

The ISBA has one of the most aggressive affirmative programs of any interest group in the state. Normally, the ISBA has anywhere from 7 to 12 proposals each legislative session. The Family and Juvenile Law section had successful legislative proposals for this session.

Below is a chart outlining the ISBA Legislative and Review Process that is utilized throughout session.

ISBA Legislative and Administrative Review Flow Chart

Step 1: Chair designates Legislative Sub-Committee of no more than 3 person. Bills and/or administrative rules are sent to Legislative Sub-Committee by ISBA Legislative Counsel or ISBA Headquarters.

Step 2: Legislative contact directory prepared by Legislative Counsel after appointments by Section and Committee Chairs.

Step 3: Bills reviewed daily by Legislative Counsel and referred to section/committee Legislative Sub-Committee. Proposed administrative rules reviewed upon receipt of Administrative Bulletin and referred by Legislative Counsel to section/committee Legislative Sub-Committee. Section/Committee chair has option to receive copies of bills and proposed administrative rules.

Normal Flow

Step 4: Responses to Legislative Counsel by Chair of Legislative Sub-Committee or Section/Committee Chair. Copies sent to each sub-committee member

If conflict exists, Legislative Sub-Committee chair has responsibility to resolve differences. If consensus is reached, chair reports to Legislative Counsel with copy to section/committee chair, ISBA Officers and Bar Headquarters.

Step 5: Legislative Counsel to present Legislative Sub-Committee position to legislators as Official ISBA Position.

Or

Step 4: Chair determines issue is of such magnitude or degree of controversy that legislation should be presented to entire section council.

Section council to resolve position and report to Legislative Counsel with copy to ISBA Officers and ISBA Headquarters.

Step 5: Legislative Counsel to present section council's position to legislators as Official ISBA position.

Or

Step 4: Section Council refers to Administrative Committee for position.

Administrative Committee determines ISBA position.

Step 5: Legislative Counsel to Administrative Committee's position to legislators as Official ISBA position.

Or

Step 4: Administrative Committee calls special Board of Governors meeting to determine position.

Step 5: Legislative Counsel to present BOG's position to legislators as Official ISBA position.

IOWA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
2025 Affirmative Legislative Program

Updated 6.9.25

Bill No.	Subject	Bill Description	Bill Status
HF 298	Supervised Apartment Living Placement in Consent Decrees Family & Juvenile Law	Amends Iowa Code section 232.46 – Consent Agreements to allow the Juvenile Court to place children who enter consent decrees to be in supervised apartment living when this placement is appropriate. Currently, only children that have been adjudicated guilty have this option.	Governor Signed on 3.28.25. Effective 7.1.25.
HF 836 SF 284	Miller Trust Fee Increase Elder Law	This legislative proposal amends Iowa Code 633C – Medical Assistance Trusts to increase the allowable monthly expenses that may be set aside by the trust without court approval from \$10 to \$50.	House: House Ways and Means Subcommittee recommended passage. Senate: On Senate Unfinished Calendar
HF 773 SF524	Attorneys’ Fees in Tax Disputes Tax Law Section	<p>This legislation addresses the limitations in Iowa Code § 421.60(4) placed on taxpayers in obtaining reasonable litigations costs incurred by taxpayers in litigating an assessment or denial of claim for tax refund made by the Iowa Department of Revenue.</p> <p>Iowa Code § 421.60(4) currently requires taxpayers to prove the Department’s position was not substantially justified. The proposed legislation mirrors current federal law in that it requires the Department to prove that its position was substantially justified.</p>	House: Rereferred to Judiciary. Funneled Senate: On Senate White Calendar

		<p>Iowa Code § 421.60(4) limits the amount of recoverable fees to \$25,000. This \$25,000 limit was placed in the Iowa Code in 1994. The legislation removes the \$25,000 cap and inserts the following threshold: “prevailing market rates for the kind or quality of services furnished.”</p> <p>The legislation also provides additional clarity on what costs/expenses are recoverable.</p>	
HF 985 SF 629	Expedited Filings Business Law	Currently, all filings can be expedited in the Secretary of State’s Office with either a two or five-day service and surcharge. This legislation provides for one-hour (\$250) and same-day (\$175) filing services and surcharge. The legislation also provides that the office shall provide written confirmation of the filing at the time of expedited service.	House: Unanimously passed House Floor Senate: On Senate Ways & Means Calendar
HSB 211	Partnership Act LLC Conversion Business Law	Currently, if a partnership wants to convert to an LLC, it must first convert to a limited partnership and then to an LLC. This legislation eliminates the two-step process and allows a partnership to convert to any other type of business organization if they meet the criteria of the proposed statute.	House: Funneled Senate: Funneled
SF 542	Suspension of Child Support in Juvenile Cases Family Law	Amends Iowa Code to allow for the Suspension of Child Support when custody is transferred from payor to payee through a juvenile court dispositional or permanency order. This proposal clarifies the terms of suspension of child support, provides procedures for such suspension and provides procedures for the suspension to end.	House: Unanimously passed House Judiciary, placed on House Unfinished Business Calendar. Senate: Unanimously Passed Senate 49-0.

HSB 167 SSB 1127	Sealing of Juvenile Records Family Law	Amends Iowa Code Section 232.150 to guarantee juvenile records are sealed if they have successfully completed consent decrees or when their delinquency petitions have been dismissed by the court.	House: Passed House Subcommittee, Funneled Senate: Passed Senate Subcommittee, Funneled.
HSB 164 SF 523	Frazier Fix Family Law	Amends Iowa Code section 598.1(3) that defines “joint custody” and “joint legal custody” in order to give courts authority to unbundle legal custodial rights. Creates a new section in Iowa Code Chapter 598 that grants Iowa courts express jurisdiction to resolve disputes between joint legal custodians without having to terminate the parents’ joint legal custody status.	House: Stalled in House Judiciary Committee, Funneled. Senate: Unanimously Passed Senate 48-0.
HF 367	Parental Interactions Family Law	Amends Iowa Code Section 232.10(A)(2) to create a higher standard to terminate interactions between a parent and their child during a CINA proceeding. Additionally, the proposal gives only the Court the authority to terminate parent/child visits upon the requisite showing.	Signed by Governor on 4.18.25. Effective 7.1.25.
HF 314	Home Studies Family Law	Amends Iowa Code Section 600.8(2) to waive pre- adoption home study reports when the petitioner has served as a guardian of the child for at least three years and during that time they substantially complied with the guardianship duties and requirements.	Signed by Governor on 4.18.25. Effective 7.1.25.

	Probate & Trust Omnibus Bill Probate and Trust Law	<p>This proposal makes multiple substantive and technical fixes to Iowa Probate and Trust Law to ensure the efficient administration of justice. This includes the following:</p> <p>Creates new §633A.6203. Nature of Proceedings that establishes procedural and notice requirements for contested trusts.</p> <p>Amends §633.361 to extend the time period a personal representative has to file an inventory to court from 90 to 120 days.</p> <p>Clarifies how damages in wrongful death should be distributed when they belong to the estate by striking and replacing Iowa Code §633.336.</p> <p>Creates new Iowa Code §614.1(2B) with respect to non-testamentary transfers.</p> <p>Creates new §633.163 – Attorneys Fees and Costs that allows the court to award Attorneys fees in cases involving contested disputes in the administration of the estate.</p> <p>Amends §428A.2 to create additional declaration of value exemptions of Iowa’s Real Estate Transfer Tax</p>	House: Funneled Senate: Funneled
HSB 161	Priority in Medical Decision Making Probate and Trust Law	<p>Amends §144B.6 to clarify priority in medical decision making for Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care decisions.</p>	House: Passed House Subcommittee, Funneled Senate: In Drafting

In addition to the above legislative proposals, the Iowa State Bar Association supports the following positions as a part of its 2025 Affirmative Legislative Program:

- **Full funding of indigent defense with an increase in the contract rate to provide for compensation at the rate of \$100 per hour for Class A felonies with a corresponding increase for other cases, compensation for travel time, and establish a periodic cost-of-living adjustment in the hourly rate for such compensation.**
 - 2025 – SF 644 – **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - State Public Defender - \$35,527,894 **(\$2,050,000 increase 6.1%)**
 - The State Public Defender received an additional \$2.05 million and 13 FTE positions.
 - Indigent Defense Contracts - \$42,726,374 **(-\$880,000 decrease 2.0%)**
 - **\$2.00 per hour increase** - For appointments made on or after July 1, 2025, the reasonable compensation shall be calculated on the basis of eighty-eight dollars per hour for class “A” felonies, eighty-three dollars per hour for class “B” felonies, and seventy-eight dollars per hour for all other cases.
 - This \$2.00 increase brings the increase for contract attorneys to \$18.00 or 30% to the base rate over the past 7 sessions.
- **Full Funding of the Judicial Branch.**
 - 2025 Session – SF 648 – **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - Judicial Branch - \$202,691,378 **(\$1.672,500 million increase 0.83%)**
 - Jury Revolving Fund - \$3,600,000 **(level funding)**
 - Court-Ordered Services - \$3,290,000 **(level funding)**
 - Judicial salaries increase. **2.5% increase**
 - 2025 Session – HF 1039 – **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - Places responsibility for furnishing for judicial officers, referees, and staff on the county.
- **Full funding for Legal Services.**
 - 2025 Session – SF 644 – **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - Poverty Grants - \$2,634,601 **(level funding)**
- **Full funding of the IA Secretary of State’s Office as requested by Iowa Secretary of State.**
 - 2025 Session – HF 1044 - **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - Administration and Elections - \$2,566,697 **(level funding)**
 - Business Services - \$1,568,795 **(level funding)**
 - Address Confidentiality - \$195,400 **(level funding)**
- **Full funding for the Office of Substitute Decision Maker through the Aging and Disability**

Resource Center to protect the interests of Iowans who have no one else to manage their financial and health care needs.

- 2025 Session – HF 1049 - **Signed by Governor 6.11.2025**
 - Appropriates a total of \$22.4 million and 348.6 FTE positions from the General Fund. This is a net decrease of \$98,000 compared to estimated net FY 2025. Excluding federally funded FTE positions, this is an increase of 62.6 FTE positions compared to the previously authorized amount in 2024 Iowa Acts, House File 2698.
- **Support child abuse prevention and treatment efforts and funding for child abuse prevention and treatment.**
- **Oppose the legalization of title insurance.**
- **Oppose absolute immunity legislation.**
- **Oppose arbitrary caps on the recovery of damages.**

IV. BILLS OF INTEREST DURING 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

(Bill descriptions are supplemented with information and bill explanations provided by Memorandums submitted by Executive Branch Agencies and the Legislative Service Agency)

Administrative Law Section

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
HF 776	DIAL Department Bill	Signed by Governor	Updates the authority and responsibilities of the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL). The bill allows DIAL to adopt standards by reference to online publications, administratively close complaints that don't allege a violation, and establish fees by rule. It also grants DIAL investigators peace officer powers when conducting investigations and requires the department to keep private information confidential. Additionally, the bill eliminates fees for fire and accident inspections and transfers authority for adopting rules on parking spaces for persons with disabilities from the Department of Public Safety to DIAL.
HF 853	Interpretation of Law under IAPA	Passed House Judiciary	This bill amends the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 17A) to change the standard of review for agency interpretations of law. The bill eliminates the deference given to agency interpretations and instead requires courts to interpret the law de novo. In actions brought by or against an agency, the court must exercise any remaining doubt in favor of a reasonable interpretation that limits agency authority.

Agricultural Law Section

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
HF 639	Pipeline bill	Vetoed by Governor	Requires applicants for hazardous liquid pipeline permits to submit evidence of a surety or insurance policy to the Iowa Utilities Commission, ensuring payment of all damages resulting from construction or operation of the pipeline. The policy must cover losses, injuries, and increased insurance costs or inability to obtain insurance due to the pipeline's presence. The pipeline company must purchase insurance or reimburse individuals who experience increased premiums or inability to obtain insurance.
SF 593	Drainage and Levee District Parcel Record Requirements	Signed by Governor	Requires Iowa county auditors to prepare and file a district parcel record with the county recorder, identifying all parcels within a drainage or levee district. The record must include the legal description, parcel identification number, and owner names for each 40-acre tract or fraction thereof. County auditors who have not filed such a record prior to the bill's effective date (July 1, 2025) must do so by June 30, 2026.
HF 979	Excessive Size or Weight Vehicle Permit Reform	Signed by Governor	Amends laws regarding vehicles operating with permits for excessive size or weight. Key changes include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanding all-systems permits to include primary and secondary roads, including truck routes, subject to local authority exceptions and DOT review. 2. Increasing the allowable weight variance for all-systems permits from 12% to 12.5% above maximum gross weight. 3. Removing the requirement that containers for international shipment hold only raw forest products to be considered indivisible loads. 4. Authorizing single-trip registration for vehicles traveling under oversize or overweight permits, with a fee of \$4 per ton exceeding 40 tons. 5. Repealing the prohibition on using a trip permit (Code section 326.23) in lieu of registration for vehicles traveling under oversize or overweight permits.
SF 632	IDALS Department Bill	Signed by Governor	Replacing the term "soil conditioner" with "beneficial substance" and expanding its definition to include substances that improve plant growth, soil, or media. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing DALS to adopt emergency rules for controlling infectious diseases affecting animals. 2. Authorizing the veterinary board to assess civil penalties up to \$10,000 per violation.

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exempting home food processing establishments from DALS licensing requirements. Extending the term of a license for slaughter and processing establishments to two years and doubling the licensee fee. Increases the license fee for slaughter and processing establishments from \$25 to \$50 and from \$50 to \$100. Deposits civil penalties collected by the veterinary board into the general fund of the state.
HF 1025	Exception for Implements of Husbandry on Certain Highways	Signed by Governor	Provides a conditional exception to the prohibition on vehicles incapable of maintaining 40mph on interstate roads. Implements of husbandry may continue to operate on a specific segment of US Highway 65 and State Highway 5, despite potential interstate designation, until an alternative route is developed.
SF 608	Grain Indemnity Fund	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends provisions regulating grain dealers and warehouse operators, specifically regarding the grain depositors and sellers indemnity fund. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the balance required to trigger a waiver of indemnity fees from \$8 million to \$12 million. Increasing the balance required to trigger a reinstatement of indemnity fees from \$3 million to \$5 million. Allowing sellers to file repayment claims against the indemnity fund for losses incurred due to a grain dealer's bankruptcy. Assessing indemnity fees on grain sold by credit-sale contract. Changing the payment dates for participation fees and per-bushel fees.
SF 646	Ag and Natural Resources Budget	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill makes appropriations for FY 2025-2026 to various state government entities associated with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection. Key appropriations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IDALS): \$20,062,310 from the general fund for general operations, plus additional appropriations for specific programs. DNR: \$12,500,000 from the general fund for general operations, plus additional appropriations for specific programs.

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			<p>3. ISU: Science and Technology): \$4,500,000 from the general fund for the veterinary diagnostic laboratory, plus additional appropriations for specific programs.</p> <p>4. University of Iowa: \$128,154 from the general fund for the center for agricultural health and safety.</p> <p>5. Environment First Fund: Appropriations for various programs, including \$2,375,000 for the water quality initiative fund.</p> <p>6. Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund: \$12,000,000 from the EFF in lieu of the standing general fund appropriation.</p>
SF 314	Real Estate License Application and Brokerage	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 543B.16 and 543B.56A, relating to real estate license applications and brokerage agreement requirements. Key provisions include: Allowing real estate brokers and salespersons to indicate on their license application whether the new license should become effective upon approval or upon expiration of their current license; Exempting customers attending open houses, potential buyers of properties with more than four units, and properties not intended for human inhabitation from brokerage agreement requirements. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
SF 423	Youth Deer Hunting	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code Section 483A.8 to require the Department of Natural Resources to make youth deer hunting licenses available for purchase during the same period as general deer hunting licenses, including through all established deer hunting seasons. The bill allows youth deer hunting licenses and tags to be used in the season for which they were issued or in any subsequent established deer hunting season using an authorized method of take.
SF 491	Prohibition on Remotely Piloted Aircraft over Farm Property	Signed by Governor	Prohibits the use of remotely piloted aircraft flying over farm property, specifically farmstead, which is defined as at least 40 contiguous acres of real property used for farming. The bill establishes a secure area of 400 feet from certain types of property located on the farmstead, including farm animals, equipment, and structures. RPAs are prohibited from entering this space, subject to exceptions that apply to homesteads. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
SF 153	Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Age	Signed by Governor	Modifies driver age qualifications for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers operating solely intrastate to transport hazardous materials. The bill strikes the age qualifications exception for drivers transporting hazardous materials in a quantity

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	Qualifications for Hazardous Materials Transportation		requiring placarding, allowing 18-year-old CMV drivers with a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) to operate intrastate. Additionally, the bill applies age requirements under Code section 321.449 to retail dealers of fertilizers, petroleum products, and pesticides, and their employees, while delivering these products to farm customers within a 100-mile radius of their retail place of business.
HF 843	Oil and Gas Production Regulation	Passed House & Senate Ag and Natural Resources	Amends Iowa's oil and gas production regulations, granting the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) director authority to require yearly filings from industry actors and issue variances to rules without a hearing. The bill also allows for confidential information submissions, establishes procedures for exploratory spacing units, and updates pooling order requirements. Notably, the bill eliminates the DNR's authority to determine market demand and regulate production.
HF 881	Hazardous Substance Liability Expansion	Passed House & Senate Ag and Natural Resources	Expands strict liability for individuals or entities in control of hazardous substances in Iowa. The bill amends Section 455B.392, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2025, to include excessive and extraordinary oversight and monitoring costs incurred by the state or its political subdivisions as a result of hazardous conditions caused by the liable party.
HF 987	Anaerobic Digester System Regulation	Passed House Ways	Regulates community anaerobic digester systems in Iowa, establishing standards for construction, operation, and management. The bill requires a construction permit and imposes separation distance requirements for air and water quality. It also establishes civil penalties for violations, not exceeding \$10,000 per violation, with additional judicial penalties for water quality violations.
HF 1004	Honeybee Tax Exemption	Passed House Ways	Exempts the sales price of honeybees from Iowa's state sales and use tax, effectively reducing tax revenue. This exemption is achieved by adding a new subsection (111) to Section 423.3 of the Iowa Code, which lists items exempt from sales tax. As a result, honeybees will also be exempt from the use tax imposed in Code section 423.5, pursuant to Code section 423.6.
HF 1029	Iowa Noncoal Mine Site Regulation and Reclamation	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code chapter 208, regulating noncoal mine sites, including surface and underground mining. The bill increases the initial license application fee from \$50 to \$75. It also provides requirements for the reclamation of lands disturbed by the formation of sinkholes at or above active underground mine sites.

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
HF 1050	Property Tax Exemption of Aboveground Storage Tanks	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code section 427A.1 to exempt aboveground storage tanks with a capacity of 91,000 gallons or less from being assessed and taxed as real property, regardless of their use or intended use. This exemption applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.
SF 256	Disputed land boundaries and corners including acquiesced boundaries	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 650.14 to clarify the establishment of permanent land boundaries and corners through acquiescence. The bill provides that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boundaries and corners recognized and acquiesced in for 10 years are permanently established through self-execution of Code section 650.14. 2. Common ownership of adjacent tracts does not terminate previously established acquiesced boundaries and corners. 3. Adjoining parties may subsequently recognize and acquiesce to new boundaries and corners, which become permanently established after 10 years.
SF 654	Wildlife Management	Passed Senate	Relates to wildlife management and licensing fees in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to the state's wildlife management laws, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring tree stands on public land to be identified with a metal plate showing the owner's department-issued identification number 2. Allowing property owners to breach or alter beaver dams to protect their property 3. Giving users the option to label traps and snares with their department-issued identification number instead of their name and address 4. Capping fur dealer license fees at \$50 annually, regardless of resident status (previously \$264 for residents and \$586.50 for non-residents)
SF 633	Forest and Fruit-Tree Reservation Fee Establishment	Passed Senate	SF 633 establishes a fee structure for forest and fruit-tree reservations in Iowa, effective January 1, 2026. The fees are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$2 per acre per year for reservations located in the same county as the owner's homestead, adjusted annually for inflation. 2. \$3 per acre per year for reservations located in a contiguous county to the owner's homestead, adjusted annually for inflation. 3. A rate per acre calculated by the department of management for all other reservations, including those within city limits, adjusted annually for inflation.

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
SF 616	DNR fence requirements	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa's fence law (Code chapter 359A) to grant the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and county conservation boards the same rights and obligations as private landowners when erecting and maintaining partition fences. The bill requires both parties to deposit funds with the fence viewers to cover their portion of the costs and fees.
HF 1006	Iowa Food Processing Plant Licensing and Fees Revision	Passed House	<p>Revises the licensing and fee structure for food processing plants in Iowa. The bill expands the definition of a food processing plant to include operations located on farms or private residences that store officially processed packaged meat or poultry for sale. The legislation establishes a new license fee schedule, distinguishing between two categories of plants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General category: Fees are based on gross annual sales, with three tiers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than \$200,000: \$150 • \$200,000 to \$2 million: \$300 • \$2 million or more: \$500 2. Farm or private residence category: Flat fee of \$75 <p>This bill revises the existing fee structure, which had four tiers, and eliminates the lowest tier (\$75 for gross sales up to \$50,000). The new fee schedule may result in increased fees for some food processing plants, while others may experience a decrease.</p>
HF 989	Regulation of Anaerobic Digester Systems in Animal Feeding Operations	Passed House	Regulates anaerobic digester systems in animal feeding operations, requiring a construction permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) prior to construction. The bill establishes separation distance requirements for air and water quality, and provides for civil penalties for violations. It also requires a digestate management supplement to be attached to manure management plans or nutrient management plans. The bill takes effect upon enactment and requires DNR to regulate anaerobic digester systems in the same manner as on March 1, 2025, until new rules are adopted.
HSB 222	Iowa Raw Milk Distribution Expansion	Passed House Ways Subcommittee	HSB 222 amends Iowa Code Chapter 195 to expand the distribution of raw milk and associated products.

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SF 426	Iowa Hazardous Substance Liability Expansion	Passed Senate	Expands strict liability for individuals controlling hazardous substances in Iowa. The bill amends Section 455B.392, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2025, to include reasonable oversight and monitoring costs incurred by the state or its political subdivisions in response to hazardous conditions caused by such individuals. This expansion does not affect existing appropriations or taxes.
HF 869	Veterinarian Immunity and Liability	Passed House	Amends the Iowa Veterinary Practice Act to provide immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability for licensed veterinarians acting in good faith when involved in cases of alleged animal mistreatment. The bill shields veterinarians from liability for cooperating with law enforcement, participating in dispositional proceedings, and providing evidence in administrative, civil, or criminal cases.
SF 258	Increased Weight Limit for Fluid Milk Annual Permits	Passed Senate Transportation	Amends Iowa Code section 321E.29B to increase the combined gross weight limit for vehicles operating under a fluid milk products annual permit from 96,000 pounds to 130,000 pounds. The bill does not alter the 20,000-pounds-per-axle weight limit or the \$400 permit fee. The increased weight limit applies to new and existing permits effective on or after the bill's enactment date.
SF 555	Acreage Requirement for Hunting Licenses	Passed H & S Natural Resources	Amends the definition of a "farm unit" in Iowa Code section 483A.24 to require parcels of land to be 20 or more contiguous acres for parcels bought on or after January 11, 2027, in order to receive special turkey and deer hunting licenses. Currently, the requirement is two or more contiguous acres.
HF 624	Expansion of Farm Tenancy Net Income Exclusion	Passed House	Expands the farm tenancy net income exclusion for individual income tax purposes. The bill allows net income from a farm tenancy agreement earned, received, or reported by an entity taxed as a disregarded entity, partnership, S corporation, trust, or estate to be eligible for the exclusion. This expansion applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
HF 378	Deer Depredation	Passed House Natural Resources	Amends Iowa law regarding deer depredation, aiming to mitigate economic losses to agriculture, horticulture, and silviculture operations due to wild animals. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue both depredation permits and deer shooting permits to landowners or tenants who incur economic losses of \$1,000 or more.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Allowing conservation officers to issue permits. 3. Establishing a designated deer depredation season from January 11 to January 31, during which permit holders can use various firearms and archery methods. 4. Permitting the disposal of deer taken with a depredation license or shooting permit through composting or wastage.
SF 394	Pesticide Liability Protection	Passed Senate	Provides a defense from civil liability for the use of pesticides registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The bill specifies that a label provides sufficient warning if it complies with any one of three criteria: (1) EPA approval, (2) consistency with the most recent human health assessment, or (3) consistency with the EPA's carcinogenicity classification. This label is sufficient to satisfy any requirements for a warning or label regarding health or safety under Iowa Code chapter 206 or any other state law or common law duty to warn.
HF 943	Eminent Domain Limitation for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 6A.21 to limit the exercise of eminent domain for the construction of hazardous liquid pipelines, specifically those transporting liquefied carbon dioxide. The bill provides that such construction is not a public use, public purpose, or public improvement for condemnation of agricultural land without the owner's consent.
SF 553	Restrictions on DNR Property Acquisition	Passed Senate Ag and Natural Resources	Restricts the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) acquisition of real property. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting DNR from acquiring real property at public auctions. 2. Limiting DNR acquisitions to willing donors and sellers, without compulsion. 3. Restricting DNR from acquiring property from nonprofit corporations that purchased it at public auction for more than the appraised value.
SF 506	Raw Farm Products Transportation Weight Limits	Passed Senate Transportation	Amends Iowa Code sections 321.460 and 321.466 to modify weight limits for vehicles transporting raw farm products on public highways. The bill codifies the list of raw farm products eligible for a 25% weight limit exception, adding manure, soybean meal, and distillers grains to the list. It also defines and includes "soil amendments" in the exception.

Business Law Section

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HF 1044	Appropriations and Captive Insurance Regulatory Fund	Signed by Governor	Appropriates funds to various state departments and agencies for FY 2025-2026. The bill increases appropriations for several departments, including the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, and the Iowa Utilities Commission. It also limits a standing appropriation for tobacco product manufacturer enforcement to \$17,525. Additionally, the bill amends Code section 432.1A to require premium taxes paid by captive companies to be deposited into the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund, increasing the fund's revenue. The bill also amends Code section 521J.12 to include premium tax receipts in the fund.
HF 397	Iowa Address Confidentiality Program	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa's address confidentiality program, which provides mail forwarding services to victims of domestic abuse, assault, stalking, and human trafficking, as well as individuals who fear for their safety. Effective Date: July 1, 2025.
SF 166	Iowa Bank Filing Services Act / SOS Bill	Signed by Governor	Permits Iowa banks to utilize preclearance and expedited filing services offered by the Secretary of State's office for documents filed under Code Chapter 524. The bill amends Section 9.11 to include Chapter 524 and creates a new section, 524.2002, allowing the Secretary of State to provide extra filing services and assess a surcharge as provided in Chapter 9, subchapter II. No appropriations or taxes are increased or decreased in this bill. The effective date is July 1, 2025.
SF 639	Establishment of Iowa Business Court	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court with jurisdiction over complex commercial and business litigation cases involving compensatory damages of \$500,000 or more. The bill outlines the court's jurisdiction, procedures for transfer, dismissal, retention, and removal of cases, and appeal processes. The governor will appoint 2-3 judges to the business court, and the supreme court may assign district court judges and senior judges as visiting judges. The bill requires business court judges to produce written opinions to create a coherent body of law and authorizes the court to appoint necessary personnel.

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HF 997	Standardization of Business Entity Filing Fees	Passed House	Allows the Secretary of State to determine the filing fee for biennial reports submitted by business corporations, rather than the current statutorily fixed rate of \$60. This change aligns with the existing authority granted to the Secretary of State to set filing fees for other types of business entities. The bill does not increase or decrease an appropriation or tax, but rather provides flexibility in setting fees for business corporations.
HF 985	Iowa Secretary of State Fee and Appropriation Modifications	Passed House	<p>Modifies the fees and appropriations related to the Iowa Secretary of State's office. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorizing the Secretary of State to adopt additional fee amounts by rule, not to exceed \$2 million per fiscal year, to be deposited into the Business Services Modernization Fund. 2. Renaming the Technology Modernization Fund to the Business Services Modernization Fund and revising its purpose to support modernizing operations within the Business Services Division. 3. Eliminating the repeal of the Business Services Modernization Fund. 4. Introducing two new surcharges for expedited filing services: \$250 for a one-hour service and \$175 for a same-day service. 5. Requiring written confirmation of expedited filings.
SF 578	Iowa Utility Service Transparency	Passed Senate Commerce	Requires rural water districts, rural water associations, nonprofit cooperative associations, and cooperative associations providing utility services to make their most recent biennial report and financial information, including budget and balance sheet, available to members within 30 days of a reasonable request.
HSB 211	Partnership Conversion Act	Passed House Judiciary Subcommittee	Provides for the conversion of a domestic partnership to a domestic limited partnership or any other type of domestic or foreign organization. The bill sets out the process of conversion, including the approval of a plan of conversion by all partners or a specified percentage, and the filing of articles of conversion with the secretary of state. The bill also provides for the effect of conversion, including the transfer of property and obligations to the converted organization.

Civil Rights and Public Interest

Bill Number	Title	Status	Summary
SF 288	Accommodations for Pregnant Students in Higher Education	Signed by Governor	Requires Iowa institutions of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant students, including allowing leaves of absence, rescheduling tests, and excusing absences for medically necessary reasons. Institutions must maintain a written policy on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing complaints. The Iowa Office of Civil Rights will investigate complaints and forward founded complaints to the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.
HF 928	Election Recount and Contest Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa's election recount and contest laws, making several key changes. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring election recounts to be conducted in each precinct where a ballot for a given office was cast when a recount is requested for that office 2. Changing the deadline for requesting a recount to the second Wednesday following an election 3. Requiring a person seeking a recount of an election for a statewide elected office, member of the general assembly, or federal office to submit the request to the state commissioner of elections 4. Requiring a bond to be paid by the person requesting the recount, unless the difference between the total number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the total number of votes cast for the candidate requesting the recount is 0.1 percent or less 5. Changing the composition of the election recount board to consist of the county commissioner of elections, the county commissioner of elections' staff, and any persons employed by the county commissioner of elections to tally ballots during the election 6. Allowing the apparent winning candidate and the candidate requesting the recount to select not more than five persons each to observe the recount 7. Requiring a county commissioner of elections to comply with all guidance issued by the state commissioner of elections

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			<p>8. Allowing the state commissioner of elections to halt a recount, take custody of all ballots and equipment used in the recount, and appoint staff to conduct the recount if the commissioner believes the recount is not being conducted as required by law</p> <p>9. Imposing a civil penalty on a county commissioner of elections who purposefully conducts a recount in violation of law, not to exceed \$25,000</p> <p>10. Changing the membership of contest courts for public measures, governor and lieutenant governor, presidential electors and federal officers, state officers, and county officers to consist of five district court judges, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court by January 30 of each odd-numbered year</p> <p>11. Allowing the decisions of contest courts to be appealed to the supreme court.</p>
HF 954	Election Conduct and Voter Registration	Signed by Governor	<p>Comprehensive bill that reforms various aspects of election conduct and voter registration in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exempting federal office candidates from certain eligibility requirements 2. Prohibiting ranked-choice voting and instant runoff voting 3. Revising voter registration database maintenance and verification procedures 4. Changing nomination filing deadlines and affidavit requirements 5. Requiring citizenship status verification for voter registration 6. Assigning election misconduct investigation responsibilities to county sheriffs or other law enforcement agencies
HF 856	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Funding Prohibition	Signed by Governor	<p>Prohibits Iowa state entities, including local governments, from expending funds to establish, sustain, or staff diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officers. The bill restricts the use of appropriations and other funds, including bequests, donations, and grants, for these purposes. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibits state entities from expending funds to establish or sustain diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officers.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Exempts funding for academic course instruction, research, registered student organizations, guest speakers, mental health services, and policies required by federal contracts. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring actions against state entities for non-compliance. Allows students, alumni, and employees to bring civil actions for injunctive relief against state entities. <p>Effective upon enactment.</p>
SF 472	Public Employee Collective Bargaining Unit Retention and Recertification	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa Code section 20.15, subsection 2, to modify procedures for retention and recertification elections for public employee collective bargaining units. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring the employment appeal board to issue a written notice of intent to conduct an election to the public employer and bargaining representative prior to the election. Mandating public employers to submit a list of employees in the bargaining unit within 10 days of receiving the notice. Publishing a list of public employers that have failed to submit the required list on the board's internet site. Authorizing Iowa residents to petition the district court for a writ of mandamus to compel public employers to provide the list. Awarding court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and other relief to the prevailing party in such actions. * Requiring the board to extend timelines for carrying out an election as needed to allow for resolution of petitions and appeals. <p>Effective upon enactment.</p>
SF 418	Sex and Gender Definition	Signed by Governor	<p>Establishes definitions for sex and gender in Iowa law, prohibits instruction on gender theory in schools, and removes gender identity as a protected class under the Iowa Civil Rights Act. Key Provisions:</p>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defines sex as the biological sex of an individual, either male or female, as observed or clinically verified at birth. 2. Prohibits instruction on gender theory in kindergarten through grade six. 3. Removes gender identity as a protected class under the Iowa Civil Rights Act.
HF 472	Public Expression Protection	Signed by Governor	<p>Enacts the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act, creating a special motion for expedited relief in actions involving the exercise of freedom of speech, press, assembly, petition, and association. The bill applies to civil actions filed on or after the effective date. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows a party to file a special motion for expedited relief to dismiss a cause of action or part of a cause of action within 60 days of being served. 2. Stays all other proceedings between the parties, with some exceptions. 3. Requires a hearing within 60 days of filing the motion, unless the court orders a later hearing. 4. Provides for limited discovery during the stay. 5. Allows the court to award court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and reasonable litigation fees to the prevailing party.
SF 473	Protection of Child Foster Care Providers' and Prospective Adoptive Parents' Religious or Moral Beliefs	Passed Senate	Prohibits the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from requiring child foster care providers and prospective adoptive parents to affirm, accept, or support policies related to sexual orientation or gender identity that conflict with their sincerely held religious or moral beliefs. The bill also prohibits HHS from precluding individuals from providing child foster care or being considered as prospective adoptive parents based on their beliefs related to sexual orientation or gender identity.
SF 507	Prohibition on County and City DEI Programs	Passed Senate	Prohibits counties and cities in Iowa from adopting ordinances, motions, resolutions, amendments, or policies that establish or maintain diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, hire employees or contract with third parties to perform diversity, equity, and inclusion duties, or compel individuals to provide diversity, equity, and inclusion statements.

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SF 579	Local Civil Rights Commissions and Agencies Reform	Passed Senate	<p>Amends Iowa Code Section 216.19 to reform local civil rights commissions and agencies. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints involving a political subdivision must be referred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights for processing. 2. Unresolved complaints alleging a violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 can be transferred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights after 12 months upon request by any party. 3. Local agencies must notify parties of their right to direct transfer after 12 months and cross-file complaints with the Iowa Office of Civil Rights if they arise from alleged state law violations. 4. The term of a commissioner appointed to a local agency or commission is set at two years.
HF 576	"Combatting Terrorist Sympathizers"	Passed House Higher Education	<p>Requires institutions of higher education to adopt and enforce policies prohibiting nonimmigrant visa holders from expressing support for terrorist activities or organizations. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutions must investigate and enforce policies against individuals suspected of violating the policy 2. Penalties for violations include suspension, expulsion, or termination of employment 3. Institutions must update the individual's record in the federal Student Exchange Visitor Information System 4. The Attorney General will enforce the law and may investigate suspected violations 5. Institutions found to be in violation will be ineligible to receive state funds for tuition grants
HF 946	Immigration Law Enforcement	Passed House	<p>Relates to the enforcement of immigration laws in Iowa. The bill provides that any law enforcement officer, including an elected sheriff, who knowingly and intentionally fails to comply with the requirements of Code chapter 27A (enforcement of immigration laws) shall be guilty of a class D felony, punishable by</p>

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			confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245. Conviction under the bill shall also be grounds for mandatory revocation of a law enforcement officer's certification by the Iowa law enforcement academy.
HF 269	Freedom from Indoctrination	Passed House	Prohibits Iowa regents institutions from requiring students to enroll in diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory-related courses to satisfy academic degree program requirements. The bill also restricts institutions from requiring faculty to participate in diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory practices or include related content in courses as a condition of approval or employment.
HSB 141	Early Termination of Rental Agreements for Victims of Certain Crimes	Passed House Judiciary	Allows victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking, elder abuse, or other crimes that pose a substantial threat of personal injury or death to terminate their rental agreements early without penalty or liability. The bill requires written notification to the landlord with supporting documentation, such as a protective order or a written report by a peace officer. The tenant remains liable for rent for the month of termination and any prorated days of rent. The bill also provides protections for tenants, including confidentiality and non-discrimination provisions.
SF 550	Voter Registration Verification and Eligibility	Passed House State Government	<p>Relates to voter registration, including voter registration file maintenance, applications for voter registration, and verification of voter eligibility. Key provisions of the bill include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing the state registrar of voters to contract with federal and state agencies and private entities for voter registration verification purposes. 2. Requiring the department of transportation to share with the state registrar of voters a list of each person who has submitted documentation indicating that the person is not a citizen of the United States. 3. Prohibiting the treatment of applications for driver's licenses, non-operator's identification cards, services, or assistance as applications for voter registration if the applicant submits documentation demonstrating that the applicant is not a citizen of the United States.

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			<p>4. Requiring a voter registration to be marked as "unconfirmed" if a registrant marks on the voter registration form that the registrant is a non-citizen and also signs the portion of the form affirming that the registrant is a citizen of the United States.</p> <p>5. Requiring a voter registration to be canceled if the registered voter submits documentation that indicates that the registered voter is not a citizen of the United States or reports to a state or federal agency that the registered voter is not a citizen of the United States.</p>
SF 8	Prohibition on Discipline for Use of Legal Names and Personal Pronouns	Passed House Education	Prohibits Iowa school districts and charter schools from taking disciplinary action against employees, contractors, or students for using legal names, names listed in school registration forms or records, or for failing to use personal pronouns in official communications.
HF 572	Smuggling of Persons	Passed House Judiciary	Establishes the criminal offense of smuggling of persons in Iowa, providing penalties for individuals who knowingly transport, conceal, or harbor noncitizen individuals for payment or value. The offense is classified as a class C felony, with enhanced penalties for aggravating circumstances, including substantial likelihood of serious bodily injury or death, smuggling of minors, and possession of a firearm.

Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section

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SF 608	Appropriations and Captive Insurance Regulatory Fund	Signed by Governor	<p>Appropriates funds to various state departments and agencies for FY 2025-2026. The bill increases appropriations for several departments, including the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, and the Iowa Utilities Commission. It also limits a standing appropriation for tobacco product manufacturer enforcement to \$17,525.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill amends Code section 432.1A to require premium taxes paid by captive companies to be deposited into the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund, increasing the fund's revenue. The bill also amends Code section 521J.12 to include premium tax receipts in the fund.</p>
HF 397	Address Confidentiality Program	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa's address confidentiality program, managed by the Secretary of State, to enhance protections for victims of domestic abuse, assault, stalking, and human trafficking.
HF 894	Lien Release Process for Snowmobiles, All-Terrain Vehicles, and Vessels	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 321G.32, 321I.34, and 462A.84 to simplify the process for releasing liens on snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and vessels. The bill allows proof of lien release to be presented to any county recorder, who must then note the release on the certificate of title and enter it into the statewide computer system. This change aligns with existing procedures for motor vehicles.
SF 574	Iowa Public Improvement Contracts Retention Fees and Bonds Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Relating to public improvement contracts the bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows contractors to post a retention bond (5% of the original contract price) as a substitute for retained funds, which must be paid to the contractor within 20 days. 2. Requires public corporations to pay contractors the full amount of retention funds or double the amount of a claim, whichever is less, after a surety bond is filed. 3. Mandates that actions be commenced within 30 days of a written demand, or the claim is barred and the contractor must be paid. 4. Strikes the requirement for releasing retained funds if an action is not commenced within 30 days. 5. Requires courts to grant reasonable attorney fees to prevailing claimants and principal contractors in disputes related to contracts, retention funds, or public improvements.

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HF 1031	County Recorder Fees and Land Record Information Systems	Passed House	<p>Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases the fee for recording instruments from \$5 to \$10 per page, with a maximum fee of \$250 for documents with 25 or more pages. 2. Creates a new "recorder's technology advancement fund" and requires \$2 of the total fee collected to be deposited into this fund. 3. Establishes a new "recorder's electronic services system fund" and requires \$3 of the total fee collected to be deposited into this fund for counties participating in the electronic services system. 4. Eliminates the local government electronic transaction fund and appropriates remaining moneys to the treasurer of state to assist the governing board of the electronic services system. 5. Amends provisions relating to access of personally identifiable information and formatting of documents and surveys submitted for filing or recording.
HF 857	Financial Institution Solicitation Regulation (Trigger leads)	Signed by Governor	<p>Regulates the use of prescreened trigger lead information from consumer reports by financial institutions in Iowa. The bill prohibits unfair or deceptive practices when soliciting consumers who have applied for a loan with a different financial institution. Prohibiting the use of information from consumers who have opted out of prescreened offers or are on the federal do-not-call registry</p>
SF 449	Digital Financial Asset Transaction Kiosk Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Regulates digital financial asset transaction kiosks in Iowa, imposing requirements on operators to protect consumers and prevent fraud. Daily transaction limits: \$1,000 per consumer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum charges: 15% of the transaction amount or \$5, whichever is greater 2. Mandatory disclosures and receipts for consumers. 3. Operator requirements: licensure, live customer service, blockchain analytics software, and dedicated contact information for law enforcement and regulatory agencies. 4. Public listing of kiosk locations and updates.

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HF 1011	Iowa Human Trafficking Prosecution and Prevention Act	Passed House Judiciary	Establishes two human trafficking prosecution units in the Iowa Department of Justice, one serving the western half of the state and the other serving the eastern half. The units will identify, investigate, and prosecute human trafficking cases, and provide care and support for victims. Imposes a new fee on wire transmissions, requiring a licensee or authorized delegate to collect a fee of \$5 for each wire transmission equal to or less than \$500, and an additional fee equal to 2% of any amount in excess of \$500. The fees will be remitted quarterly to the Department of Revenue and allocated to the Office to Combat Human Trafficking.
SF 492	Vehicle Recycler Lien Verification	Passed Senate	Requires licensed vehicle recyclers to verify the nonexistence of a lienholder through the state records system before acquiring a vehicle 12 model years old or older for scrap or junk, unless acquired from a scrap metal dealer.
SF 468	Abandoned Vehicles	Passed Senate Commerce	Amends Iowa Code Chapter 321, relating to abandoned vehicles. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces the timeframe for entities to send notice to known claimants of an abandoned vehicle from 20 days to 10 days. 2. Extends the reclamation period for abandoned vehicles and personal property from 10 days to 20 days. 3. Requires private entities to pay lienholders from auction proceeds if notice is not provided. 4. Allows persons to reclaim personal property from vehicles during normal business hours for a \$100 fee. 5. Permits lienholders or insurance companies to request vehicle condition information for a \$100 fee. 6. Requires entities to provide an itemized account of fees assessed when a vehicle is reclaimed.
SF 639	Establishment of Business Courts	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court with jurisdiction over complex commercial and business litigation cases involving compensatory damages

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			of \$500,000 or more. The bill sets forth provisions for case transfer, dismissal, retention, and removal, as well as appeal procedures.

Construction Law Section

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SF 460	Home Inspection Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill regulates home inspections in Iowa, establishing standards for home inspectors, inspection reports, and insurance requirements. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home inspectors must be members of a national home inspectors association or supervised by one. 2. Inspection reports must include a description of the scope, material defects, and certain statements about the report's contents. 3. Home inspectors are prohibited from offering repairs, inspecting properties in which they have an interest, or accepting payment for specific results. 4. Inspection reports can only be disclosed to the client or with their consent. 5. Home inspectors must maintain insurance against errors and omissions, with minimum coverages of \$100,000 per occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate.
SF 574	Iowa Public Improvement Contracts Retention Fees and Bonds Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Relating to public improvement contracts the bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows contractors to post a retention bond (5% of the original contract price) as a substitute for retained funds, which must be paid to the contractor within 20 days. 2. Requires public corporations to pay contractors the full amount of retention funds or double the amount of a claim, whichever is less, after a surety bond is filed. 3. Mandates that actions be commenced within 30 days of a written demand, or the claim is barred and the contractor must be paid. 4. Strikes the requirement for releasing retained funds if an action is not commenced within 30 days. 5. Requires courts to grant reasonable attorney fees to prevailing claimants and principal contractors in disputes related to contracts, retention funds, or public improvements.
SF 619	Iowa Natural Hazard Mitigation and Insurance Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Addresses various aspects of natural hazard mitigation, insurance regulation, and disaster recovery in Iowa. The bill creates the Natural Hazard Mitigation Financing Program, establishes the Disaster Recovery Housing Assistance Program, and modifies the regulation of public, independent, and staff adjusters.</p>

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SF 595	Iowa Construction Regulation	Passed Senate	Reforms Iowa's construction regulations, including state building codes, contractor licensing, and stormwater management requirements. Key provisions: 1. Housing Affordability: Proposed rules affecting state building codes must consider housing affordability, and a public report must estimate the impact on construction costs. 2. Licensing Fees: Counties and cities are prohibited from imposing licensing fees on general contractors and subcontractors. 3. Stormwater Management: Counties and cities cannot impose additional stormwater management requirements beyond those initially approved for a subdivision plat, lot, or parcel, unless required by state or federal law.
HF 1027	Iowa Radon Mitigation System Tax Credit	Passed House	Creates a radon mitigation system tax credit available against individual and corporate income taxes. The credit equals the cost to purchase and install a radon mitigation system, not exceeding \$1,000. Any excess credit is non-refundable but may be carried over to the next tax year.
SF 600	Storm Water Drainage System Service Charge Exemptions	Passed Senate Ways Committee	Creates exemptions for service charges related to storm water drainage system services in Iowa. The bill prohibits counties, cities, and real estate improvement districts from charging for these services in two scenarios: 1. When the connected real property retains at least 1.5 inches of standing water at any point during a billing cycle. 2. When the connected real property contains a retention pond for storm water purposes that meets the requirements of the national pollutant discharge elimination system general permit no. 2, as issued by the Department of Natural Resources.
SF 598	Iowa Development Property Assessment Reform	Passed Senate Ways Committee	Change the assessment of certain development properties. Key provisions include: 1. Repealing the authorization for counties to adopt ordinances allowing for special assessments of subdivided properties. 2. Modifying the five-year limitation for assessing platted lots as acreage or unimproved property to specify that individual lots shall continue to be classified and assessed in the same manner as prior to the recording of the plat.

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			<p>3. Striking the eight-year limitation for subdivision plats recorded between 2004 and 2011.</p> <p>4. Allowing property owners to elect to withdraw their property from the new assessment provisions, which would subject the property to the assessment and classification provisions in Code section 441.71(1).</p> <p>5. Defining "development" to include reconstruction, zoning changes, clearing lots, depositing fill dirt, and installing streets and public utilities.</p>
HF 82	Iowa Radon Mitigation in Residential Buildings Act	Passed House State Govt. Committee	Requires the Iowa state building code commissioner to adopt a state building code provision mandating passive radon mitigation methods in new single-family or two-family residential construction commenced after the adoption of the requirement.
SF 576	Iowa General Contractor Bond Requirement	Passed Senate Local Government	Requires general contractors in Iowa to obtain a \$50,000 performance bond payable to the client prior to commencing work. The bill excludes contractors working for the state or its subdivisions, including those subject to competitive bidding requirements. Additionally, it prohibits local governments from imposing additional bond requirements for private projects.
SF 310	Prohibition on Mandatory Fire Sprinkler Systems in Small Residential Properties	Passed Senate Local Government	Prohibits the required installation of fire protection sprinkler systems in series of attached single-family residences with fewer than seven units.

Corporate Counsel Section

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HF 767	Private Sector Employee Drug Testing	Signed by Governor	Allows employers to designate positions as "safety-sensitive" rather than relying on a specific definition. Permitting electronic notification or in-person exchange of written materials as alternatives to certified mail for certain communications. Shifting the burden of proof in civil actions from employers to aggrieved employees or prospective employees, who must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that a violation of Code section 730.5 directly caused damages. Requiring reasonable attorney fees in civil actions. Striking language that placed the burden of proof on employers in actions alleging violations of Code section 730.5.
HF 975	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	Eliminating the brownfield redevelopment program and advisory council Modifying the historic preservation tax credit program to allow for larger projects and more flexible timelines; Creating the arts and culture enhancement fund to support arts and cultural organizations; Increasing the appropriation from gambling and sports wagering taxes to the arts and culture enhancement fund by \$520,000 each fiscal year; Eliminating the title guaranty division board and transferring its powers to the Iowa finance authority board of directors; Allows the Iowa economic development authority to grant historic preservation tax credits beyond the aggregate tax credit award limit in certain circumstances. Effective July 1, 2025.
SF 383	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Regulation	Signed by Governor	Regulates pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) in Iowa, aiming to increase transparency and fairness in the industry. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting PBMs from discriminating against pharmacies or pharmacists. 2. Requiring PBMs to use pass-through pricing models, with some exceptions. 3. Mandating PBMs to reimburse pharmacies at least the national average drug acquisition cost or wholesale acquisition cost. 4. Establishing a professional dispensing fee of \$10.60. 5. Requiring PBMs to submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and publish them online. 6. Creating an appeals process for pharmacies to dispute reimbursement rates.

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SF 603	Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repealing several programs, including the Iowa Conservation Corps, Workforce Investment Program, Statewide Mentoring Program, New Employment Opportunity Program, and Nursing Workforce Data Clearinghouse. 2. Transferring duties related to compiling an annual report on workforce training programs from the Department of Workforce Development to the College Student Aid Commission. 3. Modifying the definition of "taxable wages" for unemployment insurance taxes to exclude wages paid to employees from other states, even if those states extend reciprocity to Iowa. Only wages paid in Iowa will be considered taxable.
SF 607	Unemployment Insurance	Signed by Governor	<p>This was a Governor bill. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces the percentage of statewide average weekly wage used to calculate taxable wages from 66.66% to 33.33%. 2. Changes the current reserve ratio calculation, removing the requirement to add \$150 million to the total funds available for benefits. 3. Reduces the number of benefit ratio ranks from 21 to 9 and adjusts the contribution rate tables, resulting in lower contribution rates for employers. 4. Introduces a surcharge of 10% on contributions paid by employers with an average benefit ratio of 1.25 or higher over the previous three fiscal years. 5. Decreases the highest contribution rate from 9.0% to 5.40%.
SF 612	Cigarette and Tobacco Product Regulations Update	Signed by Governor	This was a Department of Revenue bill that updates Iowa's cigarette and tobacco product regulations, including vapor products, by requiring electronic filing of returns.
SF 619	Disaster Relief and Insurance Regulation	Signed by Governor	Addresses disaster relief, insurance regulation, and licensing requirements for adjusters and contractors in Iowa. The bill increases appropriations for disaster relief and creates a new fund for natural hazard mitigation. It also establishes a disaster

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			<p>recovery housing assistance program and provides tax exemptions for certain disaster-related grants. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a natural hazard mitigation revolving loan fund with an initial appropriation of \$50 million. 2. Establishment of a disaster recovery housing assistance program with an appropriation of \$20 million. 3. Tax exemptions for qualifying state disaster recovery new housing grants. 4. Increased licensing requirements and fees for adjusters and contractors. 5. Stricter regulations on post-loss assignments and public adjuster contracts. 6. Creation of a consumer advocate position to assist with disaster-related insurance claims.
SF 645	Economic Development Budget	Signed by Governor	<p>Appropriates funds for Iowa's economic development and adjusts certain taxes for FY 2025-2026. Appropriations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + \$12,921,510 to the Economic Development Authority (IEDA) from the general fund. + \$873,000 to the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) for the rent subsidy program. + \$6,902,636 to the Department of Workforce Development (IWD) for workforce development operations. Transfers excess insurance division revenues to IEDA.
HF 248	Adoptive Parent Employee Treatment Act	Signed by Governor	<p>Requires Iowa employers to treat adoptive parents of children up to six years old equally to biological parents of newborns regarding employment policies, benefits, and protections for the first year after adoption. Employers must provide equal treatment, except for disability leave, which still requires a qualifying disability under the employer's policies. The bill defines adoption and employer-employee relationships under Code chapter 91A. Non-compliance may result in a civil penalty of up to \$500 per pay period per violation.</p>
HF 441	Employment Appeal Board and Liability Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa Code to clarify the powers and responsibilities of the Employment Appeal Board (EAB) and limit liability for unemployment benefits. Key provisions include:</p>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assigns EAB duties under Code chapter 20, the Public Employment Relations Act, and contested cases under Code section 70A.28. 2. Conforms language for petitions for judicial review of agency action under Code chapter 17A to exemptions in Code chapters 10A and 20. <p>Exempts the EAB and Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing from liability for unpaid unemployment benefits or insufficient funds in the Unemployment Compensation Fund.</p>
SF 418	Gender Identity	Signed by Governor	<p>Defines sex and gender for purposes of statutory construction, vital records, and civil rights. The bill establishes that sex means the state of being male or female as observed or clinically verified at birth and provides rules for statutory construction. It also amends the Iowa Civil Rights Act to remove gender identity as a protected class and prohibits instruction related to gender theory in kindergarten through grade six.</p>
SF 657	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various economic development tax credits and incentives in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Incentives for Growth Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits and refunds for businesses that create jobs and invest in Iowa. 2. High Quality Jobs Program: Repeals the program, effective December 31, 2025. 3. Seed Investor Tax Credit Program: Creates a new program offering tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses. 4. Iowa Film Production Incentive Program: Establishes a new program providing rebates for film productions in Iowa. 5. Targeted Jobs Withholding Credit: Modifies the credit, reducing the percentage of gross wages eligible for the credit. 6. Employer Child Care Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 7. Assistive Device Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 8. Endow Iowa Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 9. Research Activities Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2027.

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			Research and Development Tax Credit Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits for qualified research and development expenditures.
SF 297	State Agency Contract Provisions	Senate refused to concur with House amendment	Prohibits the inclusion of certain provisions in contracts entered into by Iowa state agencies, declaring them void if present. The bill also requires state agency vendor contracts to include provisions governing law and litigation venue.
HF 961	Individual Income Tax Exemption for Deferred Compensation	Passed House Ways	Exempts up to \$500,000 of nonqualified deferred compensation plan income from individual income tax for taxpayers who are disabled, 55 years or older, or surviving spouses of individuals who would have qualified for the exemption. The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2025, for tax years beginning on or after that date.
HF 1051	Tourism Improvement Districts	Passed House Local Government	Authorizes cities to establish self-supported tourism improvement districts, allowing a levy on lodging businesses to fund improvements and activities benefiting those businesses.
SF 180	Right to Refuse Medical Services for Conscience Reasons	Passed Senate	Establishes an individual's right to refuse medical services for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, when a medical service is declared a countermeasure under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act or receives an emergency use authorization from the US FDA.
HF 1037	Economic Development and Housing Modifications	Pa Amended by Senate	<p>Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanding the definition of "economic development" to include workforce housing. 2. Requiring consideration of workforce housing development policies when using public funds for economic development. 3. Reducing the minimum low and moderate income family housing requirement to 20% of the original project cost for certain projects in economic development areas. 4. Extending the division of revenue (tax increment financing) for such projects to 20 fiscal years, up from the current 10-year maximum.

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HF 985	Business Services Modernization	Passed House	<p>Amends Iowa Code chapter 9 to modernize business services provided by the Secretary of State. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Fees: The Secretary of State may adopt rules to impose additional fees for services, not exceeding \$2 million per fiscal year, to be deposited into the Business Services Modernization Fund. 2. Business Services Modernization Fund: The fund is renamed and repurposed to support modernization of operations within the Business Services Division. 3. Expedited Filing Services: The bill introduces new surcharges for expedited filing services, including a one-hour service (\$250) and same-day service (\$175), in addition to existing two-day (\$50) and five-day (\$15) services. 4. Written Confirmation: The Secretary of State must provide written confirmation of expedited filings.
SF 629	Expedited Filing Service for Business Documents	Passed Senate Ways	<p>Amends Iowa Code section 9.15 to provide additional expedited filing services for business documents administered by the Secretary of State. The bill introduces two new surcharges: \$200 for a one-hour service and \$125 for a same-day service, in addition to the existing \$50 for a two-day service and \$15 for a five-day service. The Secretary must provide written confirmation of the expedited filing. Collected surcharges will be deposited into the business administration fund for administering business organization statutes.</p>
HF 986	Insurance and Financial Services Bill	Passed House	<p>Addresses various aspects of insurance and financial services in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to existing laws and regulations, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Confidentiality: Makes tax returns filed under Code sections 432.1 and 432.1A confidential and not subject to inspection. 2. Health Insurance Rate Increases: Allows the commissioner to hold public hearings on proposed health insurance rate increases exceeding the average annual health spending growth rate. 3. Health Savings Accounts and Qualified High-Deductible Health Plans: Requires cost-sharing to apply only to qualified high-deductible health plans after the enrollee satisfies the minimum deductible.

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			<p>4. Insurance Company Withdrawal Requirements: Requires insurers to file a withdrawal plan with the commissioner before reducing their total annual premium volume in the state by 50% or more.</p> <p>5. Replacement Cost, Actual Cash Value, and Line of Sight: Requires insurers to include consequential physical damage in the calculation of loss and to use identical or reasonably similar products for replacement.</p> <p>Regulates service companies and contracts, including licensing requirements, fees, and prohibited acts or practices.</p>
SF 651	Property Tax Reform	Passed Senate Ways	<p>Makes significant changes to Iowa's property tax system, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Levy Rates: Adjusts tax levy rates for counties, cities, and school districts, with some rates increasing and others decreasing. 2. Assessment Limitations: Phases out assessment limitations for residential, commercial, and industrial properties, with all properties being assessed at 100% of actual value by 2036. 3. Multiresidential Property: Creates a new classification for multiresidential property, which will be assessed at a percentage of actual value, increasing to 100% by 2036. 4. Agricultural Property: Excludes certain structures on agricultural land from the determination of productivity and net earning capacity. 5. Tax Credits: Adjusts the calculation of tax credits for property taxes due and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. 6. Appropriations: Increases appropriations for property tax replacement payments and foundation base supplement payments.
SF 639	Business Courts	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court with jurisdiction over complex commercial and business litigation cases involving compensatory damages of \$500,000 or more. The bill sets forth provisions for case transfer, dismissal, retention, and removal, as well as appeal procedures.
HF 997	Business Entity Biennial Report	Passed House	Modifies the filing fee for business corporations submitting biennial reports to the Iowa Secretary of State. Currently, business corporations pay a statutorily fixed rate of

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	Filing Fee Modification		\$60. This bill allows the Secretary of State to determine the filing fee, aligning with the fee structure for other domestic and foreign business entities.
HSB 328; SSB 1208	House and Senate Property tax Bill	Passed House and Senate Subcommittee	Makes significant changes to Iowa's property tax system, affecting various aspects of taxation, including county and city property taxes, school taxes, and assessment limitations. Key provisions include: County Property Taxes: Adjusts the general county basic levy rate and rural county basic levy rate for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. City Property Taxes: Modifies the city tax levy rate for the general fund, excluding levies authorized in section 384.12. School Taxes: Changes the regular program foundation base per pupil and special education support services foundation base for fiscal years 2026 and beyond. Assessment Limitations: Revises the assessment limitations for residential, commercial, and industrial properties, with changes taking effect for assessment years 2025 and beyond. Homestead Credit: Amends the homestead credit fund apportionment to provide a credit against the tax on each eligible homestead in the state. Increases or decreases appropriations for various funds, including the property tax equity and relief fund, the foundation base supplement fund, and the family farm tax credit fund.
SF 586	Third-Party Litigation Funding	Passed Senate Judiciary	Establishes regulations for third-party litigation funding in Iowa, aiming to promote transparency and consumer protection. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirements for consumer litigation funding contracts, such as clear and coherent language, disclosure of fees and charges, and written acknowledgment by the consumer's attorney. 2. Prohibitions on consumer litigation funding companies, including paying referral fees, accepting commissions, and influencing the course of a legal claim. 3. Registration requirements for consumer litigation funding companies and commercial litigation financiers with the secretary of state. 4. Annual reporting requirements for commercial litigation financiers. 5. Prohibitions on commercial litigation financiers, including entering into agreements with foreign entities of concern and influencing the course of a legal claim.

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HF 872	Targeted Small Business Income Threshold	Passed House	Increases the maximum annual gross income threshold for an enterprise to qualify as a targeted small business in Iowa from \$4 million to \$10 million. Bill Passed the House 96-1.
SF 308	Whistleblower Protection	Passed Senate	Provides protections for employees who disclose information to the Iowa General Assembly regarding potential violations of law or substantial dangers to public health and safety. The bill prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who make such disclosures and provides civil remedies for employees who experience adverse employment actions.
HSB 294	Regulating Artificial Intelligence	Passed House Econ Growth and Tech.	Regulates the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in Iowa, specifically in elections and interactions with AI systems. The bill requires disclosures for AI-generated election materials and imposes obligations on developers and deployers of high-risk AI systems to prevent algorithmic discrimination
SF 487	Unemployment Insurance Recordkeeping and Auditing Requirements	Passed Senate Workforce	Establishes employer recordkeeping and auditing requirements for unemployment insurance purposes. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employers must keep employee records for three years after the calendar year in which remuneration was paid or due. 2. The Department of Workforce Development must conduct field audits to determine compliance with chapter 96, providing reasonable notice and a preaudit interview with the employer. 3. Auditable records include individual pay records, W-2 and 1099 forms, cash disbursement journals, and business licenses. 4. Employers may contest audit decisions, and auditors may access records to determine remuneration paid within three years prior to the audit notice.
SF 466	Unemployment Benefits Disqualification for Short-Term Employment	Passed Senate Workforce	Disqualifies individuals from receiving unemployment benefits if they become separated from employment due to the conclusion of a fixed-term contract of 180 days or less. To qualify, the employment contract must meet specific requirements, including a written agreement with a specified end date and acknowledgement of ineligibility for benefits. The bill also excludes such employment from taxable wages

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			for unemployment tax purposes, allowing employers to claim a refund for any tax contributions made.
SF 313	Pharmacist and Practitioner Prescribing Authority Protection	Passed Senate HHS	Prohibits the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, health-related professional boards, and employers from restricting the prescribing, ordering, dispensing, or administering authority of pharmacists and practitioners in a way that deters them from using their best professional judgment. The bill renders unenforceable any employer-imposed restriction, whether documented or not, and shields pharmacists and practitioners from licensee discipline for exercising their professional judgment within their scope of practice.

Criminal Law Section

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HF 602	Two-Way Circuit Circuit Testimony	Passed House, In Senate Judiciary	This bill was drafted by the ISBA Criminal Law Legislative Committee to statutorily address the <i>White</i> decision by Iowa's Supreme Court. The bill allows Iowa courts to protect minor witnesses from trauma by ordering testimony to be taken in a separate room and televised via two-way, closed-circuit equipment. This aims to prevent impairment of the minor's ability to communicate in the presence of the defendant.
SJR 9	Right To Confront Children	Passed Both Chambers	This legislation is a constitutional amendment proposed by the Iowa Attorney General to address the <i>White</i> decision. This proposed amendment limitd the right of an accused to confront witnesses under 18 or with mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disability. If adopted, it would be published, referred to the next general assembly, and submitted to the electorate for ratification.
HF 1049	Health and Human Services Appropriations	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the state to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased appropriations for various HHS programs, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + Medical Assistance Program: \$1,903,550,706 b. + State Supplementary Assistance: \$4,479,762 c. + Hawki Program: \$61,266,871 d. + Health Program Operations: \$39,672,433 2. Decreased appropriation for the State Resource Center at Glenwood: \$1,590,130 3. Transfer of \$1 million from the Beer and Liquor Control Fund to the Behavioral Health Fund 4. Prohibition on using Medical Assistance Program funds for sex reassignment surgery or associated procedures 5. Establishment of a hospital directed payment program, which may include assessments on hospitals
SF 266	Gift Card Fraud	Signed by Governor	This bill creates a new crime relating to theft, forgery, and fraud involving gift cards. It establishes penalties for acquiring, altering, or using gift cards with intent to defraud, with punishments ranging from serious misdemeanors to class C felonies,

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			<p>depending on the value of the property involved. The bill provides that the value of the retail merchandise received by a person in violation of the Bill within any six-month period may be aggregated and the defendant will be charged accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person who, with intent to defraud, alters or tampers with a gift card commits forgery and is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. • Any person who, with intent to defraud, devises a scheme to obtain a gift card or gift card redemption information from a card holder, card issuer, or gift card seller by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises engages in a fraudulent practice and is guilty as follows: • A Class C felony if the amount of money or value of property or services involved exceeds \$5,000. • A Class D felony if the amount of money or value of property or services involved exceeds \$1,000 but does not exceed \$5,000. • An aggravated misdemeanor if the amount of money or value of property or services involved exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$1,000. • A serious misdemeanor if the amount of money or value of property or services involved is \$500 or less.
HF 879	Critical Infrastructure Sabotage	Signed by Governor	<p>Expands the definition of “critical infrastructure” under Iowa Code section 716.11(1)(c) to include a telecommunications service, information service, cable service, or wireless service. A person who overtly, intentionally, and without authorization causes or has the means to cause, and in substantial furtherance of causing, a substantial and widespread interruption or impairment of a fundamental service rendered by critical infrastructure commits critical infrastructure sabotage, a Class B felony.</p>

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SF 644	Justice Systems Appropriations	Signed by Governor	<p>This is the Justice Systems Appropriations Budget, the key provisions are below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Public Defender - \$33,477,894 (\$2,050,000 increase 6.1%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Public Defender received an additional \$2 million and 13 FTE positions. Indigent Defense Contracts - \$47,726,374 (-\$880,000 decrease 2.0%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2.00 per hour increase - For appointments made on or after July 1, 2025, the reasonable compensation shall be calculated on the basis of eighty-eight dollars per hour for class "A" felonies, eighty-three dollars per hour for class "B" felonies, and seventy-eight dollars per hour for all other cases. <p>This \$2.00 increase brings the increase for contract attorneys to \$18.00 since the 2019 legislative session. This represents a 30% increase in the contract rate for most cases.</p>
SF 659	"Standings" Appropriations bill	Signed by Governor	<p>A comprehensive bill that makes various appropriations, distributions, transfers, and expenditure authority adjustments in Iowa state government. Key provisions vetoed by the Governor: Crystalline Polymorph Psilocybin: Removes trade name specifications for crystalline polymorph psilocybin, allowing for its rescheduling upon FDA approval.</p>
HF 180	Grooming Offense	Signed by Governor	<p>The bill adds a requirement for individuals convicted of grooming (a class D felony) to register as tier I sex offenders. The bill also imposes a 10-year special sentence with parole eligibility and 10-year sex offender registration upon release from incarceration, probation, parole, or work release</p>
Sf 22	Hands Free Driving	Signed by Governor	<p>The new law expands Iowa's law prohibiting the use of electronic devices while driving. It defines "electronic device" and "use," and provides exceptions for voice-activated or hands-free mode, public safety, and emergency situations. The bill increases the scheduled fine for violations from \$45 to \$100.</p>

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Hf 862	County Attorney Conflict of Interest	Signed by Governor	This new law prohibits county attorneys from representing parties with conflicting interests and allows boards of supervisors to obtain outside counsel in disputes. County sheriffs can petition a district court for a conflict determination and retain outside counsel if necessary, with court costs paid by the county
HF 181	THC Drinks Open Container	Signed by Governor	Expands Iowa's open container law to include THC beverages. The bill prohibits open containers of beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol in the passenger area of motor vehicles on highways, and making penalties applicable.
HF 310	Protected Worker Assaults, Healthcare Workers	Signed by Governor	This new law modifies the definition of "health care provider" under Iowa Code section 708.3A(5) (assaults on persons engaged in certain occupations). Under the new law, a health care provider would include anyone who is working, volunteering, or participating in an educational course of instruction at a hospital or rural emergency hospital as defined in chapter 135B, or at a nursing facility as defined in chapter 135C. Iowa Code chapter 708 establishes the penalties for assault, and assault is defined under Iowa Code section 708.1. Under Iowa Code section 708.3A(5), a health care provider means an emergency medical provider as defined in Iowa Code chapter 147A or a person licensed or registered under Iowa Code chapter 148 (medicine, surgery, and osteopathic medicine and surgery), 148C (physician assistants), 148D (resident physicians), or 152 (nursing) who is providing emergency medical services or who is providing or attempting to provide health services as defined in Iowa Code section 10A.711 in a hospital
SF 397	Protected Worker Assaults	Signed by Governor	This law was proposed by the AG and expands occupations under Iowa Code section 708.3A related to assault to include juvenile detention staff and employees of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) who conduct investigations or inspections. Additionally, the bill increases the penalties for assault. Finally, the bill provides that a person who, while confined in a jail, institution, or facility under the control of the Department of Corrections (DOC), ejects saliva in a manner intending to cause pain or injury, or to be insulting or offensive, commits an act of assault.

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HF 615	Intentional Misrepresentation of a Service Animal	Signed by Governor	This law removes the need to first issue a warning to be charged with the offense of intentional misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training.
HF 865	Harrassment & Bullying in Schools	Signed by Governor	An act modifying provisions related to the harassment or bullying of students enrolled in school districts or accredited nonpublic schools by striking the requirement be based on any actual or perceived trait or characteristic of the student and adding the behavior must be repeated and targeted.
SF 150	Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code section 728.12(3)(b) to provide that knowingly purchasing or possessing multiple visual depictions containing pictorial representations of the same minor engaging in prohibited sexual acts or the simulation of prohibited sexual acts are to be prosecuted and punished as separate offenses.
HF 649	Human Trafficking Definitions	Signed by Governor	Modifies and expands definitions under Iowa Code for Human Trafficking, including expanding the term “human trafficking” to include purchasing or attempting to purchase services involving commercial sexual activity from a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a person engaged in human trafficking. Amends the term “services” to mean performing activities under the supervision of or for the benefit of an actor, including commercial sexual activity and sexually explicit performances, and expands the term “victim” to include a person who is identified as being subjected to or targeted for human trafficking or law enforcement officer or agent posing as a person subjected to or a target for human trafficking. Finally, the bill expands the crime of human trafficking to include the purchase or offer to purchase services as a partner in a sex act from an individual who is reasonably believed to be under the age of 18, including a law enforcement officer or agent posing as a minor under the age of 18.
SF 583	School Safety and Threat Assessment Teams	Signed by Governor	This bill requires the creation of threat assessment teams in Iowa schools and authorizes information sharing between certain governmental agencies to ensure school safety. Effective date: July 1, 2025.

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SF 491	Drones Over Farmland	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies the offenses of intrusion by use of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) under Iowa Code section 715E.3(1)(b) and surveillance by use of RPA under Iowa Code section 715E.4(1)(b) by replacing the term “secure farmstead area” with the term “farmstead.” Defines the term “farmstead” as real property owned or leased by a farmer and is used by the farmer for farming, including the production of a farm commodity. The real property must also have generated at least \$15,000 from the sale of farm commodities produced on the real property in the last calendar year. The Bill as amended establishes a secured area of 400 feet from certain types of property located on the farmstead, which include a farm animal, farm equipment, or a farm structure. An RPA is prohibited from entering into this space, subject to the exceptions that apply to a homestead. The Bill as amended removes the definitions of “agricultural animal,” “animal feeding operation,” and “secure farmstead area.” Adds new definitions under Iowa Code section 715E.1 for the terms “farm animal,” “farm commodity,” “farm crop,” “farm equipment,” “farm structure,” “farmer,” and “farmstead” and amends the definition of the term “surveillance device.”.</p>
HF 956	Judicial Branch Omnibus	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill was proposed by Iowa’s Judicial Branch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JUDICIAL OFFICER RESIDENCY. Under current law, a district judge must be a resident of the judicial election district in which appointed during the entire term of office. The legislation expands this to include a county contiguous with the judicial election district of appointment. The legislation also applies the new residency requirement to district associate judges, magistrates, full-time associate juvenile judges, and full-time associate probate judges. RETIREMENT AGE. The legislation increases the mandatory retirement age from 72 to 78 for all magistrates, district associate judges, district judges, appellate court judges and Supreme Court Justices. The legislation also increases the retirement age for Senior Judges from 78 to 82. REMOTE PROCEEDINGS. The legislation authorizes remote court proceedings, and

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COURT REPORTERS. The legislation amends Iowa Law to allow the chief judge of the judicial district or the chief judge's designee has the authority to supervise, schedule, and assign duties of all court reporters in the judicial district. The bill allows a judge presiding over a reported proceeding to have authority to supervise the work of a court reporter while the court reporter is reporting in that matter. The legislation also protects the title of Certified Shorthand Reporter.
SF 462	Firearm Identity Information & Felon Firearm Possession	Signed by Governor	<p>Repeals section 724.31A which requires Iowa Department of Public Safety to notify the FBI of an individual being prohibited from acquiring a handgun under second 724.15(2). The section also required IDPS to notify the FBI after receiving a written request from a person no longer prohibited from acquiring a handgun under second 724.15(2).</p> <p>House Amendment to the bill (formerly HF 176) establishes mandatory minimum sentences for felons possessing firearms or offensive weapons. Penalties increase with each offense: 2 years for the first, 4 years for the second, 7 years for the third, and 10 years for the fourth or subsequent offense</p>
HF 549	Officer-Involved Shooting Review	Signed by Governor	Requires a county attorney to review officer-involved shooting cases resulting in death or serious bodily injury.
SF 311	City civil service employees	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various aspects of city civil service employees and procedures in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibiting cities with a civil service commission from establishing citizen review boards for officer conduct Requiring cities with a population over 50,000 to have 5-7 civil service commissioners Modifying standards and procedures for removing, discharging, demoting, or suspending city civil service employees Changing appeal procedures to the city civil service commission and district court

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			Allowing for reasonable attorney fees, expert fees, and costs to be awarded to employees who substantially prevail in appeals
HF 643	Reimbursement for Confinement of Sexually Violent Predators	Signed by Governor	This bill requires the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to reimburse counties at a rate of \$50 per day for the temporary holding or confinement of a sexually violent predator (SVP) who commits a public offense while subject to an order of civil commitment. The reimbursement applies to both pre-sentencing and post-sentencing confinement. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 647	Venue for Certain Criminal Cases	Signed by Governor	Establishes trial locations when the county of occurrence is unknown. Trials will be held in the victim's county of residence, or the defendant's if the victim is non-resident or unknown. Multiple victim cases prioritize the county of a natural person victim.
HF 901	Law Enforcement Academy Lateral Transfer Bill	Signed by Governor	Allows eligible military veterans and former federal law enforcement officers to qualify for lateral transfer to a law enforcement agency in Iowa without completing the academy training program. To be eligible, veterans must have served at least four years of active duty, held a primary military occupational specialty as a military police officer, completed accredited military police training, and received an honorable discharge within three years of applying. Former federal law enforcement officers must have served at least four years and completed accredited federal law enforcement training.
HF 921	Peace Officer Bill of Rights Update	Failed to Pass House or Senate Floor	Amends Iowa's peace officer, public safety, and emergency personnel bill of rights. It provides timely access to investigative reports, limits prosecutor involvement in Brady-Giglio cases, and expands peer support counselor confidentiality. The bill also applies disciplinary appeal provisions to part-time deputy sheriffs
HF 899	Cyber Flashing	Passed House, In Senate Judiciary	Makes it a serious misdemeanor for individuals 18+ to send unsolicited, explicit images or videos via electronic means, punishable by up to 1 year in confinement and a fine of \$430-\$2,560. It aims to combat indecent exposure and unwanted visual content.

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SF 512	Court Changes to Statute of Limitations	Passed Senate, In House Judiciary	Clarifies the Iowa General Assembly's authority to alter time limitations for civil actions under Code section 614.1. The bill ensures that only the General Assembly can change the statute of limitations for various civil actions, including personal injuries and contract disputes.
HF 1001	Rural Attorney Recruitment	Passed House, in Senate Judiciary	Creates the Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program to help rural Iowa counties and municipalities recruit attorneys. Eligible attorneys will receive incentive payments in addition to their salary and benefits, with the goal of increasing access to legal services in underserved areas.
SF 393	Discovery In Post Conviction Relief	Passed Senate, In House Judiciary	Limits discovery in postconviction relief cases in Iowa, requiring court approval and protecting victim and witness privacy. The bill establishes procedures for discovery requests, objections, and sanctions for non-compliance, while maintaining the state's obligation to disclose exculpatory evidence.
SF 571	Defense Subpoenas	Passed Senate, in House Judiciary	Regulates defense subpoenas in Iowa's criminal cases. It requires court approval for subpoenas, ensuring a compelling need and protection of private information. Non-compliant subpoenas are inadmissible, and attorneys may face sanctions. The bill also provides counsel for indigent parties served with a defense subpoena
			This bill was proposed by the Iowa Innocence Project. This was a dueling bill to Dg 393. The bill sets timelines for preserving biological evidence used in criminal convictions (20 years after the conviction is final or while the defendant or co-defendant is in custody and in non-convictions (until the statute of limitations expires). Sets standards for holding biological evidence. The bill also requires a prosecutor to disclose 90 days before trial if evidence from an incarcerated witness who was jailed with the defendant will be used and requires details of the sentence and criminal history of the witness, if any benefits have been given to the witness, other statements by the witness, other relevant information and if the witness has testified in other such cases. The bill also includes a pretrial hearing to be held to establish the reliability and admissibility of the evidence and requires the prosecutor to show reliability by a preponderance of the evidence. Requires prosecutors to make records of incarcerated

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			witnesses and for the DCI to maintain a database. Requires a prosecutor to give a defendant access to any investigative files for felonies and aggravate misdemeanors. Allows the prosecutor to have a court review the files and allows the courts to let portions be withheld. Limits disclosure by the defendant and charges copying costs to the defendant. Finally the bill mandates attorneys to maintain records at least seven years after a trial or appeal, or for the period of incarceration, whichever is shorter in felonies and aggravated misdemeanors.
HSB 250/SSB 1201	Judicial Branch Rework of Magistrate Judges	Funneled in both Chambers	Amends Iowa law regarding magistrate judges, allowing them to serve multiple counties and revising residency requirements. The bill also changes the magistrate appointment process and workload calculations, effective January 1, 2029, with temporary provisions for filling vacancies until then.
HF 317	Indigent Defense Appointment of Counsel	Passed House, In Senate Judiciary	Provides that attorneys appointed and accused of ineffective assistance shall be treated as state employees under Code chapter 669, including defense and indemnification under section 669.21, shielding them from liability.
HF 30	Indigent Defense Tax Deduction	In House Ways and Means	Provides a tax deduction for eligible law firms representing indigent clients. Eligible firms can deduct the difference between their hourly rate and the state's reimbursement rate. Applies to tax years starting on or after January 1, 2025, and aims to incentivize indigent representation.
HF 792	Fentanyl Murder	Passed House, In Senate Judiciary	A bill for an act establishing a cause of action for murder in the first degree by causing the death of another by delivering, dispensing, or providing fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance, and making penalties applicable
HF 243	Increase in Indigent Defense Contract Rates	Funneled in House	Increases hourly rates for court-appointed attorneys providing indigent defense in Iowa. Rates rise to \$126 for class A felonies, \$121 for class B felonies, and \$116 for all other cases, aiming to improve compensation for attorneys representing low-income defendants.

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HF 699	Drug Testing Equipment	Funneled in House	Standardizes notice requirements for various local government actions in Iowa, including property tax hearings, bond issuances, and zoning changes. The bill requires that notices be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation in the city, or by posting in three public places if the city has a population of 200 or less or no newspaper. The notice period is set at not less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the date of the hearing or action.
SF 119/HF 129	Vehicle Financial Responsibility	Funneled in House and Senate	Increases Iowa's minimum motor vehicle financial responsibility coverage to \$50,000 for bodily injury/death of one person, \$100,000 for two or more persons, and \$25,000 for property damage. The bill also updates associated policies, bonds, and judgments, and includes penalties for non-compliance.
Hf 849	Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Reform	Signed by Governor	Bill that reforms various aspects of workforce development and unemployment insurance in Iowa. The bill is divided into two main divisions: Division I, which relates to the functions of the Department of Workforce Development, the Workforce Development Board, and local workforce development boards; and Division II, which modifies the definition of taxable wages for unemployment insurance purposes.
HF 849	Criminal Doxing	Funneled in House and Senate	This bill makes it an aggravated misdemeanor for a person, without a legitimate purpose, distributes personal information on the internet about another person with the intent to threaten, annoy or otherwise harass, or to encourage others to do so, and added this offense to the existing harassment offenses.
	Early Lease Termination	Funneled In House	Allows Iowa tenants who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking, elder abuse, or other crimes to terminate their rental agreements early without penalty or liability, providing written notification and documentation to the landlord, while maintaining confidentiality and protection from discrimination
HF 570	Probation Updates	Passed House, In Senate Judiciary	Introduces discharge, educational, and workforce credits for Iowa probationers. Credits can be earned for compliance, education, and employment, reducing probation terms by up to 40%. The bill takes effect July 1, 2026, and aims to incentivize positive behavior and rehabilitation among probationers.

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SF 395	Illegal Sports Gambling	Passed Senate, In House Public Safety	This bill adds that a person who engages in “proxy betting” or “account sharing” is guilty of illegal gaming under Iowa Code section 725.7. The Bill defines “proxy betting” as any wagering or betting activity, including the request of another to engage in wagering or betting activity, involving two or more persons, where one person places a wager on behalf of another person with the intent to hide or conceal the bettor’s identity. The Bill defines “account sharing” as entering into or participating in an agreement between two or more persons to, either temporarily or permanently, share access to a person’s account with the purpose of concealing a person’s identity, which account has been established with a licensee to participate in gambling games or sports wagering under Iowa Code chapter 99F. A person who violates Iowa Code section 725.7 commits an offense ranging from a serious misdemeanor to a Class C felony based on the sum of money or value of other property involved and whether the offense was a first or repeat offense.
HF 572	Smuggling of Persons	Passed House, In Senate Ways & Means	A bill for an act establishing the criminal offense of the smuggling of persons, and providing penalties. This bill Makes it a Class C felony to knowingly transport a person into the state who is entering the US without proper documentation. Makes it a Class B felony if the smuggler creates a serious risk of bodily harm, if the smuggled person is under the age of 18, the smuggler received a benefit or one of the smugglers possessed a gun. Makes it a Class A felony if the smuggled suffers serious bodily injury or death or is the victim of sexual abuse. Establishes an affirmative defense for smuggling a family member (2nd degree consanguinity/ affinity) for the Class C and Class B felonies.
HF 869	Veterinarian Immunity in Animal Abuse Cases	Passed House, In Senate State Government	This bill provides Veterinarians who report animal cruelty of their own clients or assist law enforcement in an animal cruelty investigation civil and criminal immunity when they do so in good faith. Creates a simple misdemeanor for veterinarians who maliciously report false information.
HF 891	Banning Minors at Drag Shows	Passed House	This bill makes it an aggravated misdemeanor to bring a minor under 18 to an obscene show. Makes it a serious misdemeanor to give a minor a ticket to such a show. Defines such shows. Gives the AG and county attorneys enforcement duties. Creates a private

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		Education, Funneled	cause of action for parents or guardians, or for the child when the child reaches the age of 18. Prohibits any public entity that receives state funds from using the money to host such a show and establishes penalties.
SF 195	Animal Torture	Funneled in Senate and House.	Increases the penalties for animal torture to a Class D felony for a 1st offense and a Class C felony for subsequent offenses.
SF 181	Internet Obscene Liability	Funneled in Senate	Prohibits the use of various electronic resources in schools unless the provider of the resources can verify the safety and protection measures in the resource to the electronic receiver of those resources. Establishes the protection requirements. Prohibits the electronic receiver from making payments for the resource if this is not done. Makes definitions. Makes it sexual exploitation by electronic receiver to give electronic resources to students without the electronic receiver having entered into an agreement that complies with the bill. Gives the AG enforcement powers.
Sf 126	Sentencing Youth Offenders	Funneled in Senate	This bill add persons under the age of 20 in provisions governing the parole and sentencing of minors under the age of 18 who commit a Class A felony.
SF 104/HF 55	Castration for Sex Offenses	Funneled in House and Senate	This bill allows a court to order the surgical castration of an offender who is convicted of a sex offense against a minor under the age of 12 as a condition of release. Requires a determination by a medical expert that the offender is an appropriate candidate for the procedure. Applies to offenders convicted after the effective date of the bill
HF 1007	Iowa Victim Restitution Fund Establishment and Fine Distribution Modification	Passed House	Modifies the distribution of collected criminal case fines and establishes a victim restitution fund. Redistribution of fine amounts: 85% to the state court administrator, 8% to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund, and 7% to the newly established victim restitution fund.
SF 69/HF 47	Booking Photos	Funneled in House and Senate	This bill makes booking photos confidential records but allows the release of the photo if the person is a fugitive or an imminent threat to another person, a court orders the release of the booking photo or if the person is convicted of a Class A or B felony. Does

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			not include dissemination of photos between law enforcement agencies. Does not deem a deferred judgment as a conviction unless the deferred judgement is revoked.
HF 84	Drug Paraphernalia Violations	Funneled in House and Senate	This bill stipulates that drug paraphernalia offenses will not be used to enhance sentences for controlled substance violations.
HF 71	Banning Traffic Stop Quotas	Funneled in House	This bill prohibits local governments or state agencies from imposing a quota on the number of traffic stops a peace officer must make.
HF 72	Marijuana Offenses	Funneled in Senate	This bill makes the possession of ten grams or less of marijuana that is not offered for sale a simple misdemeanor with a \$500 fine. Strike the current accommodation offense for the possession of less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana.
HSB 12/SSB 1004	Groping	Funneled in House and Senate	This bill makes groping (intentional physical contact with an intimate body part an aggravated misdemeanor (1st offense); serious misdemeanor (2nd offense); Class D felony (3rd and subsequent). Requires the person to register as a Tier 1 sex offender if the groping was sexually motivated and the victim is 14 or older, and as Tier II if the victim is under 14
SF 50/HF 52	Sports Official Liability	Passed Senate	This bill makes assaults on sports officials (including referees, umpires and linesmen) a Class D felony.
Hf 25	Wearing a Mask in the Commission of a Crime	Funneled in House	This bill increases the penalty for committing a criminal offense while wearing a mask or other disguise by one step. However the bill does make minimal exceptions for holiday clothes, work clothes and for other situations.
HF 24	Criminal Liability for Shark Attacks	Funneled in House	This bill prohibits allowing a member of the public from coming into direct contact with dangerous wild animals, and includes sharks in that definition. The bill defines sharks that can grow more than 23 inches in length or that have a documented history of biting people as dangerous wild animals.

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SF 579	Local Civil Rights Commissions and Agencies Reform	Passed Senate	<p>Amends Iowa Code Section 216.19 to reform local civil rights commissions and agencies. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints involving a political subdivision must be referred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights for processing. 2. Unresolved complaints alleging a violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 can be transferred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights after 12 months upon request by any party. 3. Local agencies must notify parties of their right to direct transfer after 12 months and cross-file complaints with the Iowa Office of Civil Rights if they arise from alleged state law violations. 4. The term of a commissioner appointed to a local agency or commission is set at two years.
HF 569	Excessive Speeding Revocations	Funneled in House	This bill requires the revocation of a driver's license for speeding at over 100 mph. Requires the officer to give a driver stopped for such speeds notice of the pending revocation and a license good for ten days. Prohibits a person who's license is revoked for excessive speed from receiving a temporary permit during the 30-day revocation period.
HF 173	Driving Offenses	Funneled in House	This bill places additional driving offenses to the list of offenses where fines are increased for causing death or bodily injury.
HF 37	County Attorney Salary Changes	Funneled in House	This bill trikes requirements setting the salaries of county attorneys in counties under 200,000 at 45% to 100% of a district court judge.
SF 320	Death Penalty	Funneled in Seante	A bill for an act creating a capital murder offense by establishing the penalty of death for murder in the first degree of a peace officer on duty, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

Elder Law Section

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HF 1049	DHHS Budget	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the state to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased appropriations for various HHS programs, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + \$1,903,550,706 for medical assistance program reimbursement and associated costs b. + \$68,542,456 for community access and eligibility c. + \$39,672,433 for health program operations d. + \$34,983,000 for state child care assistance e. + \$165,558,031 for child protective services 2. Decreased appropriation for the state resource center at Glenwood: \$1,590,130 3. Transfer of \$1,000,000 from the beer and liquor control fund to the behavioral health fund 4. Prohibition on using medical assistance program funds for sex reassignment surgery or associated procedures 5. Establishment of a hospital directed payment program, which may include an assessment on hospitals
SF 641	DHS Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>The bill makes changes to administrative services organizations, child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, internal audit and examination information, and the region incentive fund in the mental health and disability services regional service fund. Additionally, it modifies the health maintenance organization's premium tax.</p>
HF 573	Involuntary Commitment Proceedings	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill amends Iowa law regarding involuntary commitment proceedings for substance use disorders and mental impairments. Key changes include:</p> <p>Allowing any interested person to file a verified application for involuntary commitment in any county, with jurisdiction transferred to the respondent's county of residence or location. Authorizing law enforcement to take a person into custody in any county for placement in a hospital or facility to receive court-ordered treatment. Directing the supreme court to adopt implementing rules.</p>

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HF 986	Insurance and Financial Services Bill	Passed House	<p>Addresses various aspects of insurance and financial services in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to existing laws and regulations, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Confidentiality: Makes tax returns filed under Code sections 432.1 and 432.1A confidential and not subject to inspection. 2. Health Insurance Rate Increases: Allows the commissioner to hold public hearings on proposed health insurance rate increases exceeding the average annual health spending growth rate. 3. Health Savings Accounts and Qualified High-Deductible Health Plans: Requires cost-sharing to apply only to qualified high-deductible health plans after the enrollee satisfies the minimum deductible. 4. Insurance Company Withdrawal Requirements: Requires insurers to file a withdrawal plan with the commissioner before reducing their total annual premium volume in the state by 50% or more. 5. Replacement Cost, Actual Cash Value, and Line of Sight: Requires insurers to include consequential physical damage in the calculation of loss and to use identical or reasonably similar products for replacement. <p>Regulates service companies and contracts, including licensing requirements, fees, and prohibited acts or practices.</p>
SSB 1234	Establishing a Retirement Savings Plan Trust	Passed Senate Approps.	Creates the Iowa Retirement Savings Plan Trust, a state-run retirement savings plan, to help Iowans save for retirement. The trust will be operated by the Treasurer of State and will conform to federal tax requirements.
HF 836	Medical Income Assistance Trust Fees	Passed House & Senate Judiciary	This is an affirmative bill by the Iowa Elder Law Section. The legislation increases the monthly amount that may be paid or set aside for necessary trust expenses without court approval from \$10 to \$50 for beneficiaries of medical income assistance trusts.
HF 385	Involuntary Commitment Discharge Requirements	Passed House	Relates to the discharge of involuntarily committed persons from a facility or hospital in Iowa. The bill requires facilities to refer patients to an administrative services organization (ASO) for evaluation, case management, and post-discharge services prior to discharge. It also requires facilities to assess patients for suicide risk, provide

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			<p>a 30-day supply of medications, and provide a discharge report with specific information.</p> <p>The bill requires ASOs to coordinate post-discharge care, including contacting patients to ensure they attend scheduled appointments and receive necessary care and services. ASOs must also make quarterly reports to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which are considered confidential records.</p>
HF 893	Iowa Dementia Support Services Act	Passed House Judiciary	Requires each area agency on aging to provide a dementia service specialist to increase access to local supports and services for persons living with dementia, their families, and caregivers. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a dementia services coordinator for statewide coordination of dementia initiatives and specialists.
SF 547	Dementia Services and Support Act	Passed House & Senate HHS	Establishes dementia service specialists and a dementia services coordinator to increase access to local supports and services for persons living with dementia, their families, and caregivers.
HF 308	Iowa Medicare Supplement Policy Open Enrollment	Passed House Commerce	Establishes an annual 31-day open enrollment period, starting March 1, for Medicare supplement policies in Iowa. The bill prohibits issuers from denying or conditioning coverage, subjecting applicants to medical underwriting, discriminating in pricing, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions during this period. The legislation applies to individuals under 65 who qualify for Medicare due to disability, end-stage renal disease, or environmental hazard exposure. Issuers must provide notice of the open enrollment period to applicants.
HF 940	Beneficiary Notice and Property Transfer Act	Passed House	Amends Iowa's probate law to require holders of property with beneficiary designations to notify beneficiaries within 10 business days of the owner's death. Beneficiaries can present an affidavit to obtain property or information, and holders must transfer property or provide information within 30 days. The bill provides liability protection for holders acting in good faith and allows beneficiaries to bring action against non-compliant holders. The court may award damages, costs, penalties (\$500-\$10,000), and attorney fees to prevailing beneficiaries.

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SF 476	Medical Assistance Personal Needs Allowance Increase	Passed Senate HHS	Increases the personal needs allowance under Iowa's medical assistance program from \$50 to \$65 per month for residents of nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric medical institutions for children. The bill also provides for an annual increase in the allowance, tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), beginning July 1, 2026, with a maximum allowance of \$100 per month. Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the allowance biennially and submit a report to the General Assembly. The bill appropriates a sufficient amount from the general fund to cover the increased allowance and supplements for residents with incomes below \$65 per month.
SF 312	Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	Passed House	Establishes the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, allowing physician assistants licensed in one participating state to practice in another participating state under a compact privilege without additional licensure. The compact sets minimum licensure requirements, creates a commission to administer the compact, and outlines provisions for commission operations, data sharing, and dispute resolution.
HF 313	Authorizing Physician Assistants and ARNPs to Testify at Involuntary Commitment Hearings	Passed House	Allows physician assistants (PAs) and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) to testify on behalf of licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians, mental health professionals, or certified alcohol and drug counselors at involuntary commitment hearings for substance abuse disorders or serious mental impairments. To do so, the court must grant an application containing sworn statements that the PA or ARNP witnessed the examination, reviewed the written report, and that the original examiner is unable to attend.
HF 125	Transfer on Death Deed Act	Passed Judiciary Subcommittee	Iowa Transfer on Death Deed Act, allows individuals to execute a transfer on death deed, which transfers real property outside of probate to one or more beneficiaries effective at the transferor's death. The bill outlines the requirements for a valid transfer on death deed, including essential elements and formalities, and provides that the deed is revocable and nontestamentary. The bill also addresses the effect of the deed during the transferor's lifetime and at their death, as well as the rights of beneficiaries and creditors.

Family and Juvenile Law Section

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HF 314	Waiver of Home Studies	Signed by Governor	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. A bill for an act authorizing the waiver of preplacement investigations and reports in certain adoption proceedings. The law authorizes a court to waive a pre-placement investigation for an adoption if the petitioner is the current legal guardian and has been for more than three years and substantially complied with all reporting requirements during those three years.
HF 367	Family Interactions in CINA Proceedings	Signed by Governor	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. The law relates to family interactions during an ongoing child in need of assistance proceeding. Specifically, the new law removes the ability of the DHHS to end family interactions and gives the courts sole authority to make this determination. Additionally, the law requires family interactions in a CINA proceeding to continue unless the court finds substantial evidence that the interactions are a serious risk to the child.
HF 298	Supervised Apartment Living Placement in Consent Decrees	Signed by Governor	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. This legislation relates to the placement of a child who is the subject of a pending delinquency petition in a supervised apartment living arrangement pursuant to a consent decree, and the circumstances under which the placement is paid by the state. Specifically, the law amends Iowa Code section 232.46 – Allows Iowa courts to place children in supervised apartment living arrangements as a condition of a consent decree if they have lived in a qualified residential treatment program or shelter for at least six months and lack family support for independent living.
SF 523	Frazier Fix	Passed Senate, in House Judiciary	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. Amends Iowa Code section 598.1(3) that defines “joint custody” and “joint legal custody” in order to give courts authority to unbundle legal custodial rights. Creates a new section in Iowa Code Chapter 598 that grants Iowa courts express jurisdiction to resolve disputes between joint legal custodians without having to terminate the parents’ joint legal custody status.

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HSB 167/SSB 1127	Sealing Juvenile Records	Funneled in House and Senate	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. Amends Iowa Code Section 232.150 to guarantee juvenile records are sealed if they have successfully completed consent decrees or when their delinquency petitions have been dismissed by the court
SF 542	Suspending Support Orders in CINA Proceedings	Passed Senate, in House Judiciary	This is an affirmative bill by the ISBA Family and Juvenile Law Section. The legislative proposal allows a court to order the suspension of a support order ex parte if certain conditions are met (the juvenile court files a change of custody, the child has been placed with the obligor and the obligor petitions for the suspension of the support order. The legislation also requires the waiver of costs and filing fees and includes other provisions on the procedures for dispositional hearings on the matter.
SJR 9	Right to Confront Children Constitutional Amendment	Passed Both Chambers	This legislation was proposed by the Iowa Attorney General's Office to address the Supreme Court ruling in State v. White. The bill proposes a constitutional amendment to limit the right of an accused to confront witnesses under 18 or with mental illness, intellectual disability, or developmental disability. If adopted, it would be published, referred to the next general assembly, and submitted to the electorate for ratification
HF 644	Delegation of Custodial Rights	Signed by Governor	Allows the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to delegate custodial rights and duties to licensed foster care providers, including consenting to routine medical care, while maintaining residual parental rights and requiring notification to individual licensees of delegated rights.
HF 397	Address Confidentiality Program Changes	Signed by Governor	A bill for an act relating to the address confidentiality program. The legislation allows the SOS to accept the name of a shelter without requiring a physical address and allows the SOS to cancel a registration regarding a deceased participant or adult household member upon relieving reliable information. Additionally, the legislation allows mail to be held for 30 days at the participant's request by the SOS. Finally, the bill allows the SOS to cancel a voting registration if

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			the participant is registered in another state and stipulates that any participant in the program may vote absentee for the length they are a program participant.
SF 474	Youth Services and Support	Signed by Governor	This law was proposed by Iowa's Department of Health and Human Services and makes numerous changes to Iowa Code Chapter 232, Juvenile Justice. The law creates new definitions for "behavior health condition", "mental health disorder", "physical assessment", "serious emotional disturbance", and "substance use disorder" to 232. The law allows for a physical assessment and behavioral health evaluation order to occur at the same time as the adjudication hearing under section 232.47. Additionally, the law allows the juvenile court to take custody of a child if a parent or custodian of the child consents to the removal of the child from their care and allows for a parent or custodian to consent to the physical assessment or behavioral health evaluation and extends the time from 15 to 30 days for inpatient physical or behavioral health evaluations. The legislation also allows for the court to issue an ex parte order authorizing these evaluations in certain circumstances. Division Three of the legislation creates the new Director of Juvenile of Court Services Position to oversee juvenile court services in each district. Finally, the law creates a taskforce of interested stakeholders including the courts, practitioners, law enforcement agencies, and individuals with lived experience in the system to review Iowa's commitment law, juvenile delinquency law, and Child in Need of Assistance law and report the taskforce's recommendations to the legislature by October 1, 2025. Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to adopt rules relating to the application of a protective locked environment to child foster care licensees.
SF 513	Postsecondary Education Subsidy in Dissolution	Signed by Governor	This law eliminates the option for Iowa courts to order a postsecondary education subsidy in dissolution of marriage cases. The bill applies to support orders, decrees, or judgments entered or pending on or after July 1, 2025, and does not modify existing orders prior to that date.

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HF 248	Adopted Children	Signed by Governor	This law requires that employers treat employees who adopt a child under the age of six years old in the same manner as a biological parent for benefits and leave. The law also provides additional definitions.
HF 573	Involuntary Commitments	Signed by Governor	This law allows any interested person to start an involuntary commitment hearing for the respondent by filing a verified application in any county. The new law includes provisions for transferring jurisdiction to other counties and authorizes a peace officer to take a person into custody in any county for failing to complete court-ordered treatment.
SF 418	Gender Identity	Signed by Governor	Defines sex and gender for purposes of statutory construction, vital records, and civil rights. The bill establishes that sex means the state of being male or female as observed or clinically verified at birth and provides rules for statutory construction. It also amends the Iowa Civil Rights Act to remove gender identity as a protected class and prohibits instruction related to gender theory in kindergarten through grade six.
SF 515/HF 824	Educational Setting	Passed Senate, in House Judiciary	This bill requires courts to consider a minor child's educational setting in custody proceedings, with a rebuttable presumption favoring the previous year's setting when parents do not agree on what educational setting the child should be placed in. Orders must specify parental rights and responsibilities regarding education, and parents must provide a copy of the order to the educational setting and school district.
HF 616	Post-Nuptial Agreements	Funneled in House	Allows spouses to amend premarital agreements, in addition to revoking or enforcing them. Amendments must be in writing, signed by both spouses, and meet any additional criteria set forth in the original agreement. The bill applies to proceedings commenced on or after July 1, 2025.
HF 915	Privileged Communications between Spouses	Funneled in House	Amends Iowa's spousal privilege law, allowing spouses or former spouses to be examined in cases, but maintains they cannot be required to testify. They may

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			assert spousal privilege and refuse to reveal communications made during marriage, subject to exceptions for child-related cases.
HF 667	Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act	Funneled in House	Creates the Iowa Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act, governing arbitration in family disputes. It establishes procedures for arbitration agreements, arbitrator qualifications, and award enforcement, while also providing immunity for arbitrators and allowing for appeals. The bill applies to agreements made on or after its effective date
HF 953	Legal Representation for Children Placed in Foster Care	Passed House, funneled in Senate	This legislation requires courts to appoint counsel for children 10+ years old in child in need of assistance (CINA) proceedings instead of a guardian ad litem and requires counsel and a guardian ad litem for children under 10. The bill ensures children in foster care have continuous representation client-led until they exit the system.
SF 514	Temporary Custody – Joint Physical Care	Passed Senate, Funneled in House	A bill for an act relating to the awarding of joint physical care of children to parents awarded joint legal custody in temporary proceedings. The bill provides that if joint legal custody is awarded to both parents in the temporary matters hearing, the court must award joint physical care as well unless the court deems the awarding of joint physical inappropriate and not in the Child's best interest. The court must cite the reasons joint physical care is inappropriate using the factors listed in 598.41 if they deny the award of joint physical care in the temporary order of custody.
HF 125	Transfer on Death Deeds (TODD)	Funneled in both House and Senate	The bill allows for individuals to execute a transfer on death deed, transferring real property outside of probate to beneficiaries effective at death. The deed must be recorded before death and can be revoked. Beneficiaries take property subject to conveyances, encumbrances, and interests at the transferor's death.
HF 873	Children in Foster Care – Chemical Dependency	In House Appropriations	Amends Iowa's foster care laws, allowing courts to adjudicate children in need of assistance due to chemical dependency or mental health disorders. It also revises foster parent reimbursement rates, adoption investigation costs, and termination of parental rights proceedings, including exceptions for licensed attorneys.

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HF 932	Joint Physical Care	Passed House, Funneled in Senate	Requires parents seeking joint physical custody to submit a proposed parenting plan. If denied, the court must list requirements for future consideration. Fulfilling these requirements is considered a substantial change in circumstances for modifying custody orders. Gives the Judge discretion on whether to grant the substantial change in circumstances even if the requirements have been met. The custodial parent cannot impede the other's progress in fulfilling the requirements set by the court.
HF 1003	Foster Care Placements	Passed House, funneled in Senate	This bill prohibits a court from placing a child with a different foster care parent who has given a child foster care for nine months unless the court makes a specific finding that it is due to the best interests of the child. Requires the employees to use the practices in the 30-days to family model, to the extent possible.
SF 473	Moral Beliefs of Foster Families	Passed Senate, in House Judiciary	A bill for an act relating to certain sincerely held religious or moral beliefs of child foster care providers and prospective adoptive parents. The bill prohibits the HHS from requiring foster parents to agree certain to support certain policies on gender orientation and identity in order to be foster parents. Additionally, the bill allows HHS to take such beliefs into account when placing a child. Finally, the legislation allows foster care providers and the AG to bring enforcement actions
SF 521	Contempt Payments	Passed Senate, Funneled in the House	This legislation allows a court to order a person to pay attorney fees in a divorce case after the court has found the person disobeyed a temporary or final order in the case because that violation constitutes contempt.
HF 1026	Adoption Tax Credit	Passed House, In Senate Ways & Means	A bill for an act relating to the adoption tax credit available against the individual income tax, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. This bill increases the adoption tax credit to 20,000 for qualified expenses.
HF 1036	Combatting Human Trafficking Measures	Passed Senate, in Senate Appropriations	A bill for an act relating to human trafficking, including screening children, civil statutes of limitations, an annual stakeholder meeting and report, depositions of victims, restitution, restorative facilities and protective services, and investigation and prosecution, and including effective date provisions. The bill directs the Office of Human Trafficking in DPS to hold annual meetings with stakeholders, to make

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			legislative proposals, progress reports and a final report in 2030 and appropriated \$750,000 to the AG and the Office for a joint unit to investigate and prosecute trafficking cases and to collect data. SOL: Extends the statute of limitation for abuse/trafficking of a minor to five years after the victim reaches the age of 18. Extends other SOL for minors to five years after the age of majority. Changes to Human Trafficking Criminal Offense: The bill struck the requirement for an on-going relationship. Human Trafficking Screening: the bill allowed courts, or the court designee, to order the screening of a child for commercial sexual exploitation using a standardized check list and required HHS to order the screening of a child for commercial sexual exploitation using a standardized check list after abuse reports. Restitution: Makes Victim compensation Category A restitution. Restoration Services: Requires the HHS to develop a plan with nonprofits on restoration services for trafficking victims. Requires a report by December 2025.
HF 523	Peace Officers Filing Emergency Protective Orders	Passed the House, Funneled in the Senate	A bill for an act relating to the ability of peace officers to file a petition for emergency protective orders on behalf of persons seeking relief from domestic abuse. The legislation allows a peace officer to file for a 72-hour protective order on behalf of a person who claims to be in danger or domestic abuse and who asks the officer to do so.
SF 445	Governor's Child Care Omnibus	Passed Senate, In House Health and Human Services Committee	This bill elates to early childhood education and care, including the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (SWVPP), the Child Development Coordinating Council, programs for at-risk children, the responsibilities of the Department of Education (DE), the Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) initiative, the State Child Care Assistance (CCA) program, and establishing a child care continuum partnership grants pilot program within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
HF 798	Parental Permission for Social Media for Minors	In House Ways & Means	This bill relates to parental authorization for minors to create accounts on social media platforms and provides civil penalties. This bill makes new definitions and requires social media companies to obtain permission from parents before

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			<p>allowing a minor to obtain an account, to allow a parent to revoke an account and to give parents a password for access. The bill also requires that parents are given additional rights to monitor their child on social media and gives the Attorney General the power to enforce the bill.</p>

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HF 1049	Health and Human Services Appropriations	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the state to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Increased appropriations for various HHS programs, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + Medical Assistance Program: \$1,903,550,706 b. + State Supplementary Assistance: \$4,479,762 c. + Hawki Program: \$61,266,871 d. + Health Program Operations: \$39,672,433 7. Decreased appropriation for the State Resource Center at Glenwood: \$1,590,130 8. Transfer of \$1 million from the Beer and Liquor Control Fund to the Behavioral Health Fund 9. Prohibition on using Medical Assistance Program funds for sex reassignment surgery or associated procedures 10. Establishment of a hospital directed payment program, which may include assessments on hospitals
SF 659	"Standings" Appropriations bill	Signed by Governor	<p>A comprehensive bill that makes various appropriations, distributions, transfers, and expenditure authority adjustments in Iowa state government. Key provisions include: Crystalline Polymorph Psilocybin: Removes trade name specifications for crystalline polymorph psilocybin, allowing for its rescheduling upon FDA approval. Medical Residency and Fellowship Positions: Amends the definition of "resident of Iowa" in 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 516.</p>
HF 876	Lead Service Line Disclosure	Signed by Governor	<p>Defines "Service line" as the pipe connecting the water main to interior plumbing, and "lead service line" means a service line made of lead, downstream of any lead service line, or a service line of unknown material. Requires disclosure: sellers must include information about the presence of lead service lines in the written disclosure statement provided to buyers. Effective Date: January 1, 2026.</p>
HF 1039	RIIF Budget	Signed by Governor	<p>Appropriates funds from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) for various state entities and projects. Key</p>

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			<p>provisions include: Transfers responsibility for providing furnishings for district court facilities from the state to counties. Appropriation Increases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RIIF: \$10,000,000 for deposit in the community attraction and tourism fund (FY 2025-2026) 2. TRF: \$5,375,000 for the purchase of an enterprise management system (FY 2025-2026) 3. TRF: \$2,947,658 for the security office of the chief information officer (FY 2025-2026)
SF 593	District Parcel Record Filing Requirements	Signed by Governor	<p>Requires county auditors to prepare and file a district parcel record with the county recorder, identifying all parcels within a drainage or levee district. The record must include the legal description, parcel identification number, and owner names for each 40-acre tract or fraction thereof. County auditors who have not filed a district parcel record before the effective date must do so by June 30, 2026.</p>
SF 657	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various economic development tax credits and incentives in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Incentives for Growth Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits and refunds for businesses that create jobs and invest in Iowa. 2. High Quality Jobs Program: Repeals the program, effective December 31, 2025. 3. Seed Investor Tax Credit Program: Creates a new program offering tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses. 4. Iowa Film Production Incentive Program: Establishes a new program providing rebates for film productions in Iowa. 5. Targeted Jobs Withholding Credit: Modifies the credit, reducing the percentage of gross wages eligible for the credit. 6. Employer Child Care Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 7. Assistive Device Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 8. Endow Iowa Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031.

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			<p>9. Research Activities Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2027.</p> <p>10. Research and Development Tax Credit Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits for qualified research and development expenditures.</p>
HF 856	Prohibition on Funding for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Offices	Signed by Governor	Prohibits state entities, including local government entities, from expending funds to establish, sustain, or staff diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officers. The bill also prohibits state entities from using any funds, including appropriations, bequests, donations, and grants, for these purposes. Effective July 1, 2025.
SF 626	Federal Block Grant Budget	Signed by Governor	Appropriates federal moneys for various programs in Iowa for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 federal fiscal years. The bill also provides procedures for increasing or decreasing appropriations if the amounts of the block grants are increased or decreased from the anticipated amounts. Retroactively applicable to March 28, 2025
SF 641	DHS Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Appropriates funds from the region incentive fund to HHS for FY 2024-2025 to ensure continuity of care for persons transferring services from the mental health and disability services system to the behavioral health services system.</p> <p>Tax Changes: Changes the tax rate for health maintenance organizations contracting with HHS to administer the medical assistance program from 2.5% to the applicable percent of premiums received and taxable, which is .95% for 2025, .925% for 2026, and .9% for 2027 and subsequent years. The bill also makes changes to child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, and internal audit and examination information confidentiality, but these changes do not directly impact appropriations or taxes.</p>
HF 975	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Eliminating the brownfield redevelopment program and advisory council</p> <p>Modifying the historic preservation tax credit program to allow for larger projects and more flexible timelines; Creating the arts and culture enhancement fund to support arts and cultural organizations; Increasing the appropriation from gambling and sports wagering taxes to the arts and culture enhancement fund by \$520,000 each fiscal year; Eliminating the title guaranty division board and transferring its powers to the Iowa finance authority board of directors;</p>

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			Allows the Iowa economic development authority to grant historic preservation tax credits beyond the aggregate tax credit award limit in certain circumstances. Effective July 1, 2025.
HF 903	Partial Payments for Farm-to-Market Road Construction	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code Section 310.18 to specify that the board of supervisors of a county, the county engineer, or the Department of Transportation (DOT) may approve partial and final claims for partial payments made during construction of a farm-to-market road. The bill does not increase or decrease an appropriation or tax. It clarifies that partial payments may be made on work in progress without constituting final acceptance of the work or waiving any defects. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2025.
SF 583	School Safety and Threat Assessment Teams	Signed by Governor	This bill requires the creation of threat assessment teams in Iowa schools and authorizes information sharing between certain governmental agencies to ensure school safety. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
SF 592	Accessory Dwelling Units Regulation	Signed by Governor	This bill regulates county and city oversight of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Iowa, it prohibits counties and cities from imposing certain restrictions on ADUs.
HF 297	Iowa Emergency Services Funding and Volunteer Compensation	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa law to allow cities to establish funds or reserve savings accounts for major equipment purchases for police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services. The bill also permits lawful compensation, including nominal stipends, incentives, and benefits, for volunteer firefighters or emergency medical care providers holding city offices or positions.
SF 303	Regulation of Consumer Fireworks	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 331.301 and 364.2 to restrict the authority of county boards of supervisors and city councils to regulate consumer fireworks. The bill prohibits these entities from limiting or restricting the use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, or novelties on July 3, July 4, and December 31. Effective July 1, 2025.
HF 862	County Attorney Conflict of Interest	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code Section 331.755 to expand the list of prohibited actions for county attorneys, including jointly representing the county, board of supervisors, or other

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			county officials when a conflict of interest exists; Engaging in legal representation that creates a conflict of interest with the county.
SF 565	Continuation of Health Insurance for Surviving Spouses and Children of State Employees	Signed by Governor	Requires the state to permit continuation of existing health insurance coverage or reenrollment in previously existing coverage for the surviving spouse and each surviving child of an eligible state employee who dies as a result of a traumatic personal injury incurred in the performance of their work duties.
HF 652	County and City Regulation of Real Property	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 335.15 and 414.12 to grant county and city boards of adjustment the power to authorize variances from zoning ordinances regarding area, dimensional, or other numerical limitations.
HF 844	Public Funds Deposit Eligibility	Signed by Governor	Repeals Iowa Code section 12C.6A, which required financial institutions to demonstrate a commitment to serving local community needs to be eligible to accept public funds. The bill eliminates the treasurer of state's duty to create a list of eligible financial institutions and the associated requirements for public comments and annual submissions. The process for challenging an institution's eligibility to receive public funds is also abolished. The legislation takes effect on July 1, 2025.
SF 574	Public Improvement Contract Retention Fees and Bonds	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code Chapter 573, relating to public improvement contracts. The bill makes several changes to the retention fees and bonds requirements for public improvement contracts.
HF 549	Officer-Involved Shooting Review	Signed by Governor	Requires a county attorney to review officer-involved shooting cases resulting in death or serious bodily injury.
SF 311	City civil service employees	Signed by Governor	Modifies various aspects of city civil service employees and procedures in Iowa. Key provisions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Prohibiting cities with a civil service commission from establishing citizen review boards for officer conduct 6. Requiring cities with a population over 50,000 to have 5-7 civil service commissioners

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Modifying standards and procedures for removing, discharging, demoting, or suspending city civil service employees 8. Changing appeal procedures to the city civil service commission and district court 9. Allowing for reasonable attorney fees, expert fees, and costs to be awarded to employees who substantially prevail in appeals
HF 860	prohibiting state and local regulations on fuel-powered equipment	Signed by Governor	This bill prohibits government entities in Iowa from adopting or enforcing regulations that restrict the possession, use, or sale of fuel-powered equipment based on its fuel source.
HF 643	Reimbursement for Confinement of Sexually Violent Predators	Signed by Governor	This bill requires the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to reimburse counties at a rate of \$50 per day for the temporary holding or confinement of a sexually violent predator (SVP) who commits a public offense while subject to an order of civil commitment. The reimbursement applies to both pre-sentencing and post-sentencing confinement. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 969	Public Safety Personnel Cancer Benefits Expansion	Signed by Governor	<p>Expands benefits for Iowa public safety personnel with cancer diagnoses. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadening the definition of "cancer" to include all types, rather than specific ones, for purposes of accidental disability and death benefits under the Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System (PORS) and the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (411 System). 2. Expanding eligibility for in-service disability retirement allowance for special service members under the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. <p>Requiring political subdivisions to comply with the expanded benefits, even if funding is not provided or specified, as the bill makes inapplicable the provision that would relieve them from complying with a state mandate without funding. The effective date is July 1, 2025.</p>

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SF 75	County Supervisor Representation Plans and Vacancies	Signed by Governor	Revises county supervisor representation plans and vacancy filling procedures in Iowa. The bill requires counties with a population of 125,000 or more, or those with a main campus of an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, to use plan three for electing supervisors. Plan three involves electing supervisors from single-member, equal-population districts. The bill also changes the date for special elections to select a supervisor representation plan from the first Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
HF 706	Open Meetings and Records Act	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa's open meetings and records law, increasing penalties for non-compliance and imposing new training requirements on public officials.
SF 619	Natural Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery	Signed by Governor	This legislation establishes the Natural Hazard Mitigation Financing Program, amends the Disaster Recovery Housing Assistance Program, and creates the Disaster Recovery New Housing Program. It also regulates post-loss assignment of benefits and public, independent, and staff adjusters.
HF 390	Physical Examinations for Child Care Facility Personnel	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code section 237A.5 to modify the timing requirements for physical examinations of personnel working in licensed or registered child care facilities. The bill allows individuals to receive an initial physical examination within six months prior to or three months after beginning employment, and requires follow-up examinations every three years from the date of the initial examination.
SF 588	Standardizing Local Government Notice Requirements	Signed by Governor	Standardizes notice requirements for various local government actions in Iowa, including property tax hearings, bond issuances, and zoning changes. The bill requires that notices be published at least once in a newspaper with general circulation in the city, or by posting in three public places if the city has a population of 200 or less or no newspaper. The notice period is set at not less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the date of the hearing or action.
SF 42	Emergency Medical Services Fund Expenditures Modification	Signed by Governor	Modifies the costs eligible for emergency medical services fund expenditures in Iowa. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expansion of eligible costs to include salaries or wages of emergency medical care providers providing emergency medical services.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of "emergency medical care provider" and "emergency medical services" as per Section 147A.1. No change in tax rates or appropriations, but allows for the use of existing emergency medical services trust fund proceeds to cover the expanded costs. <p>Effective date: upon enactment (March 28, 2025).</p>
SF 603	Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Reform	Signed by Governor	Bill that reforms various aspects of workforce development and unemployment insurance in Iowa. The bill is divided into two main divisions: Division I, which relates to the functions of the Department of Workforce Development, the Workforce Development Board, and local workforce development boards; and Division II, which modifies the definition of taxable wages for unemployment insurance purposes.
HF 901	Law Enforcement Academy Lateral Transfer Bill	Signed by Governor	Allows eligible military veterans and former federal law enforcement officers to qualify for lateral transfer to a law enforcement agency in Iowa without completing the academy training program. To be eligible, veterans must have served at least four years of active duty, held a primary military occupational specialty as a military police officer, completed accredited military police training, and received an honorable discharge within three years of applying. Former federal law enforcement officers must have served at least four years and completed accredited federal law enforcement training.
HF 949	County Commissioner and Auditor Duties Modification	Passed House	<p>Modifies the duties of county commissioners and auditors in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing the bid threshold for goods and services from \$1,000 to \$50,000, allowing for an informal bid process for amounts equal to or less than \$50,000. Eliminating various duties assigned to county auditors, including those related to mental health treatment, veteran assistance, and school funds. Eliminating the requirement to index official bonds by name and date. Repealing certain record-keeping requirements for county auditors. Effective July 1, 2025.

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HF 1037	Modifying Economic Development Provisions for Housing and Residential Development	Amended by Senate	Modifies Iowa's economic development provisions related to housing and residential development in urban renewal areas. Key changes include: Expanding the definition of "economic development" to include the provision of workforce housing. Allowing municipalities to provide up to 20% of the original project cost for low and moderate income family housing in economic development areas, regardless of population size. Extending the division of revenue (tax increment financing) for such projects to 20 fiscal years, up from the current 10-year maximum.
HF 1051	Self-Supported Tourism Improvement Districts	Passed House Ways	Authorizes cities to establish self-supported tourism improvement districts, allowing a levy (assessment) upon lodging businesses to fund improvements and activities benefiting those businesses. The assessment is based on the estimated benefit to each lodging business within the district.
HF 1050	Property Tax Exemption of Aboveground Storage Tanks	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code section 427A.1 to exempt aboveground storage tanks with a capacity of 91,000 gallons or less from being assessed and taxed as real property, regardless of their use or intended use. This exemption applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.
SF 633	Forest and Fruit-Tree Reservation Program	Passed Senate	Establishes a program fee for forest and fruit-tree reservations in Iowa, effective January 1, 2026. Effective Date: Contingent on the effective date of 2025 Acts, Senate Study Bill 1227, division I. That bill did not pass, so this bill will not take effect.
HF 1013	Exemption on Property Taxes for Disaster Area Properties	Passed House	Establishes a partial exemption on property taxes for certain residential properties sold in disaster areas. The bill provides an exemption for a four-year period. Passed House only.
HF 1023	Modifications to IPERS	Passed House	Modifies IPERS benefits and contributions for members employed in protection occupations.
SF 653	Historic Preservation Tax Credit Extension	Passed House and Senate Ways	Amends the historic preservation tax credit provision to expand the preservation of existing rights from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. This bill ensures that tax credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023, will not be limited, modified, or

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			adversely affected by the gradual reduction of refundability enacted in House File 2317.
SF 656	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Opt-Out	Passed Senate Ways	This bill allows residential real property owners in Iowa to temporarily opt out of solid waste collection and disposal services provided or contracted by a county or city. To qualify, the property must be an eligible homestead receiving a homestead credit, and the owner must submit a completed application requesting an opt-out period not exceeding five months.
SF 651	Iowa Property Tax Reform Act	Passed Senate Ways	Makes significant changes to Iowa's property tax system, affecting various aspects of taxation, including county and city budgets, school district funding, and property classifications.
SF 616	Partition Fence Law Amendments	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa's partition fence law to grant the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and county conservation boards the same rights and obligations as private landowners when erecting and maintaining partition fences. The bill requires both parties to deposit funds with the fence viewers to cover their portion of the costs and fees.
HF 1007	Iowa Victim Restitution Fund Establishment and Fine Distribution Modification	Passed House	Modifies the distribution of collected criminal case fines and establishes a victim restitution fund. Redistribution of fine amounts: 85% to the state court administrator, 8% to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund, and 7% to the newly established victim restitution fund.
HF 977	Ground Emergency Medical Transportation Program Expansion	Passed House	Requires the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to employ dedicated staff to expand enrollment in the ground emergency medical transportation program. The staff will provide technical assistance, actuary support, and Medicaid enrollment assistance to eligible providers. The department must develop the program to ensure access to emergency medical services throughout the state and submit an annual report to the general assembly by December 15.

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HF 1008	Land Redevelopment Trust	Passed House	Establishes the Iowa Land Redevelopment Trust Act, allowing municipalities to create land redevelopment trusts to revitalize dilapidated, abandoned, blighted, and tax-delinquent properties.
SF 180	Right to refuse certain medical services for reasons of conscience.	Passed Senate	Establishes an individual's right to refuse medical services for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, if the service is declared a countermeasure under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act or has an emergency use authorization from the US FDA. The bill prohibits entities from taking adverse actions against individuals who refuse such services, including employment termination, service denial, segregation, penalties, and discrimination. Individuals may bring civil actions against entities that violate the bill, seeking injunctive relief, declaratory judgment, and damages.
SF 507	Prohibition on County and City Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs	Passed Senate	Prohibits counties and cities in Iowa from adopting ordinances, motions, resolutions, amendments, or policies that establish or maintain diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, hire employees or contract with third parties to perform diversity, equity, and inclusion duties, or compel individuals to provide diversity, equity, and inclusion statements.
SF 579	Local Civil Rights Commissions and Agencies Reform	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code Section 216.19 to reform local civil rights commissions and agencies. Key provisions include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Complaints involving a political subdivision must be referred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights for processing. 6. Unresolved complaints alleging a violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 can be transferred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights after 12 months upon request by any party. 7. Local agencies must notify parties of their right to direct transfer after 12 months and cross-file complaints with the Iowa Office of Civil Rights if they arise from alleged state law violations. 8. The term of a commissioner appointed to a local agency or commission is set at two years.

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SF 594	Countywide Fire Protection Services Study	Passed Senate	Requires the state fire marshal to conduct a study on the consolidation of fire protection services in Iowa. The study must analyze the costs, benefits, and feasibility of implementing countywide fire protection services.
SF 595	Construction Regulation Reform	Passed Senate	Modifies Iowa's construction regulations, including state building codes, contractor licensing, and stormwater management requirements.
HF 259	Public Notice Requirements	Passed House	Amends Iowa's public notice requirements for meetings of governmental bodies.
HF 768	Public Information Board Complaint Filing Extension	Passed H & S State Government	Extends the time to file a complaint with the Iowa Public Information Board from 60 to 90 days after an alleged violation of open meetings (Code chapter 21) or open records (Code chapter 22) occurred or the complainant could have become aware of the alleged violation.
SF 503	Expansion of Open Records Definition and Penalties	Passed H & S Local Government	Amends the definition of "government body" in Iowa Code chapter 22 to include instrumentalities of counties, cities, or townships, subjecting them to open records requirements and associated civil penalties. The bill defines "instrumentality" as an entity serving a governmental purpose, operating on behalf of a political subdivision, and under the control and supervision of its members.
SF 600	Storm Water Drainage System Services Exemptions	Passed Senate Ways	Creates exemptions for service charges related to storm water drainage system services in Iowa. The bill prohibits counties, cities, and real estate improvement districts from charging for certain services.
SF 609	Property Tax Abatement for Surviving Spouses of Emergency Services Members	Passed Senate Ways	Authorizes the abatement of property taxes and special assessments owed on property owned by the surviving spouse of an emergency services member killed in the line of duty. The bill defines "emergency services member" to include firefighters, peace officers, correctional officers, emergency medical care providers, and volunteer emergency services providers.
SF 596	Local Emergency Management Funding Reform	Passed Senate Ways	Revises the funding structure for local emergency management agencies in Iowa.

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SF 598	Property Assessment for Development Land	Passed Senate Ways	Modifies the assessment of property acquired for development.
SF 162	IPER's Notification Requirements To Members	Passed House	This bill repeals the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System's (IPERS) obligation to notify members of their account balance and status upon termination of covered employment prior to retirement.
SF 386	Extension of Filing Deadline for Open Meetings and Records Complaints	Passed S & H State Government	Amends Iowa Code section 23.7 to extend the deadline for filing complaints with the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) regarding alleged violations of open meetings (Chapter 21) and open records (Chapter 22) laws. The bill increases the filing deadline from 60 days to 90 days after the alleged violation occurred or the complainant could have become aware of it with reasonable diligence.
SF 389	Public Records Request Response Requirements	Passed S & H State Government	Amends Iowa Code sections 22.3 and 22.4 to establish specific response requirements for public records requests. Upon receipt of a request, the lawful custodian must: 1. Promptly acknowledge the request and provide contact information for the authorized designee. 2. Provide an approximate date for a response and an estimate of any reasonable fees associated with the request. 3. Inform the requester of any expected delay in production of the public record.
HF 642	Residency Requirement for	Passed House Local Government	Amends Iowa Code Section 217.43 to require members appointed to a county advisory board to reside in the county the board serves.
HF 774	County Attorney Salary Flexibility	Passed House Local Government	Repeals the requirement that counties with populations of 200,000 or less set county attorney salaries between 45% and 100% of a district court judge's salary. This change grants counties flexibility in determining county attorney compensation.
HF 946	Enforcement of immigration laws,	Passed House	Relates to the enforcement of immigration laws in Iowa. The bill provides that any law enforcement officer, including an elected sheriff, who knowingly and intentionally fails to comply with the requirements of Code chapter 27A (enforcement of immigration laws) shall be guilty of a class D felony, punishable by confinement for

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			no more than five years and a fine of at least \$1,025 but not more than \$10,245. Conviction under the bill shall also be grounds for mandatory revocation of a law enforcement officer's certification by the Iowa law enforcement academy.
SF 62	Railway Special Agents	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 80.25 to require railway special agents to cooperate with city, county, and state law enforcement when investigating a criminal offense or crash involving a resident of or property located within the state.
SF 494	Freedom to Garden Act	Passed Senate	Prohibits state agencies and local governments from regulating residential gardens on private property, with certain exceptions.
HF 937	Law Enforcement Officer Certification Revocation and Suspension	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 80B.13A to specify grounds for revoking or suspending law enforcement officer certification. The bill allows the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council to revoke or suspend certification of an officer under certain circumstances.
SF 259	Limiting Release of Personal Information for Traffic Camera Violations	Passed Senate	This bill restricts the release of personal information for traffic violations observed by out-of-state traffic cameras.
SF 601	Timeline for Information Availability on City Utility Discontinuance	Passed Senate	Amends Section 388.2A of the Iowa Code to reduce the required timeline for making proposals available online concerning the discontinuance of city utilities from 60 days to 30 days before submitting a proposal for election.
HF 848	State Transportation Commission Regional Representation and Residency Requirements	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 307A.1A to require the state transportation commission (STC) to consist of seven members, each representing and residing in one of seven designated regions of the state. The bill divides the state into seven regions, each comprising specific adjoining counties. Members appointed to represent a region who no longer reside in that region shall be deemed to have resigned from the STC, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by current law.

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HF 380	County Vehicle Acquisition as General County Purpose	Passed House	Amends the definition of "general county purpose" to include the acquisition of vehicles or vehicle equipment for various county departments, such as sheriff, attorney, jail, maintenance, conservation, and public health. This change allows county boards of supervisors to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds for these purposes without voter approval, as authorized under Code chapter 331.
HF 305	Expansion of County Medical Examiner Qualifications	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 331.801 to expand the qualifications for a county medical examiner. The bill adds advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants to the list of medical professionals who may be appointed as a county medical examiner, in addition to licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and osteopathic physicians.

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HF 383	Psilocybin Rescheduling	Passed Both Chambers-vetoed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code section 124.201 to provide for the immediate removal of crystalline polymorph psilocybin from Schedule I upon its approval by the US FDA and rescheduling based on FDA recommendations and listing in the federal Controlled Substances Act. Upon rescheduling, it shall be lawful to prescribe, distribute, and market the pharmaceutical composition of crystalline polymorph psilocybin.
HF 310	Health Care Provider Assault Protection Act	Signed by Governor	Amends the definition of "health care provider" to include individuals working, volunteering, or participating in educational courses at hospitals, rural emergency hospitals, or nursing facilities. Assaults on health care providers can result in penalties ranging from serious misdemeanors (up to 1 year confinement, \$430-\$2,560 fine) to class D felonies (up to 5 years confinement, \$1,025-\$10,245 fine).
HF 972	Health Care System Funding and Reform	Signed by Governor	Makes significant changes to Iowa's health care system, including funding models, incentive programs, and graduate medical education. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishes a health care hub-and-spoke partnership funding model to improve rural health care. 2. Eliminates several health care-related award, grant, residency, and fellowship programs, and transfers unencumbered funds to a new health care professional incentive program. 3. Creates a health care professional incentive program to recruit and retain eligible health care professionals in underserved areas. 4. Increases funding for Medicaid graduate medical education efforts through the elimination of other programs and the transfer of funds. 5. Eliminates the health facilities council and transfers its duties to the Department of Health and Human Services. 6. Reforms the Iowa health information network, eliminating the board of directors and creating an exchange advisory committee.
HF 1038	Iowa Opioid Settlement Fund Appropriations	Signed by Governor	Appropriates funds from the Iowa Opioid Settlement Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028. The bill allocates:

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$9.1 million annually for distribution to administrative services organizations (ASOs) to facilitate crisis response, early intervention, treatment, and recovery of opioid addiction in their respective behavioral health districts. 2. \$3.9 million annually for statewide prevention initiatives and evaluation of programs and services funded by the Opioid Settlement Fund. 3. \$20 million for FY 2025-2026 to be deposited into the Opioid Reserve Account, which supports behavioral health districts' efforts to increase capacity for opioid-related services. <p>The bill requires HHS to submit annual reports to the general assembly, including recommendations from district behavioral health advisory councils and evaluations of programs and services funded by the Opioid Settlement Fund.</p>
HF 299	Immunization Exemption Information	Signed by Governor	<p>Requires the provision of information relating to immunization exemptions in various settings, including schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher learning. The bill amends existing code sections to mandate the inclusion of exemption information in public communications, school registrations, and communications to parents and students.</p> <p>The bill specifies that the state cost of any state mandate included in the bill shall be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid received by the school district under Code section 257.16. This provision is intended to reinstate the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state mandates included in the bill. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires schools, child care centers, and institutions of higher learning to provide information on immunization exemptions and requirements. 2. Mandates the inclusion of exemption information in public communications, school registrations, and communications to parents and students. 3. Specifies that the state cost of any state mandate shall be paid by school districts from state school foundation aid. <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>

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HF 300	Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	Signed by Governor	Establishes the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, allowing physician assistants licensed in one participating state to practice in another participating state under a compact privilege without additional licensure. The compact sets minimum licensure requirements, creates a commission to administer the compact, and outlines provisions for commission operations, data sharing, and dispute resolution.
HF 303	Prior Authorization Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Aims to streamline prior authorization processes for healthcare providers and patients in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring utilization review organizations to respond to prior authorization requests within 48 hours for urgent requests and 10 calendar days for non-urgent requests. 2. Mandating annual reviews to eliminate prior authorization requirements for services that are routinely approved. 3. Establishing a pilot program for health carriers to exempt certain providers, including primary care providers, from prior authorization requirements. 4. Requiring health carriers to report on the results of the exemption program, including costs and savings. <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 933	Mason's Law: Pediatric Palliative Care Centers	Signed by Governor	<p>Establishes and regulates pediatric palliative care centers (PPCCs) in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of "hospice patient" to include individuals under 21 with chronic, complex, life-threatening illnesses. 2. Definition of "pediatric palliative care center" as a residential care facility providing respite care and hospice services to individuals under 21 with life-threatening illnesses. 3. Exemption of PPCCs from the restriction on providing care and services to individuals requiring registered or licensed practical nurse services on a nonemergency basis. 4. Exemption of PPCCs from certificate of need requirements. 5. Requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules for PPCCs.

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			<p>Funding and Appropriations: it makes PPCCs eligible for funding available to other licensed residential care facilities and hospice programs, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal social services block grant 2. State supplementary assistance program 3. Hospice respite benefit 4. Home and community-based services waivers 5. Funding sources under chapter 249A 6. Benefits available to nursing facilities under chapter 135C related to respite care services. <p>Effective date: May 27, 2025.</p>
SF 615	Health and Wellness Plan Work Requirements and Public Assistance Programs	Signed by Governor	<p>Relates to work requirements for the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP), public assistance programs, an information technology fund, and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to request federal approval to include work requirements as a condition of maintaining eligibility for IHAWP. 2. Exempts certain individuals from the work requirement, including those under 19, 65 or older, disabled, medically frail, or experiencing a high-risk pregnancy. 3. Creates an information technology fund in the state treasury under HHS control, repealing the public assistance modernization fund and transferring unobligated moneys to the new fund. 4. Increases the maximum amount of disregarded resources for couples in the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program from \$10,000 to \$21,000.
SF 626	Federal Moneys and Regulations Appropriations	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates federal moneys for various programs in Iowa for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 federal fiscal years. Relevant appropriations are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substance Abuse Appropriations: \$14,116,120 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$14,116,120 (FFY 2026-2027) 2. Community Mental Health Services Appropriations: \$7,754,083 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$7,754,083 (FFY 2026-2027)

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			<p>3. Maternal and Child Health Services Appropriations: \$6,775,530 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$6,775,530 (FFY 2026-2027)</p> <p>4. Preventive Health and Health Services Appropriations: \$1,955,591 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$1,955,591 (FFY 2026-2027)</p> <p>5. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant Program Appropriations: \$422,329 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$307,388 (FFY 2026-2027)</p> <p>6. Social Services Appropriations: \$15,264,832 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$15,264,832 (FFY 2026-2027)</p> <p>7. Child Care and Development Appropriations: \$109,630,285 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$109,630,285 (FFY 2026-2027)</p> <p>8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Appropriations: \$130,980,383 (FFY 2025-2026) and \$130,980,383 (FFY 2026-2027)</p>
SF 641	DHS Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Makes various changes to laws related to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including administrative services organizations, child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, and health maintenance organizations. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the region incentive fund to HHS for FY 2024-2025 to ensure continuity of care for persons transferring services from the mental health and disability services system to the behavioral health services system. Transfers unobligated and unencumbered moneys from the mental health and disability services regional service fund to the behavioral health fund on June 30, 2025. Changes the premium tax rate for health maintenance organizations contracting with HHS to administer the medical assistance program from 2.5% to the applicable percent (0.95% for 2025, 0.925% for 2026, and 0.9% for 2027 and subsequent years).</p>
SF 659	"Standings" Appropriations bill	Signed by Governor	<p>A comprehensive bill that makes various appropriations, distributions, transfers, and expenditure authority adjustments in Iowa state government. Key provisions include: Crystalline Polymorph Psilocybin: Removes trade name specifications for crystalline polymorph psilocybin, allowing for its rescheduling upon FDA approval.</p>

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			Medical Residency and Fellowship Positions: Amends the definition of "resident of Iowa" in 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 516.
HF 1049	Health and Human Services Appropriations	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds from the general fund of the state to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for fiscal year 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Increased appropriations for various HHS programs, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + Medical Assistance Program: \$1,903,550,706 b. + State Supplementary Assistance: \$4,479,762 c. + Hawki Program: \$61,266,871 d. + Health Program Operations: \$39,672,433 12. Decreased appropriation for the State Resource Center at Glenwood: \$1,590,130 13. Transfer of \$1 million from the Beer and Liquor Control Fund to the Behavioral Health Fund 14. Prohibition on using Medical Assistance Program funds for sex reassignment surgery or associated procedures 15. Establishment of a hospital directed payment program, which may include assessments on hospitals
HF 330	Insurance Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa law to expand insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) treatment. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eliminating the 21-year age limit for ASD coverage under group plans for state employees 2. Removing the \$36,000 annual maximum benefit for ASD treatment 3. Eliminating age restrictions and maximum benefit amounts for applied behavior analysis (ABA) coverage 4. Requiring ABA coverage to be provided without limits on the number of visits 5. Applying the changes to plans delivered, issued, continued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.

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HF 805	Dental Assistant Registration Exemption	Signed by Governor	Allows individuals to practice as dental assistants without registration by the dental board if they complete a term of practical training under a dentist's supervision. The dental board must adopt rules for implementation. No appropriations or taxes are increased or decreased. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 887	Birth Center Regulation Reform	Signed by Governor	Removes birth centers from the definition of "institutional health facility" in Iowa law, exempting them from certificate of need (CON) requirements. This change allows health care providers to create, relocate, expand, or offer new services in birth centers without obtaining a CON. The bill makes conforming changes to relevant Code sections. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 919	Specialty Hospital Designation	Signed by Governor	Establishes a new designation for specialty hospitals in Iowa, providing regulatory flexibility and reimbursement adjustments for certain nonprofit organizations serving children with complex medical needs. Effective Date: May 1, 2025.
SF 470	Dental Care Services Prior Authorization and Overpayment Recovery	Signed by Governor	Relates to prior authorization for dental care services, notice to dental care providers that a dental care service plan is state-regulated, and recovery of overpayments by a dental carrier.
HF 516	Medical Residency and Fellowship Reporting Requirements	Signed by Governor	Requires the State Board of Regents to adopt a policy ensuring that at least 80% of students accepted into the University of Iowa's Colleges of Medicine and Dentistry are Iowa residents or have attended an Iowa community college, private institution, or regents university. The bill also mandates an annual report from the University of Iowa, in collaboration with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), to the General Assembly. The report must include information on the residency of graduates and medical residents, including the states they move to after graduation or completion of medical residency. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
SF 233	Right to Try Act Expansion	Signed by Governor	Expands Iowa's Right to Try Act to include patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses, in addition to those with terminal illnesses. The bill also broadens the definition of "investigational drug, biological product, or device" to

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			include individualized investigational treatments, such as gene therapy and neoantigen vaccines.
SF 383	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Regulates pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) in Iowa, aiming to increase transparency and fairness in the industry. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting PBMs from discriminating against pharmacies or pharmacists 2. Requiring PBMs to use pass-through pricing models, with some exceptions 3. Mandating PBMs to reimburse pharmacies at least the national average drug acquisition cost or wholesale acquisition cost 4. Establishing a professional dispensing fee of \$10.60 5. Requiring PBMs to submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and publish them online 6. Creating an appeals process for pharmacies to dispute reimbursement rates
SF 474	Youth Services and Support	Signed by Governor	<p>Reforms services and support for youth in Iowa, particularly in the areas of treatment, physical assessments, and behavioral health evaluations. Key provisions of the bill include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exempting psychiatric medical institutions for children (PMICs) from licensing requirements for maintaining or conducting programs with the primary purpose of treating and rehabilitating persons with a substance use disorder 2. Defining and establishing standards for behavioral health evaluations and physical assessments for youth 3. Authorizing courts to order inpatient physical assessments or behavioral health evaluations for youth in certain circumstances. 4. Exempting PMICs from licensing requirements for child foster care. 5. Requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to adopt rules relating to the application of a protective locked environment to child foster care licensees.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Transferring authority over chief juvenile court officers from chief judges to the director of juvenile court services. 7. Suspending, but not terminating, Hawki program eligibility for children in public institutions under certain circumstances.
HF 309	Review of Deficient Practices by Nursing Facilities	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code section 135C.40 to require the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to establish a process for reviewing deficient practices by nursing facilities prior to issuing a citation. The process allows facility representatives to provide context and evidence for DIAL's consideration.
SF 397	Enhanced Penalties for Assaults on Certain Occupations	Signed by Governor	<p>Increases penalties for assaults on individuals in certain occupations, including peace officers, correctional staff, healthcare providers, and others. The bill does not contain any provisions that increase or decrease an appropriation or tax. Key provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases penalties for assaults on listed occupations by one degree. 2. Adds employees of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing, and juvenile detention staff to the list of protected occupations. 3. Provides that any other assault, including those involving saliva, is an aggravated misdemeanor with a minimum 7-day sentence. 4. Expands the list of bodily fluids or secretions that can result in a class D felony for inmate assaults on department of corrections employees to include saliva.
HF 532	Dietitian Licensure Compact	Signed by Governor	Establishes the Dietitian Licensure Compact, allowing licensed dietitians to practice in multiple states without obtaining separate licenses. The compact creates a commission to oversee the compact's operation, sets minimum licensure requirements, and provides for data sharing and disciplinary actions. The compact takes effect when seven states adopt it.
HF 547	Respiratory Care Interstate Compact	Signed by Governor	Establishes the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, allowing licensed respiratory therapists to practice in other participating states without additional licensure. The compact creates a commission to oversee the compact's operation and sets minimum licensure requirements.

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HF 875	Health Insurer Credentialing Process Reform	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code section 514F.6 to reform the health insurer credentialing process. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health insurers must respond to credentialing requests from physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants within 56 calendar days. 2. Insurers must provide a written reason for denying a credentialing request. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 644	Delegation of Custodial Rights and Duties	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 232.2 and 237.10 to allow the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to delegate its rights and duties as custodian of a child to a person licensed to provide child foster care. Delegable rights and duties include protecting, training, and disciplining the child; providing food, clothing, housing, and medical care; and consenting to emergency medical care. The bill clarifies that a parent's or guardian's residual rights and duties do not preclude HHS from consenting to routine medical care, including preventative care (excluding vaccinations), nonemergency medical care, and necessary medication. HHS must notify an individual licensee if it delegates its right to consent to routine medical care. Effective Date: Conditional, pending enactment.
HF 806	Peer Review Committee Amendment	Signed by Governor	Amends the definition of peer review committee to include a statewide nonprofit organization that is an organ procurement organization. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
SF 301	County Hospital Child Care Facility Operation	Passed Senate	Permits a county hospital to establish and operate a child care facility, either directly or through a contract with a licensed operator. The facility must comply with the requirements of Code chapter 237A (child care facilities).
SF 180	Right to Refuse Medical Services for Conscience Reasons	Passed Senate	Protects an individual's right to refuse medical services for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions. If a medical service is declared a countermeasure under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act or receives an emergency use authorization from the FDA, individuals may refuse the service without facing employment, service, or commerce penalties, segregation, financial

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			coercion, or discrimination. Entities violating this right may be subject to civil action, including injunctive relief, declaratory judgment, and damages.
SF 469	Emeritus License for Physicians	Passed Senate	Creates an emeritus license for physicians and surgeons or osteopathic physicians and surgeons who are at least 60 years old and primarily engaged in supervising and training resident physicians. The license entitles the holder to maintain their current scope of practice, does not require continuing education credits, and is valid for three years with one renewal option. The application and renewal fees are set at half the cost of a standard medical license. The board of medicine is required to adopt rules for implementation, including defining "primarily engaged in supervising and training resident physicians." No licenses will be issued before January 1, 2026.
SF 572	Prohibition on Licensure of Certain Chinese Entities for Healthcare Facilities	Passed Senate	Prohibits the Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing from issuing or renewing licenses to establish, conduct, or maintain hospitals or healthcare facilities for entities with ties to the People's Republic of China, including instrumentalities of the Chinese government, Chinese citizens, or business entities with majority Chinese ownership.
HF 986	Insurance and Financial Services Bill	Passed House	Addresses various aspects of insurance and financial services in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to existing laws and regulations, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Confidentiality: Makes tax returns filed under Code sections 432.1 and 432.1A confidential and not subject to inspection. 2. Health Insurance Rate Increases: Allows the commissioner to hold public hearings on proposed health insurance rate increases exceeding the average annual health spending growth rate. 3. Health Savings Accounts and Qualified High-Deductible Health Plans: Requires cost-sharing to apply only to qualified high-deductible health plans after the enrollee satisfies the minimum deductible. 4. Insurance Company Withdrawal Requirements: Requires insurers to file a withdrawal plan with the commissioner before reducing their total annual premium volume in the state by 50% or more.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Replacement Cost, Actual Cash Value, and Line of Sight: Requires insurers to include consequential physical damage in the calculation of loss and to use identical or reasonably similar products for replacement. 6. Service Companies, Service Contracts, and Licenses: Regulates service companies and contracts, including licensing requirements, fees, and prohibited acts or practices.
HF 978	Psilocybin Production and Administration	Passed House	<p>Establishes a framework for the production and administration of psilocybin for medical use in Iowa. The bill creates a licensing board to oversee psilocybin production establishments and qualified therapy providers. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Licensing requirements for psilocybin production establishments and qualified therapy providers 2. Inventory control and security measures for psilocybin production establishments 3. Restrictions on advertising and marketing of psilocybin products 4. Requirements for qualified medical psilocybin providers and therapists 5. Prohibitions on discrimination against individuals using psilocybin for medical purposes 6. Enforcement authority granted to the department of health and human services
SF 638	Taxation and Regulation of Alternative Nicotine Products and Vapor Products	Passed Senate Ways	Regulates alternative nicotine products and vapor products, imposing a 10% tax on the wholesale sales price of such products. The tax revenue will be credited to the newly created Iowa Cancer Research Fund, which will support and fund cancer research in the state.
SF 639	Business Court Establishment	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court designed to efficiently resolve complex commercial and business litigation.

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HF 990	Medical Cannabidiol Dispensary Licensure Expansion	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 124E.8 to increase the maximum number of medical cannabidiol dispensary licenses from 5 to 10 and strikes a provision requiring dispensaries to begin supplying medical cannabidiol by December 1, 2018.
HF 648	Licensed Sedation Provider Host Permit for Dentists	Passed House	Allows the Iowa Dental Board to issue a licensed sedation provider host permit to dentists who complete an approved course, meet facility and equipment requirements, receive certification in advanced cardiovascular life support, and submit an application. The permit enables dentists to employ licensed sedation providers to administer moderate sedation to patients at least 13 years old undergoing dental procedures.
HF 836	Medical Income Assistance Trust Fee Increase	Passed H & S Judiciary	Increases the monthly amount that may be paid or set aside for necessary trust expenses without court approval from \$10 to \$50 for beneficiaries of medical income assistance trusts.
SF 304	Limiting Minor Consent for STD Vaccinations	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 139A.35 to restrict a minor's legal capacity to consent to medical care or services for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) or infections. The bill specifically excludes vaccinations for STDs or infections from the list of services that a minor can consent to without parental or guardian approval. No appropriation or tax changes are included in this bill.
HF 385	Discharge of Involuntarily Committed Persons	Passed House	Relates to the discharge of involuntarily committed persons from a facility or hospital. The bill requires facilities to refer patients to an administrative services organization (ASO) for evaluation, case management, and post-discharge services prior to discharge. It also requires facilities to assess patients for suicide risk, provide a 30-day supply of medications, and provide a discharge report.
HF 571	Medical Ethics Defense	Passed House	Provides protections for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payors in Iowa who refuse to participate in or pay for health care services that violate their conscience. The bill defines conscience as the ethical, moral, or religious beliefs or principles held by a medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payor.

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SF 547	Dementia Services and Support Act	Passed House & Senate HHS	Establishes dementia service specialists and a dementia services coordinator to increase access to local supports and services for persons living with dementia, their families, and caregivers.
HF 930	Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact	Passed House State Govt.	Establishes the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact, allowing podiatrists licensed in one participating state to receive an expedited license in another participating state. The compact sets minimum licensure requirements and creates a commission to administer its operation
SF 476	Medical Assistance Personal Needs Allowance Increase	Passed Senate HHS	Increases the personal needs allowance under the medical assistance program from \$50 to \$65 per month for residents of nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric medical institutions for children. The state will supplement residents with incomes below \$65 per month to meet this allowance.
SF 319	The Patient's Right to Save	Passed Senate	Aims to control healthcare costs by promoting transparency and competition. The bill requires healthcare providers to disclose discounted cash prices for services, allowing patients to make informed decisions. It also prohibits providers from entering into contracts that restrict them from offering discounted prices or disclosing prices to patients.
HF 318	Cost-Sharing Requirements for Supplemental and Diagnostic Breast Examinations	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 514C.4A to prohibit health insurance policies from imposing less favorable cost-sharing requirements for supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations compared to screening mammograms. The bill defines "cost-sharing" to include coverage limits, copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket costs.
SF 312	Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	Passed House	Establishes the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, allowing physician assistants licensed in one participating state to practice in another participating state under a compact privilege without additional licensure. The compact sets minimum licensure requirements, creates a commission to administer the compact, and outlines provisions for commission operations, data sharing, and dispute resolution.
HF 313	Authorizing Physician Assistants	Passed House	Allows physician assistants (PAs) and advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) to testify on behalf of licensed physicians, osteopathic physicians, mental

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	and ARNPs to Testify at Involuntary Commitment Hearings		health professionals, or certified alcohol and drug counselors at involuntary commitment hearings for substance abuse disorders or serious mental impairments. To do so, the court must grant an application containing sworn statements that the PA or ARNP witnessed the examination, reviewed the written report, and that the original examiner is unable to attend.
SF 581	Serious Reportable Events Reporting	Passed Senate HHS	Requires Iowa facilities, including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and birth centers, to report serious reportable events to the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) within 15 working days of discovery. The bill establishes a reporting system, requires root cause analyses and corrective action plans, and provides for electronic reporting. It also maintains confidentiality of reports and allows for collaboration with the DHHS.
HSB 294	Artificial Intelligence Regulation	Passed House Econ Growth and Tech.	Regulates the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in Iowa, specifically in elections and interactions with AI systems. The bill requires disclosures for AI-generated election materials and imposes obligations on developers and deployers of high-risk AI systems to prevent algorithmic discrimination.

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HF 1039	RIFF budget	Signed by Governor	<p>Appropriates funds from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) for various state entities and projects. Key provisions include: Transfers responsibility for providing furnishings for district court facilities from the state to counties. Appropriation Increases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RIIF: \$10,000,000 for deposit in the community attraction and tourism fund (FY 2025-2026) 2. TRF: \$5,375,000 for the purchase of an enterprise management system (FY 2025-2026) 3. TRF: \$2,947,658 for the security office of the chief information officer (FY 2025-2026)
SF 644	Justice Systems Budget	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds to the Iowa justice system for FY 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriations from the general fund: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + Department of Justice: \$10,539,176 b. + Department of Corrections: \$234,411,109 (various allocations) c. + Public Defense: \$34,977,894 d. + Public Safety: \$92,232,969 (various allocations) e. + Homeland Security and Emergency Management: \$2,442,595 2. Appropriations from other funds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. + Commerce Revolving Fund: \$3,763,937 (Office of Consumer Advocate) b. + Gaming Enforcement Revolving Fund: \$12,227,940 (Department of Public Safety) c. + 911 Emergency Communications Fund: \$300,000 (Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management) d. + Consumer Education and Litigation Fund: \$2,300,000 (Department of Justice)
SF 648	Judicial branch bill	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill appropriates funds to the judicial branch for FY 2025-2026. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appropriations:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. + \$201,018,878 for salaries, maintenance, equipment, and miscellaneous purposes b. + \$3,600,000 for jury and witness fees, mileage, and interpreter costs c. + \$3,290,000 for court-ordered juvenile services d. + \$12,253,000 for juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services e. + \$500,000 for the business court of Iowa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Civil trials may be held in contiguous counties with proper jurisdiction, if all parties agree 3. Judicial officers may waive travel reimbursement for official business outside their county of residence 4. Judicial officers may be placed on unpaid leave on days when court employees are furloughed, with corresponding salary reductions 5. The judicial branch may use the aggregate amount of salary reductions due to unpaid leave for purposes other than judicial salaries 6. The bill expresses legislative intent for the judicial branch to utilize the Iowa communications network or other secure electronic communications in lieu of traveling.
HF 862	County Attorney Conflict of Interest	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa Code Section 331.755 to expand the list of prohibited actions for county attorneys, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jointly representing the county, board of supervisors, or other county officials when a conflict of interest exists 2. Engaging in legal representation that creates a conflict of interest with the county 3. A board of supervisors to obtain outside counsel with a majority vote when a dispute arises between the county attorney and the board or other county officials 4. A county sheriff to petition a district court for a determination of conflict of interest and request outside counsel if the board of supervisors refuses to act

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HF 956	Judicial Branch Bill	Signed by the Governor	<p>This bill makes several changes to Iowa's judicial branch administration, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanding judicial officer residency requirements to include contiguous counties 2. Increasing the mandatory retirement age for judicial officers from 72 to 78 years old 3. Authorizing remote court proceedings 4. Amending court reporter appointment and supervision procedures 5. Allowing clerks of court to provide access to civil pleadings before filing date memoranda are made <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 647	Venue for Trial of Certain Criminal Offenses	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill amends Iowa Code Section 803.3 to establish the place of trial for certain criminal offenses when the county of commission cannot be readily determined. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the county of commission cannot be determined, trial shall be held in the county of residence of the victim. 2. If there is no victim, the victim is not an Iowa resident, or the residence of the victim cannot be established, trial shall be held in the county of residence of the person charged. 3. If the victim is not a natural person, venue is proper in any county where the victim has a physical presence. <p>If there are multiple victims, trial may be held in any county where a victim resides, with priority given to the county of residence of a natural person.</p> <p>Effective date: July 1, 2025.</p>
SF 474	Youth Services and Support	Signed by the Governor	<p>Aims to improve services and support for youth in Iowa. The bill is divided into five divisions, each addressing a specific aspect of youth services.</p> <p>Division I: Treatment, Physical Assessments, and Behavioral Health Evaluations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exempts psychiatric medical institutions for children (PMICs) from licensing requirements for substance use disorder treatment programs. 2. Defines various terms, including "approved qualifying organization," "mental health disorder," "protective locked environment," and "youth."

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Describes the nature of care that PMICs must offer to youth with serious emotional disturbances or substance use disorders. 4. Eliminates the requirement for PMICs to hold additional licenses for comprehensive residential facilities for children or substance use disorder treatment. 5. Requires the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing (DIAL) and the department of health and human services (HHS) to adopt rules relating to the application of protective locked environments in PMICs. <p>Division II: Home and Community-Based Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excludes care furnished to persons 16 years of age or older by certain residential programs from the definition of a children's residential facility. 2. Requires care furnished at a residential program to persons under 18 years of age to be provided in settings separate from individuals over the age of 21. <p>Division III: Director of Juvenile Court Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfers the authority over chief juvenile court officers from the chief judge to the director of juvenile court services. <p>Division IV: Hawki Eligibility</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires HHS to suspend, but not terminate, Hawki program eligibility for a child in a public institution if the child is otherwise eligible except for their status as an inmate. 2. Requires the public institution and HHS to provide monthly reports and expedite the restoration of the child's Hawki benefits upon discharge.
HF 530	Professional Permit to Carry Weapons for Judicial Officers and Attorneys	Passed House, Senate Amended	Authorizes judicial officers, the attorney general, deputy attorneys general, and assistant attorneys general to be issued a professional permit to carry weapons under Iowa Code section 724.6. The permit allows them to carry firearms anywhere in the state, including on school grounds, at all times.

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SF 639	Creating a Specialty Business court	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court designed to efficiently resolve complex commercial and business litigation.
HF 1007	Victim Restitution Fund and Fine Distribution Modification	Passed House	Establishes a victim restitution fund and modifies the distribution of collected criminal case fines in Iowa.
SF 407	District Judicial Nominating Commission Reform	Passed Senate	<p>This bill modifies the membership of Iowa's district judicial nominating commissions. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing the number of electors appointed by the governor from 5 to 6 on each 11-person commission. 2. Removing the most senior judge in the district from the commission and as chairperson. 3. Requiring commission members to elect a chairperson from among themselves.
SF 521	Reimbursement of Attorney Fees in Dissolution of Marriage Proceedings	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code Section 598.23 to allow courts to direct individuals found in contempt of a temporary order or final decree in a dissolution of marriage proceeding to pay reasonable attorney fees incurred by the opposing party as a result of the contempt.
SF 566	Court Debt System Study Committee Bill	Passed Senate	This bill establishes a study committee to assess and reform the statutory framework for the administration of Iowa's court debt system. The committee, chaired by the state court administrator, will review and provide recommendations to improve the assessment, payment, collection, and distribution of court debt.
SF 512	Limitations on Civil Actions	Passed Senate Judiciary	Amends Iowa Code section 614.1 to specify that only the General Assembly has the power to alter the period of time a civil action may be brought.

Labor and Employment Law Section

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
HF 856	Prohibition on Funding for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Offices	Signed by Governor	Prohibits state entities, including local government entities, from expending funds to establish, sustain, or staff diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officers. The bill also prohibits state entities from using any funds, including appropriations, bequests, donations, and grants, for these purposes. Effective July 1, 2025.
HF 889	Government Employee Paid Leave	Signed by Governor	Amends the state's employee leave policies, providing additional benefits for state employees. Key Provisions: 1. Accrued Vacation Time: State employees can elect to convert unused sick leave to vacation time after accumulating 10 days of sick leave during their first four years of employment, and 30 days thereafter. 2. Paid Parental Leave: State employees are entitled to paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, with up to four weeks for birth mothers and adoptive parents, and up to one week for non-birth parents. 3. Implementation: The Department of Administrative Services is required to adopt rules to implement the paid parental leave provision. Effective Date: July 1, 2025.
SF 607	Unemployment Insurance Tax Reform	Signed by Governor	Modifies Iowa's unemployment insurance tax laws, impacting employer contributions to the unemployment compensation fund. Key changes include: 1. Reduces the percentage of statewide average weekly wage used to calculate taxable wages from 66.66% to 33.33%. 2. Changes the current reserve ratio calculation, basing it on the preceding year rather than the previous five calendar quarters. 3. Strikes the requirement to add \$150 million to the total funds available for benefits on the reserve ratio computation date. 4. Reduces the number of possible contribution rate tables from eight to four and changes the numbered contribution rate designations to lettered designations. 5. Decreases the number of benefit ratio ranks from 21 to 9 and adjusts the percentage of total taxable wages for each rank.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Lowers the highest contribution rate corresponding to the highest benefit ratio rank from 9.0% to 5.40%. 7. Introduces a surcharge for employers with an average benefit ratio of 1.25 or higher over the previous three fiscal years, equal to 10% of their contributions.
HF 767	Private Sector Employee Drug Testing Amendments	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill amends Iowa Code section 730.5, concerning private sector employee drug testing. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing employers to designate positions as safety-sensitive, rather than relying on a specific definition 2. Permitting electronic notification or in-person exchange of written materials as alternatives to certified mail for certain communications 3. Shifting the burden of proof in civil actions from employers to aggrieved employees or prospective employees to demonstrate that a violation of the section directly caused damages 4. Requiring reasonable attorney fees in civil actions 5. Striking language that placed the burden of proof on employers to demonstrate compliance with the section in certain legal actions <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 248	Adoptive Parent Employee Treatment	Signed by Governor	<p>Requires Iowa employers to treat adoptive parents of children up to six years old equally to biological parents of newborns for employment policies, benefits, and protections during the first year of adoption. Employers must provide the same benefits, except for disability leave, which requires a qualifying disability under the employer's disability policies. The bill defines adoption and employer, and enforcement is administered by the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing. Violations are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per pay period.</p>
HF 441	Employment Appeal Board Functions and Liability	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa Code chapters 10A, 17A, and 96 to clarify the functions and liability of the Employment Appeal Board (EAB) and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assigning powers and responsibilities to the EAB under Code chapter 20, the Public Employment Relations Act.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Conforming language for petitions for judicial review of agency action under Code chapter 17A to exemptions provided in Code chapters 10A and 20. 3. Exempting the EAB and the Department from liability for payment of unemployment benefits not due and payable under Code chapter 96 or if funds are unavailable in the unemployment compensation fund. <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 969	Public Safety Personnel Cancer Benefits Expansion	Signed by Governor	<p>Expands benefits for Iowa public safety personnel with cancer diagnoses. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broadening the definition of "cancer" to include all types, rather than specific ones, for purposes of accidental disability and death benefits under the Public Safety Peace Officers' Retirement, Accident, and Disability System (PORS) and the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System (411 System). 2. Expanding eligibility for in-service disability retirement allowance for special service members under the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System. 3. Requiring political subdivisions to comply with the expanded benefits, even if funding is not provided or specified, as the bill makes inapplicable the provision that would relieve them from complying with a state mandate without funding.
SF 162	Repeal of IPERS Notification Requirements	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill repeals the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System's (IPERS) obligation to notify members of their account balance and status upon termination of covered employment prior to retirement. Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
SF 311	City Civil Service Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies Iowa's city civil service laws, impacting employee removal, discharge, demotion, and suspension procedures. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting cities with a civil service commission from establishing citizen review boards for officer conduct 2. Requiring cities with a population over 50,000 to have 5-7 civil service commissioners 3. Modifying appeal procedures to the civil service commission and district court

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			<p>4. Allowing for reasonable attorney fees, expert fees, and costs to be awarded to prevailing employees in appeals</p> <p>Effective Date: August 16, 2025.</p>
SF 565	Continuation of Health Insurance for Surviving Spouses and Children of State Employees	Signed by Governor	This bill provides for the continuation of health insurance coverage for the surviving spouse and each surviving child of a state employee who dies as a result of a traumatic personal injury incurred in the performance of their work duties. applies retroactively to January 1, 2024, and takes effect on July 1, 2025.
SF 377	Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Employment Status	Signed by Governor	Prohibits considering the deployment, implementation, or use of a motor carrier safety improvement when determining a person's employment status as an employee, independent contractor, or jointly employed employee under state law.
SF 603	Workforce Training and Unemployment Insurance Reform	Signed by Governor	Reforms workforce training and unemployment insurance. The bill makes several changes to the functions of the Department of Workforce Development, the Workforce Development Board, and local workforce development boards. Transfers duties related to compiling an annual report on workforce training programs from the Department of Workforce Development to the College Student Aid Commission. Strikes requirements for the Department to collaborate with education-related entities on certain duties. Modifies the definition of "taxable wages" for unemployment insurance taxes on employers. Eliminates wages paid to employees from other states from the calculation of taxable wages, even if the other state extends reciprocity. Specifies that only wages paid in Iowa can constitute taxable wages. The bill takes effect on March 28, 2025, and July 1, 2025.
SF 418	Sex and Gender Definition Bill	Signed by Governor	Establishes definitions for sex and gender in Iowa law, prohibits instruction on gender theory in schools, and removes gender identity as a protected class under the Iowa Civil Rights Act. Defines sex as the biological sex of an individual, either male or female, as observed or clinically verified at birth. Prohibits instruction on gender theory in kindergarten through grade six. Removes gender identity as a protected class under the Iowa Civil Rights Act. Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

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SF 659	"Standings" Appropriations bill	Signed by Governor	A comprehensive bill that makes various appropriations, distributions, transfers, and expenditure authority adjustments in Iowa state government. Key provisions include: Crystalline Polymorph Psilocybin: Removes trade name specifications for crystalline polymorph psilocybin, allowing for its rescheduling upon FDA approval. Medical Residency and Fellowship Positions: Amends the definition of "resident of Iowa" in 2025 Iowa Acts, House File 516.
HF 1024	Overtime Pay Tax Exemption	Passed House Ways	Exempts overtime pay from individual income tax in Iowa. The bill excludes compensation earned at 1.5 times the regular rate, as authorized by 29 U.S.C. 207, from taxable income. This exemption applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, effectively reducing the tax liability for individuals earning overtime pay.
HF 1030	Exemption of Qualified Tips from Individual Income Tax	Passed House Ways	Exempts qualified tips from individual income tax for taxpayers with net income below \$155,000. Eligible individuals can exclude up to \$25,000 of qualified tips from net income calculations. Qualified tips are defined as cash tips received in occupations that customarily received cash tips prior to December 31, 2023.
SF 180	Right to Refuse Medical Services for Conscience Reasons	Passed Senate	Establishes an individual's right to refuse medical services for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, when a medical service is declared a countermeasure under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act or receives an emergency use authorization from the US FDA.
SF 472	Public Collective Bargaining Unit Retention and Recertification Elections	Passed Senate	This bill amends Iowa Code section 20.15, relating to retention and recertification elections for public employee collective bargaining units.
SF 507	Prohibition on County and City DEI Programs	Passed Senate	This bill prohibits counties and cities in Iowa from establishing or maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, hiring employees or contractors to perform related duties, or compelling individuals to provide diversity statements. The bill defines "diversity, equity, and inclusion" to include efforts to promote differential

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			treatment or provide special benefits based on characteristics such as race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender identity, or sexual orientation.
SF 288	Accommodations for Pregnant Students in Higher Education	Passed Both Chambers	Requires Iowa institutions of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant students, including allowing leaves of absence, rescheduling tests, and excusing absences for medically necessary reasons. Institutions must maintain a written policy on pregnancy discrimination and procedures for addressing complaints. The Iowa Office of Civil Rights will investigate complaints and forward founded complaints to the US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.
HF 1023	Modifications to IPERS	Passed House	Modifies IPERS benefits and contributions for members employed in protection occupations.
HF 389	Child Abuse Reporting in Schools	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code to expand child abuse reporting requirements in schools. The bill defines "public school" and "nonpublic school" for child abuse reporting purposes and adds employees and agents of these schools to the definition of "person responsible for the care of a child."
SF 609	Emergency Services Member Property Tax Abatement	Passed Senate Ways	Authorizes the abatement of property taxes and special assessments owed on property owned by the surviving spouse of an emergency services member killed in the line of duty.
SF 308	Whistleblower Protection for Nongovernmental Employees	Passed Senate	Provides whistleblower protection for employees of nongovernmental employers in Iowa. The bill prohibits employers from prohibiting employees from disclosing information to the general assembly if they reasonably believe it evidences a violation of law or rule, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.
HF 937	Law Enforcement Officer Certification Revocation	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 80B.13A to specify grounds for revoking or suspending law enforcement officer certification. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Council may revoke or suspend certification.

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HF 945	retrial Hearing for Self-Defense Immunity	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 704.13 to provide a pretrial hearing process for determining immunity from criminal or civil liability in cases where reasonable force is used in self-defense or defense of others or property.
SF 273	Mandatory Reporting of Grooming Behavior by School Employees	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 256.160 to modify the definition of "grooming behavior" by licensed school employees. The bill expands the definition to include any pattern of behavior intended to entice or entrap a student for the benefit of the individual, including but not limited to engaging in a sex act. The bill requires mandatory reporting to the Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) of licensed school employees who engage in such behavior.
SF 518	Mandatory Administrative Leave for School Employees	Passed Senate Education	Requires Iowa school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to immediately place employees on administrative leave in two circumstances: 1. If an employee has a pending case before the Board of Educational Examiners (BOEE) related to child abuse with a finding of probable cause. 2. If an employee was involved in a criminal or civil action resulting in a court finding of negligence while employed by the school, and the school is investigating the employee's actions.
SF 487	Unemployment Insurance Employer Recordkeeping Requirements	Passed Senate Workforce	Amends Iowa Code chapter 96 to establish employer recordkeeping and auditing requirements for unemployment insurance purposes.

Legal Access Committee

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HF 973	Mobile home Regulations	Passed House Ways and Means	<p>Amends various aspects of Iowa's property law, including manufactured or mobile home retailer licenses, rent, rental agreements, notice requirements, and possession of property.</p> <p>Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases the annual fee for a manufactured or mobile home retailer license from \$100 to \$120. 2. Defines "rent" to include base rent, utilities, late fees, and other payments made by the tenant to the landlord under the rental agreement. 3. Allows a landlord access to a mobile home owned by a tenant, after entry of an order of removal of the tenant, to secure the mobile home or mobile home space. 4. Provides that 90 days' peaceable possession with the knowledge of the plaintiff after the cause of action accrues is a bar to a forcible entry and detainer proceeding (increased from 30 days). 5. Allows service of notice by mail in a forcible entry and detainer case to occur prior to the two attempts of personal service and delivery evidenced by an acknowledgment of service.
SF 579	Local Civil Rights Commissions Reform	Passed Senate	<p>This bill reforms local civil rights commissions and agencies. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints involving a political subdivision must be referred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights for processing. 2. Unresolved complaints alleging a violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 can be transferred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights after 12 months upon request by any party. 3. Local agencies must notify parties of their right to direct transfer after 12 months and cross-file complaints with the Iowa Office of Civil Rights if they arise from alleged state law violations. 4. The term of a commissioner appointed to a local agency or commission is set at two years.
SF 412	Property Law Amendments	Passed Senate	<p>Amends Iowa's property law, specifically chapters 562A (uniform residential landlord and tenant law), 562B (manufactured home communities or mobile home parks residential landlord and tenant law), and 648 (forcible entry and detainer).</p>

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SF 567	Modifying Provisions Related to Forcible Entry and Detainer Actions and Landlord and Tenant Law	Passed Senate Commerce	<p>This bill modifies Iowa's property law by updating provisions related to forcible entry and detainer actions and landlord and tenant law. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allowing tenants and landlords to consent to notice by electronic mail through a separate addendum to rental agreements. 2. Permitting notice for forcible entry and detainer actions to be served by electronic mail if consented to by the tenant. 3. Requiring hearings in forcible entry and detainer actions to be held using remote or virtual technology, unless an in-person hearing is requested. 4. Mandating the court to seal court records of a forcible entry and detainer if the defendant is found not guilty or the case is dismissed. 5. Allowing the court to seal a forcible entry and detainer action court record under certain circumstances, such as clerical error or retaliatory conduct.
HSB 141	Early Termination of Rental Agreements for Victims of Certain Crimes	Passed House Judiciary	<p>Allows victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking, elder abuse, or other crimes that pose a substantial threat of personal injury or death to terminate their rental agreements early without penalty or liability. The bill requires written notification to the landlord with supporting documentation, such as a protective order or a written report by a peace officer. The tenant remains liable for rent for the month of termination and any prorated days of rent. The bill also provides protections for tenants, including confidentiality and non-discrimination provisions.</p>

Litigation Section

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HF 639	Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Insurance Requirements	Vetoed by Governor	Requires applicants for hazardous liquid pipeline permits to submit evidence of a surety or insurance policy to the Iowa Utilities Commission. The policy must cover all damages resulting from construction or operation of the pipeline, including losses, injuries, and increased insurance costs or inability to obtain insurance for affected individuals. Requires pipeline companies to purchase insurance or reimburse individuals for increased premiums or inability to obtain insurance due to the pipeline's presence.
SF 619	Iowa Natural Hazard Mitigation and Insurance Regulation	Signed by Governor	Addresses various aspects of natural hazard mitigation, insurance regulation, and disaster recovery in Iowa. The bill creates the Natural Hazard Mitigation Financing Program, establishes the Disaster Recovery Housing Assistance Program, and modifies the regulation of public, independent, and staff adjusters.
SF 460	Home Inspection Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill regulates home inspections in Iowa, establishing standards for home inspectors, inspection reports, and insurance requirements. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home inspectors must be members of a national home inspectors association or supervised by one. 2. Inspection reports must include a description of the scope, material defects, and certain statements about the report's contents. 3. Home inspectors are prohibited from offering repairs, inspecting properties in which they have an interest, or accepting payment for specific results. 4. Inspection reports can only be disclosed to the client or with their consent. <p>Home inspectors must maintain insurance against errors and omissions, with minimum coverages of \$100,000 per occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate.</p>
SF 383	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Regulates pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) in Iowa, aiming to increase transparency and fairness in the industry. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting PBMs from discriminating against pharmacies or pharmacists. 2. Requiring PBMs to use pass-through pricing models, with some exceptions.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Mandating PBMs to reimburse pharmacies at least the national average drug acquisition cost or wholesale acquisition cost. 4. Establishing a professional dispensing fee of \$10.60. 5. Requiring PBMs to submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and publish them online. 6. Creating an appeals process for pharmacies to dispute reimbursement rates.
HF 300	Physician Assistant Licensure Compact	Signed by Governor	<p>Establishes the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact, allowing licensed physician assistants to practice in participating states without additional licensure. The compact creates a commission to oversee the compact's operation and sets minimum licensure requirements. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of a commission to administer the compact. 2. Minimum licensure requirements for physician assistants. 3. Compact privilege allowing practice in participating states without additional licensure. 4. Commission powers, including rulemaking and dispute resolution. 5. Data system for tracking licensure and adverse actions. <p>Provisions for withdrawal, default, and expulsion from the compact.</p>
HF 835	Epilepsy and Seizure Disorder School Personnel Training	Signed by Governor	Requires Iowa schools to provide training for personnel on recognizing and responding to seizures, develop individual health plans and seizure action plans for students with epilepsy or seizure disorders, and obtain parental authorization for medication administration. The bill also establishes a seizure education program and provides liability immunity for schools and personnel acting in good faith.
HF 856	Prohibition on Funding for DEI Offices	Signed by Governor	Prohibits Iowa state entities, including local government entities, from expending funds to establish, sustain, or staff diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officers. The bill does not affect funding for academic course instruction, research, registered student organizations, guest speakers, mental health services, or policies required by federal contracts.

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SF 296	Emergency Veterinary Medical Services for Police Dogs	Signed by Governor	Allows emergency medical care providers to furnish aid to severely injured police service dogs while on duty, under certain conditions. The provider must first attend to any humans at the scene, not use equipment needed for human care, and not transport the dog in an emergency medical vehicle.
SF 573	Motor Vehicle Glass Repair and Insurance Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill regulates motor vehicle glass repair, replacement, and insurance in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting post-loss assignment of benefits 2. Requiring motor vehicle glass repair shops to notify insured persons about glass on vehicles with advanced driver assistance systems 3. Establishing presumptions of prohibited activity if repair shops engage in regular and consistent patterns of prohibited behavior 4. Providing a right for insured persons to choose a motor vehicle glass repair shop 5. Making penalties applicable for violations, including cease and desist orders, civil penalties (\$1,000 to \$50,000), and license suspension or revocation <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
SF 583	School Safety and Threat Assessment Teams	Signed by Governor	This bill requires the creation of threat assessment teams in Iowa schools and authorizes information sharing between certain governmental agencies to ensure school safety. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 645	Sports and Exposition Venue Protection	Signed by Governor	Provides immunity from nuisance actions for sports and exposition venues in Iowa, with certain exceptions. The bill defines "sports or exposition venue" and establishes requirements for filing a nuisance action, including material violation of a law and majority ownership of affected property.
HF 919	Specialty Hospital Designation	Signed by Governor	Establishes a new designation for specialty hospitals in Iowa, providing regulatory flexibility and reimbursement adjustments for certain nonprofit organizations serving children with complex medical needs. Effective Date: May 1, 2025.

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HF 647	Venue for Trial of Certain Criminal Offenses	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill amends Iowa Code Section 803.3 to establish the place of trial for certain criminal offenses when the county of commission cannot be readily determined. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the county of commission cannot be determined, trial shall be held in the county of residence of the victim. 2. If there is no victim, the victim is not an Iowa resident, or the residence of the victim cannot be established, trial shall be held in the county of residence of the person charged. 3. If the victim is not a natural person, venue is proper in any county where the victim has a physical presence. 4. If there are multiple victims, trial may be held in any county where a victim resides, with priority given to the county of residence of a natural person. <p>Effective date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 547	Respiratory Care Interstate Compact	Signed by Governor	<p>Establishes the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, allowing licensed respiratory therapists to practice in other participating states without additional licensure. The compact creates a commission to oversee the compact's operation and sets minimum licensure requirements.</p>
HF 472	Public Expression Protection	Signed by Governor	<p>Enacts the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act, creating a special motion for expedited relief in actions involving the exercise of freedom of speech, press, assembly, petition, and association. The bill applies to civil actions filed on or after the effective date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows a party to file a special motion for expedited relief to dismiss a cause of action or part of a cause of action within 60 days of being served. 2. Stays all other proceedings between the parties, with some exceptions. 3. Requires a hearing within 60 days of filing the motion, unless the court orders a later hearing. 4. Provides for limited discovery during the stay. 5. Allows the court to award court costs, reasonable attorney fees, and reasonable litigation fees to the prevailing party.

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HF 397	Address Confidentiality Program	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa's address confidentiality program, which provides mail forwarding services to victims of domestic abuse, assault, stalking, and human trafficking.
HF 532	Dietitian Licensure Compact	Signed by Governor	Establishes the Dietitian Licensure Compact, allowing licensed dietitians to practice in multiple states without additional licensure. The compact creates a commission to oversee the compact's operation, sets minimum licensure requirements, and provides for data sharing and disciplinary actions.
HF 806	Peer Review Committees and Organ Procurement Organizations	Signed by Governor	Amends the definition of peer review committee to include a statewide nonprofit organization that is an organ procurement organization. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 956	Judicial Branch Administration	Signed by Governor	Makes various changes to judicial branch administration in Iowa, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanding judicial officer residency requirements to include contiguous counties 2. Increasing the mandatory retirement age for judicial officers from 72 to 78 years old 3. Authorizing remote court proceedings 4. Amending court reporter appointment and supervision procedures 5. Allowing clerks of court to provide access to civil pleadings before filing date memoranda are made
SF 233	Right to Try Act Expansion	Signed by Governor	Expands Iowa's Right to Try Act, allowing patients with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses to access investigational treatments, in addition to those with terminal illnesses. The bill also broadens the definition of investigational treatments to include individualized gene therapy, antisense oligonucleotides, and individualized neoantigen vaccines. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expands the definition of "eligible patient" to include those with life-threatening or severely debilitating illnesses.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Adds "individualized investigational treatment" to the definition of investigational treatments. 3. Allows manufacturers and eligible facilities to provide individualized investigational treatments without compensation. 4. Permits eligible facilities and manufacturers to require patients to pay for the costs associated with the manufacture of individualized investigational treatments.
HF 881	Strict Liability for Hazardous Substances	Passed House and Senate Natural Resources	Amends Iowa Code Section 455B.392 to impose strict liability on individuals controlling hazardous substances for excessive and extraordinary oversight and monitoring costs incurred by the state or its political subdivisions. This expansion of liability does not include any changes to appropriations or taxes.
SF 512	Limitations on Civil Actions	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 614.1 to provide that only the general assembly has the power to alter the period of time a civil action may be brought. The bill does not increase or decrease any appropriation or tax. Specifically, the bill governs time limitations for 15 types of civil actions, including those involving penalties, injuries, contracts, judgments, wage disputes, malpractice claims, and more. The bill ensures that any changes to these time limitations can only be made through an Act of the general assembly.
HF 1036	Human Trafficking Prevention and Support	Passed House	Relates to human trafficking, including civil statutes of limitations, annual stakeholder meetings, depositions of victims, restitution, restorative facilities, and protective services. Increases the statute of limitations for commencing an action for sexual abuse or human trafficking of a minor or child to five years after the victim has attained 18 years of age. Directs HHS to develop a plan to increase the availability of restoration facilities and protective services available to juvenile victims of human trafficking.
HF 986	Financial Literacy and Insurance Regulation	Passed House	Key provisions include: Financial Literacy and Exploitation Prevention Funds: Appropriates \$10 from each agent application fee to the financial literacy and investor education fund and the

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			<p>financial exploitation prevention fund; Tax Confidentiality: Makes tax returns filed under Code sections 432.1 and 432.1A confidential and not subject to inspection; Health Insurance Rate Increases: Allows the commissioner to hold public hearings on proposed health insurance rate increases exceeding the average annual health spending growth rate; Service Company Licensing: Establishes licensing requirements for service companies, including a \$500 license fee and a \$35 fee for each motor vehicle service contract form; Reimbursement Insurance Policy: Requires reimbursement insurance policies for service contracts that relate to essential goods for the health and safety of the service contract holder.</p> <p>Civil Penalties: Authorizes the commissioner to levy civil penalties against service companies for noncompliance with regulations; Public Utility Regulation: Eliminates the prohibition on public utilities using vehicles, service tools, and employees to install, service, or repair residential or commercial gas or electric heating, ventilating, or air conditioning systems.</p>
HF 978	Psilocybin Production and Administration	Passed House	Establishes a framework for the production and administration of psilocybin for medical use in Iowa. The bill creates a licensing board to oversee psilocybin production establishments and qualified therapy providers.
SF 426	Iowa Hazardous Substance Liability Expansion	Passed Senate	Expands strict liability for individuals controlling hazardous substances in Iowa. The bill amends Section 455B.392, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2025, to include reasonable oversight and monitoring costs incurred by the state or its political subdivisions in response to hazardous conditions caused by such individuals. This expansion does not affect existing appropriations or taxes.
SF 639	Establishment of Iowa Business Court	Passed Senate	Establishes the Business Court of Iowa, a specialized court with jurisdiction over complex commercial and business litigation cases involving compensatory damages of \$500,000 or more. The bill outlines the court's jurisdiction, procedures for transfer, dismissal, retention, and removal of cases, and appeal processes. The governor will appoint 2-3 judges to the business court, and the supreme court may assign district court judges and senior judges as visiting judges. The bill requires business court

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			judges to produce written opinions to create a coherent body of law and authorizes the court to appoint necessary personnel.
HF 869	Veterinarian Immunity and Liability	Passed House	Amends the Iowa Veterinary Practice Act to provide immunity from administrative, civil, or criminal liability for licensed veterinarians acting in good faith when involved in cases of alleged animal mistreatment. The bill shields veterinarians from liability for cooperating with law enforcement, participating in dispositional proceedings, and providing evidence in administrative, civil, or criminal cases.
SF 586	Third-party litigation funding	Passed Senate Judiciary	Establishes regulations for third-party litigation funding in Iowa, aiming to promote transparency and consumer protection. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirements for consumer litigation funding contracts, such as clear and coherent language, disclosure of fees and charges, and written acknowledgment by the consumer's attorney. 2. Prohibitions on consumer litigation funding companies, including paying referral fees, accepting commissions, and influencing the course of a legal claim. 3. Registration requirements for consumer litigation funding companies and commercial litigation financiers with the secretary of state. 4. Annual reporting requirements for commercial litigation financiers. 5. Prohibitions on commercial litigation financiers, including entering into agreements with foreign entities of concern and influencing the course of a legal claim.
HF 571	Medical Ethics Defense	Passed House	Provides protections for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payors in Iowa who refuse to participate in or pay for health care services that violate their conscience. The bill defines conscience as the ethical, moral, or religious beliefs or principles held by a medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payor.
SF 220	Medical Ethics Defense	Passed Senate Judiciary	Provides protections for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payors in Iowa regarding the exercise of conscience, whistleblower activities, and free speech.

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HF 904	Motor Vehicle Accident Reporting Requirements	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 321.266, increasing the minimum amount of total property damage necessary to require an accident report from \$1,500 to \$7,500. The bill also eliminates the 24-hour requirement for law enforcement officers to forward written reports to the Department of Transportation (DOT).
HF 918	Increased Penalties for Failure to Maintain Motor Vehicle Liability Coverage	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 321.20B to increase penalties for failure to maintain motor vehicle financial liability coverage. The bill requires vehicle owners to certify coverage at registration and renewal, and increases fines for non-compliance. A second or subsequent offense within five years becomes an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years' confinement and a fine of \$855 to \$8,540. Fines collected will be distributed to the victim compensation fund (50%), county (25%), and state general fund (25%).
HF 891	Obscenity Definitions and criminal punishment	Passed House Education	Amends Iowa's obscenity laws, specifically targeting the exposure of minors to obscene performances and materials. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of "obscene performance" expanded to include visual performances that expose genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or female breast, or involve sex acts, masturbation, or sadomasochistic abuse. 2. Penalties for knowingly exposing minors to obscene performances: aggravated misdemeanor (up to 2 years confinement and \$8,540 fine) for exposing minors under 18, and serious misdemeanor (up to 1 year confinement and \$2,560 fine) for exposing minors 14-17. 3. Private civil cause of action established for parents or guardians of minors exposed to obscene materials or performances, with minimum damages of \$10,000. 4. Prohibition on using public institutions, facilities, or funds for shows, exhibitions, or performances that include obscene material or performances. 5. Public officers or employees who knowingly allow public institutions or funds to be used for such purposes commit a serious misdemeanor.
HF 917	Motocross Facility Liability	Passed House Transportation	Provides immunity to motocross facilities from civil liability for injuries or deaths resulting from inherent risks of motocross activities. The bill defines inherent risks,

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			motocross activities, and motocross facilities, and provides exceptions for liability, including: Intentional injury; Negligence for participant safety; Providing unsafe equipment; Failure to use reasonable care.
HF 930	Interstate Podiatric Licensure Compact	Passed House State Government	Establishes the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact, allowing podiatrists licensed in one participating state to receive an expedited license in another participating state. The compact sets minimum licensure requirements, creates a commission to administer the compact, and outlines provisions for commission operations, dispute resolution, and withdrawal from the compact.
HF 938	Emergency Vehicle Designation	Passed House Public Safety	Amends Iowa Code chapter 321 by removing the word "official" from lists of authorized emergency vehicles, including fire department, police, rescue, ambulance, emergency medical services, and emergency management vehicles. The bill does not alter the rights and responsibilities of vehicle operators.
SF 394	Pesticide Liability Protection	Passed Senate	Provides a defense from civil liability for the use of pesticides registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. A label is deemed sufficient warning if it meets one of three criteria: (1) EPA approval, (2) consistency with the most recent human health assessment, or (3) consistency with the EPA's carcinogenicity classification. This label suffices for any state law or common law duty to warn regarding health or safety.
SF 308	Whistleblower Protection for Nongovernmental Employees	Passed Senate	This bill provides protections for employees of nongovernmental employers who disclose information to the Iowa General Assembly regarding potential law or rule violations, or substantial and specific dangers to public health or safety.
SF 62	Railway Special Agents Cooperation	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 80.25 to require railway special agents to cooperate with city, county, and state law enforcement when investigating a criminal offense or crash involving a resident of or property located within the state. The bill defines "railroad corporation" to mean the same as provided in Code section 327D.2.

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SF 590	Liability Exemption for Food Donations	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 672.1 to exempt food distributors from criminal or civil liability when donating food in good faith to charitable or nonprofit organizations, the Department of Natural Resources, or county conservation boards. The exemption applies if the donor reasonably inspects the food and finds it fit for human consumption.
HF 945	Pretrial Hearing for Self-Defense Immunity	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code Section 704.13 to provide a pretrial hearing process for determining immunity from criminal or civil liability in cases where a person uses reasonable force in self-defense or defense of others or property.
SF 119	Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Increase	Passed Senate Commerce	This bill increases the minimum amounts of coverage required for motor vehicle financial responsibility in Iowa. The new limits are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bodily injury or death of one person: \$50,000 (up from \$20,000). 2. Bodily injury or death of two or more persons: \$100,000 (up from \$40,000). 3. Property damage: \$25,000 (up from \$15,000).
SF 581	Serious Reportable Events in Healthcare Facilities	Passed Senate HHS	This bill requires healthcare facilities, including hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and birth centers, to report serious reportable events to the Director of the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) within 15 working days of discovery. The bill also requires facilities to conduct a root cause analysis and implement a corrective action plan or report reasons for not taking corrective action.
HSB 18	Iowa Employment Appeal Board Reform	Passed House Labor and Workforce	Amends Iowa Code chapters 10A, 17A, and 96 to clarify the powers and responsibilities of the Employment Appeal Board (EAB) and the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing.

Military Affairs Section

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
HF 901	Law Enforcement Academy Lateral Transfer	Signed by Governor	Allows eligible military veterans and former federal law enforcement officers to qualify for lateral transfer to a law enforcement agency in Iowa without completing the academy training program. To be eligible, veterans must have served at least four years of active duty, completed accredited military police training, and received an honorable discharge within three years of applying. Former federal law enforcement officers must have served at least four years and completed accredited federal law enforcement training.
HF 250	County Commissions of Veteran Affairs Reporting and Education Requirements	Signed by Governor	<p>This bill amends Iowa Code sections 35A.5 and 35B.6 to modify reporting and education requirements for county commissions of veteran affairs. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs to report hours of veterans services provided by each county commission during the previous fiscal year, rather than calendar year. 2. Mandates that executive directors or administrators of county commissions meet continuing education requirements established by the commandant of the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs. 3. Removes the requirement for executive directors or administrators to meet continuing education requirements of the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. 4. Expenses for training executive directors or administrators will be paid from the appropriation authorized in section 35B.14 (no increase or decrease in appropriation). <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 885	Disabled Veteran Deer Hunting Privileges	Signed by Governor	Grants Iowa resident disabled veterans the privilege to use a deer hunting license and tag during any established deer hunting season, provided the method of take corresponds with the license. To qualify, veterans must have served on federal active duty and have a service-connected disability verified by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
HF 117	Guard Service Professional Qualification Scholarship	Signed by Governor	<p>Establishes a new scholarship program for Iowa National Guard members pursuing educational credentials not eligible for federal student aid. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligibility criteria for National Guard members, including residency, satisfactory performance, and enrollment in approved educational programs.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship awards not exceeding the total cost of the educational program. Adjutant General's authority to publish and maintain a list of approved educational programs. Authorization to expend unencumbered or unobligated funds from the National Guard Service Scholarship Program (Code section 256.210) for this new program.
HF 118	Guard Service Scholarship Program Modification	Signed by Governor	Modifies the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship Program by capping scholarship awards at the difference between the tuition rate at the institution attended and any financial aid received under specified federal programs (10 U.S.C. 2007). The bill strikes the provision that prohibits eligibility and scholarship award determinations based on a national guard member's unit, drill location, or branch (Iowa army or air national guard).
HF 1000	Veterans Service Organization Grant Program	Passed House	Establishes a grant program under the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs to provide matching funds to veterans service organizations for employing staff to assist veterans with claims. The bill creates a Veterans Service Organization Grant Fund and appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund for deposit into the grant fund for the fiscal year 2025-2026. The department is required to adopt application procedures, forms, and administrative guidelines for implementing and administering the program.
SF 617	Veterans Trust Fund Appropriations Adjustment	Passed Senate	<p>Adjusts the appropriations to the Veterans Trust Fund in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the threshold for appropriations from the lottery fund to the Veterans Trust Fund from \$50 million to \$75 million. Appropriates the interest on the Veterans Trust Fund and the first \$500,000 received from the lottery fund to the Commission of Veterans Affairs when the balance is below \$75 million. Removes the requirement for appropriations from the lottery fund when the balance is above \$50 million but was below \$50 million the previous fiscal year. Terminates transfers from the lottery fund when the Veterans Trust Fund balance is at least \$75 million.

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SF 93	Eligibility for County Commission of Veteran Affairs	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa Code section 35B.3 to expand eligibility for serving on a county commission of veteran affairs. Currently, only veterans as defined in Code section 35.1 are eligible. This bill adds two new categories of eligible individuals: 1. Iowa residents who are current members of the Iowa National Guard or an Iowa unit of the reserve forces of the United States, with satisfactory service verified by a letter of recommendation from their unit commander. 2. Iowa residents who are former members of the Iowa National Guard or an Iowa unit of the reserve forces of the United States, discharged under honorable conditions.
HF 175	Expanding In-State Tuition for Military Personnel and Families	Passed House	This bill amends Iowa Code sections 260C.14 and 262.9 to expand in-state tuition benefits for military personnel and their families at regents institutions and community colleges.
HF 779	Eligibility for Special Veteran Registration Plates	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 321.34 to expand eligibility for special registration plates with a veteran processed emblem to include persons who served in the reserve forces of the United States or the Iowa national guard, regardless of the number of years of service, and were discharged under honorable conditions.

Probate, Trust, and Estate Planning Law Section

Bill Number	Subject	Status	Summary
SF 641	DHS Department Bill	Signed by Governor	Makes various changes to laws related to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including administrative services organizations, child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, and health maintenance organizations. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the region incentive fund to HHS for FY 2024-2025 to ensure continuity of care for persons transferring services from the mental health and disability services system to the behavioral health services system. Transfers unobligated and unencumbered moneys from the mental health and disability services regional service fund to the behavioral health fund on June 30, 2025. Changes the premium tax rate for health maintenance organizations contracting with HHS to administer the medical assistance program from 2.5% to the applicable percent (0.95% for 2025, 0.925% for 2026, and 0.9% for 2027 and subsequent years).
HSB 161	Priority in Medical Decision Making	Passed House Subcommittee, funneled.	This affirmative legislative proposal amends §144B.6 to clarify priority in medical decision making for Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care decisions.
HF 976	IDR Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies Iowa's tax administration, impacting personal income, property, sales and use, motor fuel, and inheritance taxes. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased Estimated Tax Threshold: Taxpayers must make estimated tax payments if their Iowa income tax liability exceeds \$1,000 (previously \$200). 2. Limited Sales Tax Exemptions: Exemptions for web search portal businesses and data centers are limited to 10 or 15 years, depending on location, and require registration and annual reporting. 3. Repeal of Inheritance Tax: The inheritance tax is repealed for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025. 4. Lump Sum Distribution Exemption: Lump sum distributions from retirement accounts are exempt from state taxation for individuals who are disabled, 55 or older, or surviving spouses. <p>Tax Expenditure Review: The department is not required to review tax expenditures that have been repealed or have a zero balance.</p>

HF 363	Final Disposition of Remains	Signed by Governor.	This law governs the final disposition of human remains. The law excludes individuals ineligible to serve as a designee under a decedent's declaration from controlling the disposition of remains or making funeral arrangements, ensuring the decedent's wishes are respected
HF 573	Involuntary Commitment Proceedings	Signed by Governor	This bill amends Iowa law regarding involuntary commitment proceedings for substance use disorders and mental impairments. Key changes include: Allowing any interested person to file a verified application for involuntary commitment in any county, with jurisdiction transferred to the respondent's county of residence or location. Authorizing law enforcement to take a person into custody in any county for placement in a hospital or facility to receive court-ordered treatment. Directing the supreme court to adopt implementing rules.
HF 125	Transfer on Death Deed Act	Passed Judiciary Subcommittee	Iowa Transfer on Death Deed Act, allows individuals to execute a transfer on death deed, which transfers real property outside of probate to one or more beneficiaries effective at the transferor's death. The bill outlines the requirements for a valid transfer on death deed, including essential elements and formalities, and provides that the deed is revocable and non-testamentary. The bill also addresses the effect of the deed during the transferor's lifetime and at their death, as well as the rights of beneficiaries and creditors.
HF 922	Financial Institution Anti-Discrimination	Passed House Judiciary	Prohibits Iowa financial institutions from discriminating against individuals based on their social credit score, which includes evaluations of protected speech, religious exercise, association, expression, or conduct. The bill defines financial institutions and financial services, and permits individuals to request a written statement explaining the reason for denied, restricted, or terminated financial services.
HF 825	Exemption from Groundwater Hazard Statement for Trust Distributions	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 558.69 to exempt deeds transferring distributions of assets to beneficiaries of a trust without consideration from submitting a groundwater hazard statement when filing a declaration of value with the county recorder.
HF 940	Beneficial Ownership, Post-	Passed House	This bill amends Iowa's probate law regarding notice provided to named beneficiaries. Key provisions include:

	Martial Agreements		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring holders of property with beneficiary designations to notify beneficiaries within 10 business days of the decedent's death. 2. Allowing beneficiaries to present an affidavit to obtain property or information. 3. Prohibiting requests for additional personal information from beneficiaries 4. Providing a 30-day timeframe for verifying affidavits and delivering property or information. 5. Allowing beneficiaries to bring an action to recover property or compel delivery within one year. 6. Includes provisions authorizing spouses to amend premartial agreements. Authorizing courts to award damages, costs, penalties (\$500-\$10,000), and reasonable attorney fees to prevailing beneficiaries
HF 624	Farm Tenancy Net Income Exclusion	Passed House	Expands the farm tenancy net income exclusion from individual income tax, allowing eligible individuals to exclude net income from farm tenancy agreements earned through entities taxed as disregarded entities, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, or estates. The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

SF 447	Replacement Certificate of Title for Vehicles	Passed Senate Transportation, In Senate Ways & Means	Under current law, if a vehicle's certificate of title is lost or destroyed, the owner or lienholder is required to apply for a replacement copy of the original certificate of title. The owner or lienholder of a motor vehicle may also apply for a replacement copy of the original certificate of title upon surrender of the original certificate of title with the application. Some Code references to a "replacement copy of the original certificate of title" instead use "certified copies" or "replacement certificate of title". The fee for a replacement copy is \$30 (increased from \$20 in 2024). A county treasurer who issues a replacement copy of an original certificate of title is authorized to retain 40 percent of the fee collected for deposit in the county general fund (increased to \$12 from \$8 in 2024 by operation of law). This bill harmonizes all references in Code to a "replacement certificate of title", and increases the fee to \$18.
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HF 986	Insurance and Financial Services Bill	Passed House, In Senate Ways & Means	<p>Addresses various aspects of insurance and financial services in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to existing laws and regulations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the Financial Literacy and Investor Education Fund under the control of the Director of the Iowa Insurance Division (IID). The bill requires the Director to develop and implement financial literacy and investor education initiatives for the public. Moneys in the Financial Literacy and Investor Education Fund include the following: • Moneys appropriated by the General Assembly. • A transfer of up to \$250,000 from the CMRF as determined by the Director. • Civil penalties received pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 502 (Uniform Securities Act (Blue Sky Law)). • Grants or donations from nonstate entities. <p>The Director is permitted to collaborate with organizations with an interest in financial literacy and investor education under the Bill. Additionally, the bill requires the Director to develop and implement initiatives to educate the public on financial exploitation, assist victims of financial exploitation, and conduct and assist investigations of financial exploitation.</p> <p>Division VIII – Iowa Cemetery Act – Examinations, Care Funds, and Annual Reports Description Division VIII of the Bill exempts cemeteries that are owned or operated by a governmental subdivision from examination and annual report requirements. Additionally, notwithstanding care fund requirements in Iowa Code section 523I.810, cemeteries that are owned or operated by a governmental subdivision are not required to establish a reasonable repayment schedule, provided that the distributions from the care funds are used in compliance with Iowa Code section 523I.811. Regulates service companies and contracts, including licensing requirements, fees, and prohibited acts or practices.</p>
SSB 1234	Establishing a Retirement Savings Plan Trust	Passed Senate Approps.	<p>Creates the Iowa Retirement Savings Plan Trust, a state-run retirement savings plan, to help Iowans save for retirement. This plan would be offered to Iowans who are employed by companies or individuals who do not offer their own retirement plans through their employment. Contributing to the plan is 100% optional and would be done automatically each paycheck. Over a dozen states currently offer this program,</p>

			and this legislation was modeled after the Missouri program. The trust will be operated by the Treasurer of State and will conform to federal tax requirements.
HF 836	Medical Income Assistance Trust Fees	Passed House & Senate Judiciary	This is an affirmative bill by the Iowa Elder Law Section. The legislation increases the monthly amount that may be paid or set aside for necessary trust expenses without court approval from \$10 to \$50 for beneficiaries of medical income assistance trusts.
HF 385	Involuntary Commitment Discharge Requirements	Passed House	Relates to the discharge of involuntarily committed persons from a facility or hospital in Iowa. The bill requires facilities to refer patients to an administrative services organization (ASO) for evaluation, case management, and post-discharge services prior to discharge. It also requires facilities to assess patients for suicide risk, provide a 30-day supply of medications, and provide a discharge report with specific information. The bill requires ASOs to coordinate post-discharge care, including contacting patients to ensure they attend scheduled appointments and receive necessary care and services. ASOs must also make quarterly reports to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which are considered confidential records.
HF 893	Iowa Dementia Support Services Act	Passed House Judiciary	Requires each area agency on aging to provide a dementia service specialist to increase access to local supports and services for persons living with dementia, their families, and caregivers. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a dementia services coordinator for statewide coordination of dementia initiatives and specialists.
HF 817	Distribution of Child Support to a Decedent by Affidavit.	Funneled, in House Judiciary	A bill for an act relating to the distribution of child support owed to a decedent by affidavit. Current law allows for the distribution of a decedent's property by affidavit for very small estates (those with a gross value of \$50,000 or less). This bill allows a successor of a decedent who has a very small estate to access undistributed child support payments owed to the decedent held by child support services or the collection services center. The bill requires child support services to create and make available a form that allows the successor to collect the held moneys.
HF 616	Amending Pre-martial Agreements	In House Judiciary	This bill allows pre-martial agreements to be amended for agreements commenced after July 1, 2025.

Real Estate and Title Law Section

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HF 639	Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Insurance Requirements	Vetoed by Governor	Requires applicants for hazardous liquid pipeline permits to submit evidence of a surety or insurance policy to the Iowa Utilities Commission, ensuring payment of all damages resulting from construction or operation of the pipeline. The policy must cover losses, injuries, and increased insurance costs or inability to obtain insurance due to the pipeline's presence. Pipeline companies must purchase insurance or reimburse individuals experiencing increased premiums or insurance unavailability.
HF 975	Economic Development and Tax Credit Reforms	Signed by Governor	Makes various changes to Iowa's economic development programs and tax credits. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elimination of the brownfield redevelopment program and advisory council 2. Changes to the historic preservation tax credit program, including new requirements for qualified rehabilitation projects and increased flexibility for project timelines 3. Creation of the arts and culture enhancement fund, which will receive \$520,000 in annual appropriations from gambling and sports wagering taxes 4. Repeal of the Iowa cultural trust Act and elimination of various cultural and entertainment districts and programs 5. Conforming changes to the Iowa finance authority's duties and powers 6. Retroactive applicability provisions for certain sections 7. Increased flexibility for the historic preservation tax credit program, allowing for larger tax credits in certain circumstances
HF 976	Department of Revenue Bill	Signed by Governor	This bill limits sales tax exemptions for web search portal businesses and data centers to 10 or 15 years, depending on their location, and requires registration and annual reporting.
SF 460	Home Inspection Regulation	Signed by Governor	regulates home inspections in Iowa, establishing standards for home inspectors, inspection reports, and insurance requirements. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Home inspectors must be members of a national home inspectors association or supervised by one.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Inspection reports must include a description of the scope, material defects, and certain statements about the report's contents. 3. Home inspectors are prohibited from offering repairs, inspecting properties in which they have an interest, or accepting payment for specific results. 4. Inspection reports can only be disclosed to the client or with their consent. 5. Home inspectors must maintain insurance against errors and omissions, with minimum coverages of \$100,000 per occurrence and \$500,000 in the aggregate. 6. Failure to maintain insurance or false representation as a home inspector: simple misdemeanor (first offense), serious misdemeanor (second or subsequent offense). 7. Failure to include necessary elements in an inspection report: simple misdemeanor, fine not to exceed \$500.
SF 657	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various economic development tax credits and incentives in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Incentives for Growth Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits and refunds for businesses that create jobs and invest in Iowa. 2. High Quality Jobs Program: Repeals the program, effective December 31, 2025. 3. Seed Investor Tax Credit Program: Creates a new program offering tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses. 4. Iowa Film Production Incentive Program: Establishes a new program providing rebates for film productions in Iowa. 5. Targeted Jobs Withholding Credit: Modifies the credit, reducing the percentage of gross wages eligible for the credit. 6. Employer Child Care Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 7. Assistive Device Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 8. Endow Iowa Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 9. Research Activities Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2027. 10. Research and Development Tax Credit Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits for qualified research and development expenditures.

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SF 619	Disaster Relief and Insurance Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Addresses disaster relief, insurance regulation, and licensing requirements for adjusters and contractors in Iowa. The bill increases appropriations for disaster relief and creates a new fund for natural hazard mitigation. It also establishes a disaster recovery housing assistance program and provides tax exemptions for certain disaster-related grants. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of a natural hazard mitigation revolving loan fund with an initial appropriation of \$50 million 2. Establishment of a disaster recovery housing assistance program with an appropriation of \$20 million 3. Tax exemptions for qualifying state disaster recovery new housing grants 4. Increased licensing requirements and fees for adjusters and contractors 5. Stricter regulations on post-loss assignments and public adjuster contracts 6. Creation of a consumer advocate position to assist with disaster-related insurance claims.
HF 615	Service Animal Misrepresentation Offense	Signed by Governor	<p>Amends Iowa Code Section 216C.11, relating to the offense of intentional misrepresentation of an animal as a service animal or service-animal-in-training. Strikes the requirements that a person must have been previously given a written or verbal warning regarding the illegality of misrepresenting an animal and that the person knows the animal is not a service animal or service-animal-in-training. Retains the provision that a person commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by confinement for no more than 30 days and a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855. Effective Date: July 1, 2025.</p>
SF 593	Drainage or Levee District Parcel Record Requirements	Signed by Governor	<p>Requires county auditors to prepare and file a district parcel record with the county recorder, identifying all parcels within a drainage or levee district. The record must include the legal description, parcel identification number, and owner names for each 40-acre tract or fraction thereof. Auditors who have not filed a district parcel record before the effective date (July 1, 2025) must do so by June 30, 2026.</p>
SF 311	City civil service employees	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various aspects of city civil service employees and procedures in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p>

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting cities with a civil service commission from establishing citizen review boards for officer conduct. 2. Requiring cities with a population over 50,000 to have 5-7 civil service commissioners. 3. Modifying standards and procedures for removing, discharging, demoting, or suspending city civil service employees. 4. Changing appeal procedures to the city civil service commission and district court 5. Allowing for reasonable attorney fees, expert fees, and costs to be awarded to employees who substantially prevail in appeals.
SF 314	Real Estate License Application and Brokerage	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 543B.16 and 543B.56A, relating to real estate license applications and brokerage agreement requirements. Key provisions include: Allowing real estate brokers and salespersons to indicate on their license application whether the new license should become effective upon approval or upon expiration of their current license; Exempting customers attending open houses, potential buyers of properties with more than four units, and properties not intended for human inhabitation from brokerage agreement requirements. Effective date: July 1, 2025.
HF 876	Lead Service Line Disclosure	Signed by Governor	Defines "Service line" as the pipe connecting the water main to interior plumbing, and "lead service line" means a service line made of lead, downstream of any lead service line, or a service line of unknown material. Requires disclosure: sellers must include information about the presence of lead service lines in the written disclosure statement provided to buyers. Effective Date: January 1, 2026.
SF 592	Accessory Dwelling Units Regulation	Signed by Governor	This bill regulates county and city oversight of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Iowa, it prohibits counties and cities from imposing certain restrictions on ADUs.
SF 398	Closing Costs for Debts Secured by Land Interests	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code Chapter 537 to permit creditors to contract for and receive closing costs for debts secured by an interest in land, provided they are bona fide, reasonable in amount, and not for the purpose of circumvention or evasion of Code Chapter 537. Key Provisions:

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows creditors to contract for and receive closing costs, including fees or charges listed in Code Section 535.8(4)(a) and (b). 2. Exempts consumer loans from Code Section 535.8(4)(a) and Code Section 535.8(5) if the points and fees charged by all lenders do not exceed the amounts specified in 12 C.F.R. 1026.43(e)(3). 3. Permits creditors to contract for and receive discount points for reducing the interest rate or time-price differential applicable to the loan. 4. Allows creditors to contract for and receive points agreed upon by the creditor and borrower to offer a given interest rate. <p>Effective date: July 1, 2025.</p>
HF 652	County and City Regulation of Real Property	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa Code sections 335.15 and 414.12 to grant county and city boards of adjustment the power to authorize variances from zoning ordinances regarding area, dimensional, or other numerical limitations.
SF 574	Iowa Public Improvement Contracts Retention Fees and Bonds Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Relating to public improvement contracts the bill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allows contractors to post a retention bond (5% of the original contract price) as a substitute for retained funds, which must be paid to the contractor within 20 days. 2. Requires public corporations to pay contractors the full amount of retention funds or double the amount of a claim, whichever is less, after a surety bond is filed. 3. Mandates that actions be commenced within 30 days of a written demand, or the claim is barred and the contractor must be paid. 4. Strikes the requirement for releasing retained funds if an action is not commenced within 30 days. 5. Requires courts to grant reasonable attorney fees to prevailing claimants and principal contractors in disputes related to contracts, retention funds, or public improvements.
HF 843	Oil and Gas Production	Passed H & S Natural Resources	Amends Iowa's oil and gas production laws, granting the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) director authority to require yearly filings from oil and gas producers, issue variances to rules and regulations, and establish exploratory spacing units. The bill also updates pooling order requirements, allowing producers to recover costs from

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			non-consenting owners and providing a 12.5% cost-free royalty interest to non-consenting owners without a lease or contract.
HF 973	Mobile home Regulations	Passed House Ways and Means	<p>Amends various aspects of Iowa's property law, including manufactured or mobile home retailer licenses, rent, rental agreements, notice requirements, and possession of property. Key Provisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases the annual fee for a manufactured or mobile home retailer license from \$100 to \$120. 2. Defines "rent" to include base rent, utilities, late fees, and other payments made by the tenant to the landlord under the rental agreement. 3. Allows a landlord access to a mobile home owned by a tenant, after entry of an order of removal of the tenant, to secure the mobile home or mobile home space. 4. Provides that 90 days' peaceable possession with the knowledge of the plaintiff after the cause of action accrues is a bar to a forcible entry and detainer proceeding (increased from 30 days). 5. Allows service of notice by mail in a forcible entry and detainer case to occur prior to the two attempts of personal service and delivery evidenced by an acknowledgment of service.
HF 1018	Historic Preservation Tax Credit Extension	Passed House and Senate Ways	Amends the preservation of existing rights provision for the historic preservation tax credit in Iowa. The bill extends the applicability of this provision from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, allowing tax credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023, to remain unaffected by the gradual reduction in refundability enacted in House File 2317 (2022). This reduction gradually decreases the refundability of the tax credit from 100% to 75% by January 1, 2027.
HF 1029	Noncoal Mine Site Regulation and Reclamation	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code chapter 208, regulating noncoal mine sites, including surface and underground mining. The bill increases the initial license application fee from \$50 to \$75. Includes: reclamation requirements for lands disturbed by sinkholes at active underground mine sites; Emergency remediation orders and plan submissions for sinkhole reclamation; Application of combined bonds to cover reclamation costs at any one mine site.

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HF 1050	Property Tax Exemption of Aboveground Storage Tanks	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code section 427A.1 to exempt aboveground storage tanks with a capacity of 91,000 gallons or less from being assessed and taxed as real property, regardless of their use or intended use. This exemption applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.
HF 1051	Self-Supported Tourism Improvement Districts	Passed House Ways	<p>Authorizes cities to establish self-supported tourism improvement districts, allowing a levy on lodging businesses to fund improvements and activities benefiting those businesses. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessments on lodging businesses to fund district improvements and activities 2. Assessments based on estimated benefits to lodging businesses within the district 3. Ability for local governing bodies to modify districts and issue bonds to finance improvements 4. Annual reporting requirements for district representatives
SF 256	Disputed land boundaries and corners including acquiesced boundaries	Passed Senate	<p>Amends Iowa Code section 650.14 to clarify the establishment of permanent land boundaries and corners through acquiescence. The bill provides that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boundaries and corners recognized and acquiesced in for 10 years are permanently established through self-execution of Code section 650.14. 2. Common ownership of adjacent tracts does not terminate previously established acquiesced boundaries and corners. 3. Adjoining parties may subsequently recognize and acquiesce to new boundaries and corners, which become permanently established after 10 years.
SF 579	Local Civil Rights Commissions Reform	Passed Senate	<p>This bill amends Iowa Code Section 216.19 to reform local civil rights commissions and agencies. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints involving a political subdivision must be referred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights for processing. 2. Unresolved complaints alleging a violation of the Iowa Civil Rights Act of 1965 can be transferred to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights after 12 months upon request by any party.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Local agencies must notify parties of their right to direct transfer after 12 months and cross-file complaints with the Iowa Office of Civil Rights if they arise from alleged state law violations. 4. The term of a commissioner appointed to a local agency or commission is set at two years.
SF 412	Property Law Amendments	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa's property law, specifically chapters 562A (uniform residential landlord and tenant law), 562B (manufactured home communities or mobile home parks residential landlord and tenant law), and 648 (forcible entry and detainer).
SF 654	Wildlife Management	Passed Senate	<p>Relates to wildlife management and licensing fees in Iowa. The bill makes several changes to the state's wildlife management laws, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requiring tree stands on public land to be identified with a metal plate showing the owner's department-issued identification number 2. Allowing property owners to breach or alter beaver dams to protect their property 3. Giving users the option to label traps and snares with their department-issued identification number instead of their name and address 4. Capping fur dealer license fees at \$50 annually, regardless of resident status (previously \$264 for residents and \$586.50 for non-residents)
SF 633	Forest and Fruit-Tree Reservation Fee Establishment	Passed Senate	<p>Establishes a fee structure for forest and fruit-tree reservations in Iowa, effective January 1, 2026. The fees are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$2 per acre per year for reservations located in the same county as the owner's homestead, adjusted annually for inflation. 2. \$3 per acre per year for reservations located in a contiguous county to the owner's homestead, adjusted annually for inflation. 3. A rate per acre calculated by the department of management for all other reservations, including those within city limits, adjusted annually for inflation.
HF 1013	Exemption on Property Taxes for Disaster Area	Passed House	Establishes a partial exemption on property taxes for certain residential properties sold in disaster areas. The bill provides an exemption for a four-year period. Passed House only.

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	Residential Properties		
SF 653	Historic Preservation Tax Credit Extension	Passed House and Senate Ways	Amends the historic preservation tax credit provision to expand the preservation of existing rights from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. This bill ensures that tax credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023, will not be limited, modified, or adversely affected by the gradual reduction of refundability enacted in House File 2317.
SF 651	Property Tax Reform	Passed Senate Ways	<p>Makes significant changes to Iowa's property tax system, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tax Levy Rates: Adjusts tax levy rates for counties, cities, and school districts, with some rates increasing and others decreasing. 2. Assessment Limitations: Phases out assessment limitations for residential, commercial, and industrial properties, with all properties being assessed at 100% of actual value by 2036. 3. Multiresidential Property: Creates a new classification for multiresidential property, which will be assessed at a percentage of actual value, increasing to 100% by 2036. 4. Agricultural Property: Excludes certain structures on agricultural land from the determination of productivity and net earning capacity. 5. Tax Credits: Adjusts the calculation of tax credits for property taxes due and payable in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026. <p>Appropriations: Increases appropriations for property tax replacement payments and foundation base supplement payments.</p>
HF 640	Self-Storage Facility Amendments	Passed House, Senate amended	<p>Amends the Iowa Self-Storage Facility Act to clarify the terms of rental agreements and default procedures. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person who fails to execute and deliver a written rental agreement within 30 days is deemed to have accepted the terms of the agreement. 2. Upon default or non-renewal of a rental agreement, the operator must deliver a written or electronic notice to remove personal property within 15 days. 3. During this 15-day period, the operator may limit access to the leased space to office hours if specified in the rental agreement.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Any remaining personal property is subject to lien as provided in Code sections 578A.5 and 578A.7. 5. Using a leased space for residential purposes is considered an immediate default, allowing the operator to limit access and proceed under the Code chapter.
HF 1031	County Recorder Fees and Land Record Information Systems	Passed House	<p>Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increases the fee for recording instruments from \$5 to \$10 per page, with a maximum fee of \$250 for documents with 25 or more pages. 2. Creates a new "recorder's technology advancement fund" and requires \$2 of the total fee collected to be deposited into this fund. 3. Establishes a new "recorder's electronic services system fund" and requires \$3 of the total fee collected to be deposited into this fund for counties participating in the electronic services system. 4. Eliminates the local government electronic transaction fund and appropriates remaining moneys to the treasurer of state to assist the governing board of the electronic services system. 5. Amends provisions relating to access of personally identifiable information and formatting of documents and surveys submitted for filing or recording.
SF 616	DNR fence requirements	Passed Senate	Amends Iowa's fence law (Code chapter 359A) to grant the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and county conservation boards the same rights and obligations as private landowners when erecting and maintaining partition fences. The bill requires both parties to deposit funds with the fence viewers to cover their portion of the costs and fees.
HF 1027	Iowa Radon Mitigation System Tax Credit	Passed House	Creates a radon mitigation system tax credit available against individual and corporate income taxes. The credit equals the cost to purchase and install a radon mitigation system, not exceeding \$1,000. Any excess credit is non-refundable but may be carried over to the next tax year.

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HF 1008	Land Redevelopment Trust	Passed House	Establishes the Iowa Land Redevelopment Trust Act, allowing municipalities to create land redevelopment trusts to revitalize dilapidated, abandoned, blighted, and tax-delinquent properties.
SF 555	Acreage Requirement for Hunting Licenses	Passed H & S Natural Resources	Amends the definition of a "farm unit" in Iowa Code section 483A.24 to require parcels of land to be 20 or more contiguous acres for parcels bought on or after January 11, 2027, to receive special turkey and deer hunting licenses. Currently, the requirement is two or more contiguous acres.
SF 600	Storm Water Drainage System Service Charge Exemptions	Passed Senate Ways Committee	Creates exemptions for service charges related to storm water drainage system services in Iowa. The bill prohibits counties, cities, and real estate improvement districts from charging for these services in two scenarios: 1. When the connected real property retains at least 1.5 inches of standing water at any point during a billing cycle. 2. When the connected real property contains a retention pond for storm water purposes that meets the requirements of the national pollutant discharge elimination system general permit no. 2, as issued by the Department of Natural Resources.
SF 609	Property Tax Abatement for Surviving Spouses of Emergency Services Members	Passed Senate Ways	Authorizes the abatement of property taxes and special assessments owed on property owned by the surviving spouse of an emergency services member killed in the line of duty. The bill defines "emergency services member" to include firefighters, peace officers, correctional officers, emergency medical care providers, and volunteer emergency services providers.
SF 598	Iowa Development Property Assessment Reform	Passed Senate Ways Committee	Change the assessment of certain development properties. Key provisions include: 1. Repealing the authorization for counties to adopt ordinances allowing for special assessments of subdivided properties. 2. Modifying the five-year limitation for assessing platted lots as acreage or unimproved property to specify that individual lots shall continue to be classified and assessed in the same manner as prior to the recording of the plat.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Striking the eight-year limitation for subdivision plats recorded between 2004 and 2011. 4. Allowing property owners to elect to withdraw their property from the new assessment provisions, which would subject the property to the assessment and classification provisions in Code section 441.71(1). 5. Defining "development" to include reconstruction, zoning changes, clearing lots, depositing fill dirt, and installing streets and public utilities.
SF 511	Prohibiting Certain Benefits for New Gaming Licensees	Passed Senate Local Government	Amends Iowa's urban renewal and revitalization laws to exclude properties owned and operated by new gaming licensees (issued on or after January 1, 2025) from receiving certain benefits.
HF 700	Radon Testing in Rental Properties	Passed House State Government	Amends Iowa Code section 562A.15 to require landlords to take action when radon levels in rental properties exceed four picocuries per liter. Key provisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenants may conduct radon tests or hire certified professionals to do so. 2. Landlords must be notified of test results and may conduct confirmatory tests. 3. If radon levels remain elevated, landlords must install radon mitigation systems. 4. Failure to comply allows tenants to terminate leases, with landlords returning prepaid rent and deposits without penalty.
HF 922	Financial Institution Anti-Discrimination	Passed House Judiciary	Prohibits Iowa financial institutions from discriminating against individuals based on their social credit score, which includes evaluations of protected speech, religious exercise, association, expression, or conduct. The bill defines financial institutions and financial services, and permits individuals to request a written statement explaining the reason for denied, restricted, or terminated financial services.
HF 825	Exemption from Groundwater Hazard Statement for Trust Distributions	Passed House	Amends Iowa Code section 558.69 to exempt deeds transferring distributions of assets to beneficiaries of a trust without consideration from submitting a groundwater hazard statement when filing a declaration of value with the county recorder.

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HF 940	Probate Law Amendments	Passed House	<p>This bill amends Iowa's probate law regarding notice provided to named beneficiaries. Key provisions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Requiring holders of property with beneficiary designations to notify beneficiaries within 10 business days of the decedent's death 8. Allowing beneficiaries to present an affidavit to obtain property or information 9. Prohibiting requests for additional personal information from beneficiaries 10. Providing a 30-day timeframe for verifying affidavits and delivering property or information 11. Allowing beneficiaries to bring an action to recover property or compel delivery within one year 12. Authorizing courts to award damages, costs, penalties (\$500-\$10,000), and reasonable attorney fees to prevailing beneficiaries
SF 578	Rural Water District Financial Records Access	Passed Senate Commerce	Requires rural water districts, rural water associations, nonprofit cooperative associations, and cooperative associations providing utility services to make their most recent biennial report and financial information, including budget and balance sheet, available to members within 30 days of a reasonable request.
SF 567	Electronic Notice and Sealing of Records in Forcible Entry and Detainer Actions	Passed Senate Commerce	Modifies Iowa's property law by allowing electronic notice in rental agreements and forcible entry and detainer actions, and provides for the sealing of court records in certain circumstances.
HSB 141	Early Termination of Rental Agreements for Victims of Certain Crimes	Passed House Judiciary	Allows victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse, stalking, elder abuse, or other crimes that pose a substantial threat of personal injury or death to terminate their rental agreements early without penalty or liability. The bill requires written notification to the landlord with supporting documentation, such as a protective order or a written report by a peace officer. The tenant remains liable for rent for the month of termination and

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			any prorated days of rent. The bill also provides protections for tenants, including confidentiality and non-discrimination provisions.

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HF 976	IDR Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies Iowa's tax administration, impacting personal income, property, sales and use, motor fuel, and inheritance taxes. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Increased Estimated Tax Threshold: Taxpayers must make estimated tax payments if their Iowa income tax liability exceeds \$1,000 (previously \$200). 6. Limited Sales Tax Exemptions: Exemptions for web search portal businesses and data centers are limited to 10 or 15 years, depending on location, and require registration and annual reporting. 7. Repeal of Inheritance Tax: The inheritance tax is repealed for estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025. 8. Lump Sum Distribution Exemption: Lump sum distributions from retirement accounts are exempt from state taxation for individuals who are disabled, 55 or older, or surviving spouses. 9. Tax Expenditure Review: The department is not required to review tax expenditures that have been repealed or have a zero balance.
SF 383	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Regulation	Signed by Governor	<p>Regulates pharmacy benefits managers (PBMs) in Iowa, aiming to increase transparency and fairness in the industry. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prohibiting PBMs from discriminating against pharmacies or pharmacists 2. Requiring PBMs to use pass-through pricing models, with some exceptions 3. Mandating PBMs to reimburse pharmacies at least the national average drug acquisition cost or wholesale acquisition cost 4. Establishing a professional dispensing fee of \$10.60 5. Requiring PBMs to submit quarterly reports to the commissioner and publish them online 6. Creating an appeals process for pharmacies to dispute reimbursement rates
SF 607	Unemployment Insurance	Signed by Governor	<p>This was a Governor bill. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces the percentage of statewide average weekly wage used to calculate taxable wages from 66.66% to 33.33%. 2. Changes the current reserve ratio calculation, removing the requirement to add \$150 million to the total funds available for benefits.

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Reduces the number of benefit ratio ranks from 21 to 9 and adjusts the contribution rate tables, resulting in lower contribution rates for employers. 4. Introduces a surcharge of 10% on contributions paid by employers with an average benefit ratio of 1.25 or higher over the previous three fiscal years. 5. Decreases the highest contribution rate from 9.0% to 5.40%.
SF 612	Cigarette and Tobacco Product Regulations Update	Signed by Governor	This was a Department of Revenue bill that updates Iowa's cigarette and tobacco product regulations, including vapor products, by requiring electronic filing of returns.
SF 605	Sports Wagering Tax Withholding	Signed by Governor	Amends Iowa's tax code to subject all sports wagering winnings to state and federal income tax laws. Key provisions include: All sports wagering winnings are considered Iowa earned income. Iowa state income tax must be withheld from sports wagering winnings if federal income tax withholding is required.
SF 657	IEDA Department Bill	Signed by Governor	<p>Modifies various economic development tax credits and incentives in Iowa. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business Incentives for Growth Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits and refunds for businesses that create jobs and invest in Iowa. 2. High Quality Jobs Program: Repeals the program, effective December 31, 2025. 3. Seed Investor Tax Credit Program: Creates a new program offering tax credits for investments in qualifying businesses. 4. Iowa Film Production Incentive Program: Establishes a new program providing rebates for film productions in Iowa. 5. Targeted Jobs Withholding Credit: Modifies the credit, reducing the percentage of gross wages eligible for the credit. 6. Employer Child Care Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 7. Assistive Device Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 8. Endow Iowa Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2031. 9. Research Activities Tax Credit: Repeals the credit, effective January 1, 2027.

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			Research and Development Tax Credit Program: Establishes a new program providing tax credits for qualified research and development expenditures.
HF 1044	Appropriations and Captive Insurance Regulatory Fund	Signed by Governor	Appropriates funds to various state departments and agencies for FY 2025-2026. The bill increases appropriations for several departments, including the Department of Administrative Services, Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, and the Iowa Utilities Commission. It also limits a standing appropriation for tobacco product manufacturer enforcement to \$17,525. Additionally, the bill amends Code section 432.1A to require premium taxes paid by captive companies to be deposited into the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund, increasing the fund's revenue. The bill also amends Code section 521J.12 to include premium tax receipts in the fund.
SF 606	Electronic Filing of Sales and Use Tax Returns	Signed by Governor	Requires sales and use tax returns to be filed electronically, unless an exception is granted by the Department of Revenue. Returns not filed electronically will not be considered valid. The bill allows taxpayers to request permission to file using another method and authorizes the Department to adopt rules to administer the electronic filing requirement.
HF 778	Certified Public Accountant Qualifications	Signed by Governor	Updates the qualifications for a certified public accountant (CPA) certificate in Iowa. Key changes include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing the education requirement to 150 semester hours of college education with at least one year of experience, or 120 semester hours with at least two years of experience. 2. Requiring a baccalaureate degree from a recognized college or university with a concentration in accounting or a substantially equivalent area of study. 3. Defining experience to include services or advice involving accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting.
SF 524	Tax Litigation Costs and Recovery	Passed Judiciary Committee in House and Senate	This was a Tax section affirmative bill. The bill amends Iowa Code Section 421.60, relating to awarding costs in administrative hearings or court proceedings involving tax, penalties, and interest collection by the Department of Revenue. The bill increases recoverable costs to include reasonable court costs, prevailing market rates for expert witnesses and services, and attorney/accountant fees; Strikes the current \$25,000 cap on recoverable costs by a

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			taxpayer; Shifts the burden of proof to the Department of Revenue to prove its position was substantially justified and requires the Department to pay reasonable costs if the taxpayer prevails.
HF 961	Individual Income Tax Exemption for Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans	Passed House Ways	Exempts up to \$500,000 of nonqualified deferred compensation plan income from individual income tax for taxpayers who are disabled, 55 years or older, or surviving spouses of individuals who would have qualified for the exemption. The bill applies retroactively to January 1, 2025, for tax years beginning on or after that date.
HF 1018	Historic Preservation Tax Credit Extension	Passed House and Senate Ways	Amends the preservation of existing rights provision for the historic preservation tax credit in Iowa. The bill extends the applicability of this provision from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023, allowing tax credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023, to remain unaffected by the gradual reduction in refundability enacted in House File 2317 (2022). This reduction gradually decreases the refundability of the tax credit from 100% to 75% by January 1, 2027.
HF 1030	Exempting tips from Individual Income Tax	Passed House Ways	Exempts qualified tips from individual income tax for taxpayers with net income below \$155,000. Eligible individuals can exclude up to \$25,000 of qualified tips from net income calculations. Qualified tips are defined as cash tips received in occupations that customarily received cash tips prior to December 31, 2023. The bill applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, unless the federal government enacts similar legislation allowing for the deduction of qualified tips for federal individual income tax purposes.
HF 1050	Property Tax Exemption of Aboveground Storage Tanks	Passed House Ways	Amends Iowa Code section 427A.1 to exempt aboveground storage tanks with a capacity of 91,000 gallons or less from being assessed and taxed as real property, regardless of their use or intended use. This exemption applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.
HF 1026	Adoption Tax Credit Increase	Passed House	Increases the adoption tax credit available against individual income tax from \$5,000 to \$20,000 of qualified adoption expenses per adoption. Any credit in excess of tax liability is

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			refundable. The bill applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, for adoptions finalized on or after that date.
SF 653	Historic Preservation Tax Credit Extension	Passed House and Senate Ways	Amends the historic preservation tax credit provision to expand the preservation of existing rights from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. This bill ensures that tax credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023, will not be limited, modified, or adversely affected by the gradual reduction of refundability enacted in House File 2317.
HF 1022	Sales Tax Exemption for Laundry Detergent	Passed House	Exempts the sale of laundry soap or detergent from Iowa's sales tax, also rendering it exempt from the state's use tax by operation of Code section 423.6.
HF 988	Catastrophic Savings Account	Passed House	Creates a catastrophic savings account program, allowing Iowa residents to establish interest-bearing savings accounts for qualified catastrophic expenses. The bill provides two individual income tax incentives: 1. Deduction: Account holders can deduct contributions up to the aggregate lifetime contribution limit (ranging from \$2,000 to \$350,000, depending on insurance premiums). 2. Exemption: Interest received from the account is exempt from individual income tax. The bill also imposes a 2.5% penalty on nonqualified withdrawals, unless due to death, garnishment, or bankruptcy. Upon the account holder's death, the account balance is included in the taxable income of the recipient, unless the recipient is the surviving spouse.
HF 1019	Sales Tax Exemption for Toilet Paper	Passed House	Exempts the sale of toilet paper from Iowa's sales tax, also rendering it exempt from the state's use tax by operation of Code section 423.6.
HF 1020	Child and Dependent Care Credit Modification	Passed House	Modifies the Iowa child and dependent care credit available against the individual income tax. The bill reduces the number of Iowa net income thresholds from seven to four and removes the maximum Iowa net income threshold amount (\$90,000) for eligibility purposes. As a result, taxpayers with Iowa net income equal to or exceeding \$25,000 are eligible to use 50% of the federal child and dependent care credit as a refundable credit against the Iowa individual income tax, regardless of federal tax liability limitations.

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HF 1021	Exemption of Dietary Supplements from Sales Tax	Passed House	Exempts the sale of dietary supplements, including vitamins and minerals, from Iowa's sales tax. By extension, this exemption also applies to the use tax imposed in Code section 423.5. The bill amends Section 423.3, subsection 57, of the Iowa Code to exclude dietary supplements from the list of taxable items.
HF 996	Sales Tax Exemption for Parking Facility Services	Passed House	Exempts the sales price of parking facility services from the sales tax by striking paragraph "ak" from Section 423.2, subsection 6 of the Iowa Code.
HF 624	Farm Tenancy Net Income Exclusion	Passed House	Expands the farm tenancy net income exclusion from individual income tax, allowing eligible individuals to exclude net income from farm tenancy agreements earned through entities taxed as disregarded entities, partnerships, S corporations, trusts, or estates. The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Workers Compensation Section

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HF 441	Employment Appeal Board and Liability Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Clarifies the powers and responsibilities of the Employment Appeal Board (EAB) and limit liability for unemployment benefits. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Assigns EAB duties under Code chapter 20, the Public Employment Relations Act, and contested cases under Code section 70A.28. 4. Conforms language for petitions for judicial review of agency action under Code chapter 17A to exemptions in Code chapters 10A and 20. <p>Exempts the EAB and Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing from liability for unpaid unemployment benefits or insufficient funds in the Unemployment Compensation Fund.</p>
SF 607	Unemployment Insurance	Signed by Governor	<p>This was a Governor bill. Key changes include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces the percentage of statewide average weekly wage used to calculate taxable wages from 66.66% to 33.33%. 2. Changes the current reserve ratio calculation, removing the requirement to add \$150 million to the total funds available for benefits. 3. Reduces the number of benefit ratio ranks from 21 to 9 and adjusts the contribution rate tables, resulting in lower contribution rates for employers. 4. Introduces a surcharge of 10% on contributions paid by employers with an average benefit ratio of 1.25 or higher over the previous three fiscal years. 5. Decreases the highest contribution rate from 9.0% to 5.40%.
SF 603	Workforce Training and Unemployment Insurance Reform	Signed by Governor	<p>Reforms workforce training and unemployment insurance. The bill makes several changes to the functions of the Department of Workforce Development, the Workforce Development Board, and local workforce development boards. Transfers duties related to compiling an annual report on workforce training programs from the Department of Workforce Development to the College Student Aid Commission. Strikes requirements for the Department to collaborate with education-related entities on certain duties. Modifies the definition of "taxable wages" for unemployment insurance taxes on employers. Eliminates wages paid to employees from other states from the calculation of taxable wages, even if the other state extends reciprocity. Specifies that only wages paid in Iowa can constitute taxable wages. The bill takes effect on March 28, 2025, and July 1, 2025.</p>

Young Lawyers Division

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HF 248	Adoptive Parent Employee Treatment Act	Signed by Governor	Requires Iowa employers to treat adoptive parents of children up to six years old equally to biological parents of newborns regarding employment policies, benefits, and protections for the first year after adoption. Employers must provide equal treatment, except for disability leave, which still requires a qualifying disability under the employer's policies. The bill defines adoption and employer-employee relationships under Code chapter 91A. Non-compliance may result in a civil penalty of up to \$500 per pay period per violation.
HF 1001	Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program	Passed House	<p>Creates a program to assist rural counties and municipalities in recruiting attorneys. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible counties/municipalities: population < 26,000, located > 20 miles from a city with a population of less than 50,000. 2. Incentive payment: 90% of University of Iowa College of Law resident tuition and fees, paid in 5 equal annual installments, in addition to advertised salary and benefits. 3. County/municipality contribution: 35% of total incentive payment, paid in 5 equal annual installments. 4. State appropriation: remaining 65% of incentive payment, paid by the College Student Aid Commission. 5. Program funding: Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program Fund, appropriated to the Commission. 6. Initial program limit: 5 attorneys in the first year.
HF 1020	Child and Dependent Care Credit Modification	Passed House	Modifies the Iowa child and dependent care credit available against the individual income tax. The bill reduces the number of Iowa net income thresholds from seven to four and removes the maximum Iowa net income threshold amount (\$90,000) for eligibility purposes. As a result, taxpayers with Iowa net income equal to or exceeding \$25,000 are eligible to use 50% of the federal child and dependent care credit as a refundable credit against the Iowa individual income tax, regardless of federal tax liability limitations.

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HF 30	Indigent Representation Tax Deduction	Passed House Subcommittee	<p>Provides a tax deduction for eligible law firms representing indigent clients in Iowa. Key provisions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible law firms may deduct the difference between their actual hourly rate (capped at \$150) and the state's hourly rate for indigent representation (\$86-\$76 per hour, depending on the case type). 2. The deduction applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025. 3. Eligible law firms must have two or more attorneys practicing law in the firm for at least half of each tax year. 4. Eligible attorneys must have been licensed to practice law for fewer than 10 years.
HF 703	Increasing Student Financial Aid Awareness	Passed House	<p>Requires the Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation to provide information to the Bureau of Iowa College Aid regarding state and federal student loan programs. The Bureau must analyze this information, determine if the state's supplemental student loan program offers a lower annual percentage rate (APR) than the federal direct plus loan, and publish a statement on its website if it does. Institutions of higher education in Iowa must include this information in their financial aid offers to prospective students.</p>