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| SF2168 | Iowa Workforce Development Program and Procedure Updates | This bill amends multiple sections of Iowa Code related to workforce development, unemployment benefits, department communication methods, workforce development board membership, and funds transfers. It creates new requirements for claimants, shifts communication to electronic means, repeals a youth program, updates board composition, and redirects reserve funds. | The bill enacts comprehensive changes to the administration and procedures of the Iowa Department of Workforce Development. It requires unemployment claimants to participate in a reemployment case management program as proof of active job seeking, mandates electronic communications between the department, employers, and claimants (with exceptions for those unable to comply), repeals the Summer Youth Intern Pilot Program, expands the workforce development board, and redirects funds from the unemployment compensation reserve fund to the unemployment trust fund. | Placed on Appropriations calendar. H.J. 870. | Placed on Appropriations calendar. H.J. 870. |

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| HF2028 | Reciprocal Tax Agreement Study with Wisconsin | Directs the Iowa Department of Revenue to study the feasibility of a reciprocal tax agreement with Wisconsin and report findings by December 1, 2026. | This bill instructs the Iowa Department of Revenue to examine the possibility of entering into a reciprocal tax agreement with Wisconsin, similar to Iowa's current agreement with Illinois. The study must assess the feasibility and mutual benefits of such an agreement, where residents working across state lines would only pay income tax to their home state. The department must submit its findings to the legislature by December 1, 2026, and, if feasible, draft a proposed agreement for consideration in the 2027 session. The act is effective immediately upon enactment. | Withdrawn. H.J. 870. | Withdrawn. H.J. 870. |
| HF2558 | Changes to Definition of Public Improvement in Public Construction Bidding | This bill amends the definition of 'public improvement' under Iowa law concerning public construction bidding, adding new exclusions for certain equipment and manufactured home installations. | The legislation updates Iowa Code section 26.2(3)(b) by excluding specific items from the definition of 'public improvement' for public construction bidding. Specifically, equipment acquired by or for a city utility related to electric generating projects, and the furnishing and installation of manufactured homes (including foundation, anchoring, and utility connections) are now excluded from bidding requirements. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 04/09. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 04/09. |
| SF2369 | County and City Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) | This bill modifies requirements for county and city regulation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on lots with single family residences, specifying conditions, limitations, and definitions relating to ADUs, including historic preservation and measurement criteria. | The bill amends Iowa law to require counties and cities to allow at least one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on the same lot as a single family residence in applicable zoning districts. It clarifies measurement standards for ADU size, restricts local regulation based on certain historic or community restrictions, and establishes procedures for historic preservation review. The bill also provides a precise definition of 'size' for ADU regulatory purposes and adjusts how unfinished basements are considered in size calculations. Some provisions concerning state historic building code restrictions are removed for cities. | Signed by Governor. S.J. 772. | Signed by Governor. S.J. 772. |

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| HF2745 | State and Local Taxes, Budgets, and Authority Reform Act | A comprehensive act restructuring Iowa's property tax limitations, government reserve funds, urban renewal, education funding, assessment appeals, local government efficiency grants, first-time homebuyer programs, and more. The bill institutes caps on reserves, adjusts property tax calculations and exemptions, reforms urban renewal practices, expands transparency in tax statements, creates a first-time homebuyer savings trust, and appropriates funds for local efficiency grants. | This legislation enacts wide-ranging reforms for Iowa's state and local government taxation, budgeting, and authority. Key provisions include: strict limitations on local government reserve funds and yearly property tax increases, restrictions on using bonds for general operations, changes to commercial/industrial property tax rollbacks, a new homestead exemption, extended education funding, reforms to urban renewal and tax increment financing (TIF), enhanced assessment transparency and burden of proof, a new local government efficiency grant program, and the launch of a state-sponsored first-time homebuyer savings program. It also modernizes property tax statement reporting, adjusts TIF for data centers, revises bond election dates, expands EMS levies, and constrains school unspent balances. The bill contains multiple appropriations and new administrative responsibilities. | Fiscal note. | Fiscal note. |
| HF2757 | Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Nuclear Electric Generation Facilities | Creates new sales and use tax exemptions for tangible personal property, specified digital products, and services related to commencing or restarting nuclear electric generation facilities in Iowa. The bill sets criteria for eligibility, defines covered facilities and items, and includes retroactive applicability provisions. | This bill amends Iowa law to provide sales and use tax exemptions for materials, products, and services used before, during, or after the preparation, construction, repair, or restarting of nuclear electric generation facilities that begin or restart commercial operations on or after January 1, 2028. The exemptions are retroactive to January 1, 2025, and exclude certain items such as registered motor vehicles and items without proper exemption certificates. The Department of Revenue must issue guidance on qualifying documentation and may adopt administrative rules. | Fiscal note. | Fiscal note. |

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| SF2472 | Comprehensive State and Local Tax Reform and Property Tax Limitation Act | An extensive overhaul of Iowa's property tax, local government budget, and revenue systems, including new limitations on tax levies, significant changes to property valuation and classification, major revisions to school and homestead tax credits, creation of a first-time homebuyer savings program, and additional reporting and transparency requirements for local governments. | This legislation enacts sweeping reforms to Iowa's property tax system, local government financial authority, and budgeting procedures. It introduces new limitations and calculation formulas on county, city, and school tax levies; significantly changes property classification and valuation methodologies; restructures school funding mechanisms; enhances homestead and veteran property tax credits and exemptions; modifies or sunsets certain property tax exemptions; creates a state-run first-time homebuyer savings program ('FirstHome Iowa'); adjusts vehicle registration and fuel tax rates with annual inflation indexing; imposes new reporting and transparency requirements on local governments; sets new rules for urban renewal/tax increment financing (TIF) duration and revenue sharing; and establishes multiple task forces for further study and report on property tax deferral and payments in lieu of taxes. | Message from Senate. H.J. 841. | Message from Senate. H.J. 841. |
| HF2254 | Prohibition of Noncompete Clauses for University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Physicians | This bill prohibits the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics from including noncompete clauses in employment contracts with physicians. It directs the Board of Regents to develop a policy to enforce this prohibition. The bill applies to contracts entered into, extended, or renewed on or after the bill's effective date, which is immediate upon enactment. | The bill amends Iowa Code to require the Board of Regents to create a policy banning noncompete clauses in employment contracts between physicians and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. These clauses, which restrict a physician's right to practice after leaving employment, will be prohibited in new, renewed, or extended contracts from the bill's effective date onward. The law takes effect immediately upon passage. | Senate amendment H-8319 filed. H.J. 838. | Senate amendment H-8319 filed. H.J. 838. |

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| HF2746 | Reciprocal Tax Agreement Study with Wisconsin | Directs the Iowa Department of Revenue to study and report on the feasibility of a reciprocal tax agreement with Wisconsin regarding income tax on cross-border workers. | This bill instructs the Iowa Department of Revenue to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a reciprocal income tax agreement with Wisconsin, similar to Iowa's existing agreement with Illinois. The Department must report its findings, including feasibility and rationale, to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026. If a reciprocal agreement is found to be feasible and mutually beneficial, the Department is tasked with submitting a bill draft of the agreement for legislative consideration before the 2027 session. The bill becomes effective immediately upon enactment. | Read first time, referred to Ways and Means. S.J. 732. | Read first time, referred to Ways and Means. S.J. 732. |
| HSB767 | Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Nuclear Electric Generation Facilities | Creates sales and use tax exemptions for tangible personal property, specified digital products, and services related to the commencement or restarting of nuclear electric generation facilities. Defines qualifying facilities, outlines specific inclusions and exclusions, and requires regulatory guidance and rulemaking. Applies retroactively to January 1, 2025. | This bill establishes sales and use tax exemptions for items and services used before, during, and after the construction, maintenance, or restarting of nuclear electric generation facilities in Iowa. The exemption applies to qualifying facilities beginning commercial operations or restarting after decommissioning on or after January 1, 2028. The Department of Revenue is tasked with issuing guidance and may adopt rules for administering the exemption. Certain exclusions apply, and the bill is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2025. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2757. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2757. |
| HF2104 | Restriction on Eminent Domain for Carbon Oxide Pipelines | This bill prohibits the use of eminent domain for acquiring right-of-way, constructing, or operating pipelines intended primarily for the transport of carbon oxide. It takes effect immediately upon enactment and applies prospectively to condemnation proceedings initiated on or after the effective date. | The bill amends Iowa Code section 6A.22 by adding a new subsection that explicitly forbids the use of eminent domain for acquiring land, constructing, or operating pipelines whose primary purpose is to transport carbon oxide. The prohibition applies to condemnation proceedings where the application is filed on or after the bill's effective date, which is immediate upon enactment. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 659. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 659. |

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| SF2220 | Education Reform: Assessment, Gifted Programs, Advanced Math Pathways, and Acceleration Procedures | This bill modifies statewide student assessment requirements, updates procedures for identifying and serving gifted and talented children, mandates school districts to develop advanced mathematics pathways and formal acceleration procedures, and sets new automatic enrollment rules for advanced coursework. | The bill changes statewide science assessment requirements from grade 10 to grade 11, establishes comprehensive identification and program requirements for gifted and talented students, requires districts to set up advanced math pathways for early Algebra I completion, and mandates automatic enrollment in advanced courses based on assessment scores. Districts must also implement procedures for subject and whole-grade acceleration and allow for accelerated students to take corresponding state assessments. The bill specifies that any costs incurred are to be covered by existing state school foundation aid, without additional state appropriations. | Fiscal note. | Fiscal note. |
| HSB596 | Local Government Property Tax, Budget, and Bonding Reforms | This bill overhauls Iowa's local government property tax system, imposes new property tax revenue limitations, creates a residential property tax exemption, enhances taxpayer notice requirements, expands duties of councils of government, and significantly changes procedures for bond issuance by local governments and school districts. | The bill establishes strict caps on annual local government property tax revenue growth (excluding new construction and debt service), introduces a new property tax exemption for residential property, increases public notice and transparency requirements for property tax changes, assigns new responsibilities to councils of governments for local service consolidation, and implements more rigorous voter approval requirements for local government and school district bonding. The bill also makes a series of conforming amendments to ensure all relevant statutes reflect these changes. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2745. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2745. |
| SF2199 | AI Output and Trained AI Ownership Provisions | Establishes legal ownership rules for outputs created by artificial intelligence and for AI systems themselves following training, specifying rights for users, trainers, and employers. | This bill defines key terms related to artificial intelligence and sets out clear ownership rights for AI-generated output and trained AI systems. It designates users who provide input to an AI as owners of the resulting output (unless it infringes on existing IP rights), and those who train AI as owners of the resulting AI under specified conditions. It also provides rules for employer ownership when AI is used within employment duties, and clarifies that no ownership is granted if it would violate existing intellectual property rights. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 599. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 599. |

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| HF2691 | Ownership of Artificial Intelligence Output and Trained AI | Establishes legal rules for ownership of content generated by artificial intelligence (AI) and for AI models trained by individuals or entities. | This bill creates new legal definitions and ownership rules for artificial intelligence (AI) output and trained AI systems in Iowa. It specifies that users who generate content using AI are the owners of such output unless otherwise stipulated by contract or terms of use, and that individuals or entities who train AI models own the resulting AI if the data was lawfully acquired and ownership has not been transferred. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 691. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 691. |
| SF2232 | Increasing Civic Proficiency in Higher Education Act | This bill mandates new requirements for undergraduate general education curricula at Iowa regents institutions, establishes new lecture and debate series, and introduces annual reporting for specific university centers. | The Act requires all undergraduate students at Iowa regents institutions (except certain 3-year degree students) to complete introductory survey courses in American history and American government as part of their general education or core curricula, starting with students enrolling on or after July 1, 2028. The bill also requires the establishment of ongoing lecture and debate series at specific university centers, and mandates annual reports from the directors of the centers for cyclone civics and civic education. It also removes a previous statutory requirement for the University of Iowa's center for intellectual freedom to offer a particular course on American history and civil government. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 600. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 600. |
| HF2361 | Increasing Civic Proficiency in Higher Education Act | This bill establishes new general education requirements at Iowa regents institutions, mandates review of curricula, institutes an annual reporting requirement for certain university centers, and requires the creation of lecture and debate series to promote civic dialogue. | The bill requires undergraduate students at Iowa's regents institutions to complete introductory survey courses in American history and American government as part of their general education or core curricula, unless enrolled in degree programs of three years or less. It ensures transfer students receive credit for equivalent coursework. The bill also mandates the creation of ongoing lecture and debate series promoting civil discourse and requires annual reports from the centers for cyclone civics and civic education. Additionally, the board of regents must review general education requirements and core curricula by fall 2028. The new course requirements apply to students enrolling on or after July 1, 2028. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 600. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 600. |

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| HF2580 | Regulation and Siting of Renewable Electric Power Generation Facilities | Establishes statewide standards and limitations for local authority regulation of the siting, operation, and decommissioning of renewable electric power generation facilities, including wind, solar, and battery storage projects, and prohibits eminent domain for such facilities. | This bill creates new statewide standards for the local approval and regulation of renewable electric power generation facilities in Iowa. Local authorities are restricted in their ability to regulate setbacks, sound, shadow flicker, and other siting factors for wind, solar, and battery storage projects. The bill prohibits the exercise of eminent domain for acquiring land for renewable electric power generation facilities and sets clear limits on local authority to enact moratoriums or to retroactively apply new regulations to previously approved or pending projects. It mandates fair decommissioning plans, restricts excessive fees, and ensures landowner rights to waive certain requirements. Local authorities must amend noncompliant existing ordinances or follow specified notice and public hearing procedures if they intend to maintain more restrictive standards or moratoriums. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 691. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. H.J. 691. |
| SF2169 | Iowa Apprenticeship Reforms and Intermediary Sponsor Clarifications | This bill revises the Iowa Registered Apprenticeship Act, the Iowa Plumber, Mechanical Professional, and Contractor Licensing Act, and the Iowa Apprenticeship Act, primarily to update definitions, clarify the role of intermediary sponsors, establish new procedures for registration and deregistration, and modify eligibility for financial assistance. | The bill introduces and defines 'intermediary sponsors' as entities eligible to provide apprenticeship training and receive financial assistance, establishes specific procedural rights and timelines for cancellation/suspension of sponsors, and introduces a maximum apprentice-to-licensee ratio for licensed journeypersons and masters. It also clarifies that certain statutory requirements do not apply to apprenticeship classroom training and refines eligibility rules for apprenticeship program financial grants. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 599. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 599. |
| HF2250 | Expansion of Iowa Tuition Grants to Students in Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs | This bill authorizes Iowa resident students enrolled in approved comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs—including those at accredited private institutions, community colleges, or regent universities—to participate in the Iowa Tuition Grants program. It establishes eligibility, funding limits, and administrative provisions for these grants. | The legislation expands eligibility for the Iowa Tuition Grants program to include resident students admitted to and attending comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs approved by the U.S. Department of Education. These programs support students with intellectual disabilities. The bill sets grant duration and amount limits, specifies eligible institutions, and provides for fund administration and refund requirements if a student withdraws. Conforming changes are made to statutes governing tuition grant administration and appropriations. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HF2229 | Utilities Commission Administration Reform | Reforms the administrative structure of the Iowa Utilities Commission by creating an executive director position, clarifying the chairperson's duties, and updating eligibility and employment provisions. | This bill restructures the administration of the Iowa Utilities Commission by replacing the position of chief operating officer with an executive director, who will be selected by a majority vote of commission members and report directly to the commission. The chairperson's role is clarified to focus on moderating meetings and proceedings. The bill includes transitional provisions for the appointment of the first executive director, eligibility restrictions, and updates to language throughout the Code reflecting these organizational changes. | Subcommittee reassigned: Boussetot, Driscoll, and Knox. S.J. 593. | Subcommittee reassigned: Boussetot, Driscoll, and Knox. S.J. 593. |
| HF2649 | Pilot Program for Community College Baccalaureate Degrees | Establishes a pilot program authorizing eligible Iowa community colleges in geographically isolated regions to offer baccalaureate degrees in select high-demand fields, subject to specific requirements and oversight by the Department of Education. | This legislation creates the 'Removing Education Access Challenges in Higher Education (REACH) Act,' launching a pilot program that allows eligible community colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs if they meet certain distance, workforce demand, and accreditation criteria. The bill amends definitions, tuition rules, and operational authorities for community colleges, and establishes strict reporting and review processes. The program is tightly regulated to avoid direct competition with existing higher education institutions and to focus on workforce needs in underserved regions. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HF2327 | Changes to Workforce Development Programs and Unemployment Procedures | This bill modifies several aspects of Iowa's workforce development policies, including unemployment benefits eligibility, communication methods for unemployment procedures, and the composition of the state workforce development board. It also repeals the summer youth intern pilot program. | The bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to operate a reemployment case management program for unemployment claimants and ties eligibility, in part, to program participation. It mandates use of electronic or online communication for unemployment benefit notices and determinations, with exceptions for individuals unable to use electronic means. The legislation repeals the summer youth intern pilot program effective June 30, 2026, and expands the membership of the state workforce development board. Several statutory references are updated to reflect these changes, including specific requirements for communication, appeals, and board composition. | Referred to Appropriations. H.J. 666. | Referred to Appropriations. H.J. 666. |

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| SF2302 | Career Development Meetings for Newly Enrolled Higher Education Students | Requires institutions of higher education in Iowa to schedule and conduct career development meetings for all newly enrolled undergraduate students, providing specific career-related guidance and data. | This bill mandates that Iowa institutions of higher education, including public universities and certain private colleges, arrange a career development meeting for every newly enrolled undergraduate student. The meeting must cover topics such as the student's work history, interests, potential career paths, relevant opportunities, and job search resources. Institutions must also supply data on job availability, compensation, high-demand and high-paying careers in Iowa, and related information. The act applies to students enrolling for the first time on or after the bill's effective date. Exemptions and detailed rescheduling procedures are provided. | Fiscal note. | Introduced, placed on calendar. S.J. 270. |
| SSB3001 | Comprehensive State and Local Government Tax and Budget Reform Act | A sweeping reform of Iowa's property tax system and related fiscal provisions affecting state and local governments, including major changes to property tax rates/limitations, school aid, homestead and veterans credits, assessment practices, local option taxes, and fuel taxes, with effective dates phased in from 2026 through 2037. | This bill enacts extensive reforms to Iowa's property tax and fiscal laws, including: new formulas and restrictions for county, city, and school tax levies; phased increases in the state's share of school funding and reductions in school property tax rates; the creation of a homestead exemption (replacing most credits), with special provisions for elderly, disabled veterans, and unencumbered homesteads; a reestablished multiresidential property class; a multi-year phase-in of full assessment of residential and multiresidential properties; reductions in maximum levies for school and transit purposes; new caps and calculation methods for a wide range of rate-limited levies; changes to utility and data center TIFs; and annual CPI adjustments to electric vehicle fees and motor fuel taxes. The bill includes appropriations, retroactive provisions, and mandates a study of future property tax system design. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2472. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2472. |

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| HF736 | Transmission Line Installation on Highway Rights-of-Way | This bill amends multiple sections of Iowa law regarding the placement, permitting, and coordination for installation of transmission lines on highway and interstate rights-of-way, increasing utility access and clarifying Department of Transportation (DOT) processes and limitations. | "The bill requires the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to coordinate with transmission line developers upon request, mandates prompt assignment of a project coordinator, and requires the DOT to share relevant highway project plans with affected utilities. The DOT must allow longitudinal transmission line installations along primary and interstate highways unless they threaten public safety or interfere with highway function and must publicly state reasons for any denial within 90 days. The bill limits DOT lease agreements for utility use of freeway right-of-way to 20 years, and clarifies that transmission lines may be built within highway and interstate rights-of-way, provided they do not impede public use or land occupants." | Withdrawn. H.J. 614. | Withdrawn. H.J. 614. |
| HF2012 | Expansion of Iowa Tuition Grants to Students in Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Programs | This bill authorizes resident students attending comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs (CTPPs) approved by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the Iowa tuition grants program. It amends current law to include such students and institutions (including accredited private institutions, community colleges, and regents universities) as eligible recipients and providers. The bill sets eligibility, funding, and administrative parameters for these grants and makes conforming amendments to appropriations language. | The bill expands the Iowa tuition grants program to include resident students admitted to and attending comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs (CTPPs) approved by the U.S. Department of Education. These programs may be provided by accredited private institutions, community colleges, or state regents universities. Eligible students may receive tuition grants for up to eight semesters (or equivalent). The amount of each grant is capped at the applicable resident tuition and mandatory fees for two semesters (or equivalent) of the program. The bill also amends appropriations language to ensure funding for this new category of recipients, and establishes administrative procedures for refunds and reporting. | Withdrawn. H.J. 614. | Withdrawn. H.J. 614. |

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| HF2252 | County and City Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) | Bill amends Iowa law regarding county and city regulation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs), clarifying conditions for permitting ADUs, specifying calculation methods for ADU size, and revising limitations related to historic districts and common interest communities. | This bill modifies requirements for counties and cities to allow at least one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on the same lot as a single-family residence. It clarifies that ADUs must be allowed within zoning districts where single-family residences are principal uses, specifies that unfinished basements are excluded from ADU size calculations, and removes state historic building code restrictions as a basis to prohibit or limit ADUs. The bill also adds provisions for regulating ADUs in historic preservation districts or areas of historical significance, requiring specific findings for denial. It defines 'size' for ADU purposes and retains certain requirements for manufactured or mobile homes used as ADUs. | Withdrawn. H.J. 601. | Withdrawn. H.J. 601. |
| SF2293 | Changes to Historical Resource Research Centers Requirements | This bill amends requirements for the Department of Administrative Services regarding historical resource research centers, specifically eliminating the mandate to maintain a center in Iowa City. | The bill removes the requirement for the Department of Administrative Services to maintain a historical resource research center in Iowa City, leaving only the center in Des Moines. The change takes effect immediately upon enactment. | Read first time, referred to State Government. H.J. 573. | Introduced, placed on calendar. S.J. 268. |
| HF2661 | Iowa Interactive Digital Entertainment and Game Industry Incentive Programs | Establishes new economic development programs and incentives for Iowa's digital entertainment and video game industry, including tax credits, grants, forgivable loans, and fellowships. Provides significant appropriations for these initiatives for FY 2026-2027. | This bill creates and funds four new economic development programs administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority aimed at fostering growth in the interactive digital entertainment and game development sector. The programs include: (1) an interactive digital entertainment tax credit program for developers, (2) a game studio investment matching program offering forgivable loans to match private investment, (3) a game industry fellowship program to recruit experienced professionals to Iowa, and (4) a game studio grant program to aid recruitment of senior leaders. The bill sets eligibility criteria, funding caps, application and compliance requirements, and annual reporting. Substantial appropriations are made to each program for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HF2358 | Direct Participation of Community-Based Providers in Statewide Preschool Program | This bill amends Iowa law to authorize community-based providers to directly participate in the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children, establishes requirements and funding mechanisms for such participation, and makes conforming changes throughout the Code. | The legislation expands the statewide preschool program by allowing community-based providers, in addition to school districts, to directly participate. It sets forth requirements for approval, funding, and operational guidelines for community-based providers, including direct receipt of state preschool foundation aid, accountability measures, and separation of funding streams. The bill also details the process for program approval, data collection, and rulemaking by the state board of education, along with changes to how aid is distributed and accounted for. | Fiscal note. | Fiscal note. |
| HSB755 | Economic Development, Energy, and Tax Incentives Reform Act | This bill enacts broad reforms to Iowa's economic development, utility regulation, and job training programs. It creates new programs for corporate headquarters expansion, modifies or repeals existing tax credits, establishes new utility planning requirements, and sets up related funds and appropriations. | The bill establishes the EDGE Program to incentivize corporate headquarters growth with qualifying wage tax credits, creates a business training fund, repeals the new jobs tax credit, amends the Major Economic Growth Attraction Program, mandates biennial electric load forecasting and system planning, and restricts the Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Program's credits to certain agreements. It appropriates funds for these activities and makes related statutory changes. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HF2228 | Transmission Line Installations on Highway Rights-of-Way | This bill amends Iowa law to facilitate and regulate the installation of transmission lines on highway rights-of-way, detailing new coordination requirements and granting specific installation rights to utility infrastructure owners, subject to Department of Transportation (DOT) review. | The bill requires the Iowa DOT to coordinate with utility infrastructure owners upon written request regarding placement of transmission lines on highway corridors. It allows longitudinal transmission lines to be installed on primary and interstate road rights-of-way unless found to endanger public safety or interfere with highway function. The DOT must publicly state reasons for any denial within 90 days. The bill also mandates timely assignment of project coordinators and the sharing of future highway project plans with affected utilities. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. |

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| HF2072 | Prohibition of Noncompete Clauses for University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Physicians | This bill prohibits the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics from including noncompete clauses in employment contracts with physicians. It directs the Board of Regents to develop and enforce this policy, with immediate effect upon enactment. | The bill amends Iowa Code to require the Board of Regents to create a policy that forbids the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics from including noncompete clauses in contracts with physicians. 'Noncompete clause' is defined as any restriction preventing a physician from practicing in a certain area or for a set time after their contract ends. The prohibition applies to all contracts entered into, extended, or renewed after the bill's effective date, which is immediate upon enactment. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. |
| HF2074 | Authorization for City-Established Entertainment Districts Allowing Alcohol in Public Spaces | This bill permits Iowa cities to establish 'entertainment districts' where possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on certain public streets, sidewalks, and other public spaces is allowed, subject to city ordinances and specific regulations. | The legislation creates a new framework allowing cities to designate entertainment districts where alcohol may be possessed and consumed in certain public areas, departing from current law that prohibits such activities. It establishes requirements for city ordinances governing these districts, including mapping, hours, enforcement, and licensee participation. The bill clarifies that ordinances cannot allow consumption in vehicles or in violation of general state alcohol laws outside permitted times and locations. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. | Withdrawn. H.J. 484. |
| HF2466 | Iowa Skilled Workforce Act (Apprenticeships & Career Training Reforms) | This act makes substantial changes to Iowa's apprenticeship, career training, and workforce development laws, with new definitions, expanded financial assistance, increased appropriations, new grant programs for facility expansion, and changes to eligibility for workforce scholarships and high-demand job listings. | The bill restructures apprenticeship sponsorship and oversight, introduces intermediary sponsors, increases funding for apprenticeship programs, creates a new grant program for expanding career training facilities, modifies eligibility and reporting requirements for workforce scholarships, encourages school districts to expand apprenticeship training, and simplifies requirements for career and technical educator authorizations. It also makes several technical and procedural changes to ensure clarity and accountability in program administration. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. |

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| SF2441 | Hotel and Motel Tax Use for Tourism Development and Promotion | This bill amends Iowa Code to redefine and clarify the required use of locally imposed hotel and motel tax revenues, focusing on tourism development and promotion, and introduces new definitions and reporting requirements. | The legislation requires that at least 50% of locally imposed hotel and motel tax revenues be spent on tourism development and tourism promotion, replacing the previous list of permissible expenditures. It introduces new definitions for 'tourism development,' 'tourism promotion,' and 'tourist.' The bill also mandates that cities and counties provide a detailed annual accounting of these expenditures beginning with reports filed after December 1, 2027. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Bisignano, and Gruenhagen. S.J. 418. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Bisignano, and Gruenhagen. S.J. 418. |
| HF2325 | Permitting Cities to Create Social Districts for Alcohol Consumption | Allows cities in Iowa to establish 'social districts,' designated public areas where possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are permitted under city ordinance and specific conditions. | This bill amends Iowa law to authorize cities to create 'social districts' where people can possess and consume alcoholic beverages on public streets, sidewalks, and other public places, subject to city ordinances. The bill sets forth requirements for city ordinances governing social districts, including boundaries, permitted hours, container guidelines, licensee participation, enforcement, and revocation procedures. It clarifies that consumption in vehicles or outside permitted times remains prohibited and provides certain protections for participating businesses. | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 418. | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 418. |

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| SSB3034 | Comprehensive State and Local Government Tax, Property Assessment, Urban Renewal, and Governance Reform | This bill enacts sweeping reforms affecting property tax limitations, assessment schedules, property tax credits/exemptions, urban renewal authority, county officer selection, first-time homebuyer programs, local government consolidation grants, school funding allocations, and more. It includes appropriations and significant retroactive applicability provisions. | The bill (proposed as a Governor's bill) makes extensive changes to Iowa's laws on local government property tax limitations, assessment, and urban renewal. Key reforms include: establishing maximum property tax revenue growth for most local governments (excluding schools), capping unassigned reserves, prohibiting use of debt for general operations, and shifting homestead property tax credits to exemptions. The bill revises commercial/industrial property assessment limitations, creates a new property tax growth credit, and introduces a state-administered rent reimbursement program. It introduces a triennial property assessment schedule, revises burden-of-proof rules for large assessment increases, and tightens requirements for urban renewal projects and tax increment finance (TIF) duration. The bill transitions county auditor, treasurer, and recorder positions from elected to appointed, creates a first-time homebuyer savings program, and establishes a local government shared-services grant fund. Several divisions contain appropriations, retroactive applicability, and requirements for further legislative review. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. |
| HSB734 | Authorization for Self-Supported Tourism Improvement Districts | This bill authorizes local governments in Iowa to establish self-supported tourism improvement districts (SSTIDs), which can levy assessments on lodging businesses to fund tourism-related improvements and activities. | The legislation allows cities, counties, and townships to create self-supported tourism improvement districts. Within these districts, lodging businesses can be assessed fees to finance activities and improvements that promote tourism, business, and economic development. The bill details the process for creating, renewing, modifying, and repealing these districts, as well as the use of assessments to back bonds for district improvements. It establishes requirements for district plans, hearings, protest procedures, and annual reporting, and ensures that district funding supplements rather than replaces existing tourism funding. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | By COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS |

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| HF2659 | Establishment of Affordable Housing Task Force | Creates a task force to identify and examine regulatory barriers to affordable housing in Iowa and recommend changes. | This bill establishes an affordable housing task force charged with identifying state and local regulatory barriers that increase the cost of affordable housing and evaluating the public benefits of such regulations. The task force will study areas such as zoning, building codes, permitting, and funding mechanisms. It consists of members from state agencies, housing developers, local officials, legislators, and other stakeholders, with a mandate to reflect geographic diversity. The group must submit a report with findings and recommendations for statutory or administrative changes to the legislature and governor by December 1, 2026. | Amendment H-8038 filed. H.J. 414. | Amendment H-8038 filed. H.J. 414. |
| SF2440 | Restrictions on Use of School District Property Tax Revenue for Urban Renewal Projects | This bill amends Iowa Code section 403.19 to prohibit the expenditure of school district foundation property taxes for certain urban renewal projects involving professional sports facilities, effective immediately upon enactment. | The bill prohibits the use of school district foundation property taxes, collected under section 257.3 and allocated via tax increment financing, for urban renewal projects approved on or after January 1, 2025, if those projects include the planning, construction, or operation of a stadium or arena primarily intended for professional sports teams. The legislation takes effect immediately upon enactment. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Gruenhagen, and Winckler. S.J. 393. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Gruenhagen, and Winckler. S.J. 393. |
| SF2373 | Expansion of Major Economic Growth Attraction Program to Include NFL Stadium Projects | This bill amends Iowa's major economic growth attraction (MEGA) program to explicitly allow and incentivize the construction of a professional sports stadium for a National Football League (NFL) franchise within the state. It introduces new definitions, eligibility criteria, and clarifies the types of entities and projects that may now qualify for economic development incentives under the program. | The legislation expands eligibility for state economic development incentives under the MEGA program to include businesses and affiliates involved in building a sports stadium for an NFL franchise. It adds definitions for 'business affiliate' and 'sports stadium,' modifies site and business eligibility criteria, and ensures these stadium projects may now receive state tax incentives similar to those offered to advanced manufacturing, biosciences, and R&D projects. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Bisignano, and Gruenhagen. S.J. 393. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Bisignano, and Gruenhagen. S.J. 393. |

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| HSB635 | Ownership of Artificial Intelligence Output and Trained AI | Establishes rules regarding the ownership of outputs generated by artificial intelligence and of trained artificial intelligence systems in Iowa. | This bill sets legal definitions and ownership rules for artificial intelligence (AI) output and trained AI systems. It specifies that users who provide input to AI generally own the output, provided it does not infringe on existing intellectual property rights. The bill also determines ownership of trained AI, assigning it to the trainer if they lawfully acquired the data and have not transferred rights by contract. If AI is used as part of one's employment, the employer owns the output or trained AI under certain conditions. The law does not override preexisting copyrights or intellectual property rights. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2691. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2691. |
| HSB728 | Establishment of Digital Entertainment Incentive Programs and Appropriations | Creates multiple programs under the economic development authority to incentivize and support Iowa's interactive digital entertainment and video game industry, including new tax credits, investment matching, fellowships, and grant initiatives, with substantial appropriations for FY 2026-2027. | This bill establishes several new programs administered by the economic development authority aimed at fostering the interactive digital entertainment and video game industry in Iowa. The programs include: (1) an interactive digital entertainment program awarding tax credits to qualified developers; (2) a game studio investment matching program offering forgivable loans to investors; (3) a game industry fellowship program providing relocation grants to senior video game professionals; and (4) a game studio grant program supporting game studios in recruiting high-level talent. The bill sets eligibility requirements, outlines administrative rules, and includes appropriations totaling \$35 million for FY 2026-2027 to fund these initiatives. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2661. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2661. |
| HF2312 | Establishment of an Affordable Housing Task Force | Creates an affordable housing task force to study and recommend changes to state and local regulations impacting affordable housing costs and availability in Iowa. | This bill establishes a task force to identify and analyze state and local regulatory barriers to affordable housing, evaluate the public benefit of such regulations, and make recommendations for statutory or administrative changes. The task force will include representatives from relevant state agencies, housing developers, local officials, and legislators. It is required to submit a report with its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2026. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2659. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2659. |

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| SSB3114 | Hotel and Motel Tax Use for Tourism Development and Promotion | This bill amends Iowa Code to redefine how local hotel and motel tax revenues must be allocated, clarifies the permissible uses of these funds, and establishes new definitions and reporting requirements focused on tourism development and promotion. | The legislation requires cities and counties that levy hotel and motel taxes to spend at least 50% of those revenues on explicitly defined 'tourism development' and 'tourism promotion' activities. The bill strikes the previous detailed list of permissible expenditures and replaces it with new, broader definitions for these terms. It also adds a definition of 'tourist.' Additionally, beginning with the annual report due December 1, 2027, local governments must provide a detailed accounting of how the funds are used for tourism purposes. The bill clarifies that the remaining funds may still be used for any lawful city or county operations. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2441. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2441. |
| HSB692 | Siting and Operation Standards for Renewable Electric Power Facilities | Establishes statewide standards and restrictions for the siting, operation, and local regulation of wind, solar, and battery storage facilities for renewable electric power generation. | This bill prohibits the use of eminent domain for renewable electric power generation facilities and establishes uniform statewide standards for the siting and operation of wind, solar, and battery storage systems. It limits the authority of local governments to impose stricter regulations or moratoriums, sets maximum setback, sound, and shadow flicker standards, and provides for waiver and decommissioning plan requirements. The bill requires local authorities with non-compliant standards to amend them by December 31, 2026, or follow specific public notice and hearing procedures. Certain large or pre-existing facilities and repowering projects are exempted. The bill does not include appropriations. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2580. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2580. |
| SF2301 | Economic Development, Energy, and Tax Credit Reform Act | A comprehensive bill creating new economic development programs, modifying existing incentives, repealing certain tax credits, establishing energy forecasting requirements, and amending training program funding mechanisms. | This bill establishes the EDGE Program for corporate headquarters expansion with qualifying wage tax credits, creates a new training fund for business growth, repeals the new jobs tax credit, alters the industrial new jobs training program, and implements a biennial electric load forecasting mandate with a dedicated funding mechanism. It amends the Major Economic Growth Attraction Program's definition of 'foreign adversary' and extends its expiration. The bill includes appropriations for training and energy forecasting funds and revises tax code provisions accordingly. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Gruenhagen, and Quirmbach. S.J. 314. | Introduced, placed on calendar. S.J. 270. |

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| HF2389 | Iowa Economic Development: Digital Entertainment, Game Studio, and Fellowship Programs | Establishes and funds a suite of economic development programs for the interactive digital entertainment and video game industry, administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Creates new tax credits, forgivable loans, grants, and fellowships to attract, retain, and grow game studios and industry professionals in Iowa. Includes annual reporting and significant appropriations to support these initiatives. | This legislation creates four new programs to bolster Iowa's interactive digital entertainment and video game industry: a tax credit program for developers, an investment matching (forgivable loan) program for studios, a fellowship program for senior industry professionals, and a grant program to recruit out-of-state talent for Iowa game studios. The bill sets eligibility, compliance, and reporting requirements for each program. It appropriates substantial funds from both the sports wagering receipts fund and the state general fund to support these programs, and imposes annual caps and audit requirements to ensure accountability. | Subcommittee Meeting: 02/18/2026 12:00PM RM 103 (Cancelled). | Subcommittee Meeting: 02/18/2026 12:00PM RM 103 (Cancelled). |
| HSB609 | Expansion of Cyber and Artificial Intelligence Education and Workforce Initiatives | This bill modifies the responsibilities of the workforce development board, state board of education, and department of education by adding new requirements to advance cyber and artificial intelligence (AI) education and workforce development in Iowa. | The bill establishes new duties for state entities to address Iowa's cyber and AI workforce and education needs. It directs the workforce development board to create a statewide initiative for cyber and AI workforce development, including curriculum standards, higher education partnerships, and (if funded) grant programs. The state board of education must implement statewide educational frameworks and standards for cyber and AI literacy, as well as a voluntary certification program for schools. The department of education is tasked with a public awareness initiative, including a digital resource hub and targeted outreach for high-need groups. Portions of the bill are contingent on appropriations from the legislature. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2528. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2528. |

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| HF2528 | Expansion of Statewide Cyber and Artificial Intelligence Education and Workforce Initiatives | This bill modifies the duties of the workforce development board, state board of education, and department of education relating to cyber and artificial intelligence, including educational standards, workforce development, and public awareness initiatives. | The bill mandates the establishment of a comprehensive initiative to address the state's cyber and artificial intelligence (AI) workforce needs. It introduces new duties for the workforce development board to support K-12 education standards, partnerships with higher education and industry, and, pending appropriations, new grant and career transition programs. The state board of education is required to implement frameworks and standards for cyber and AI literacy across all educational levels, create a voluntary certification program for schools, and prioritize federal funding for bridging K-12 and higher education. The department of education must launch a statewide public awareness and education initiative for cyber and AI, including a digital resource hub and targeted campaigns for specific demographics. | Introduced, placed on calendar. H.J. 303. | Introduced, placed on calendar. H.J. 303. |
| HSB674 | Iowa Skilled Workforce Act: Apprenticeships & Career Training Overhaul | Comprehensive changes to Iowa's apprenticeship system, career training infrastructure, and workforce scholarship eligibility, with multiple appropriations and new administrative procedures. | This act revises statutes on registered apprenticeships, expands the types of sponsors eligible for financial assistance and oversight, creates new programs and funds for physical career training expansion, updates eligibility criteria for workforce scholarships, and encourages integration of apprenticeship opportunities in school districts. Appropriations and funding mechanisms are included, notably increasing funding for apprenticeship programs and establishing a new fund for facility expansions. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2466. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2466. |

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| HSB592 | Revision to Definition of Public Improvement for Public Construction Bidding | This bill amends the definition of 'public improvement' in Iowa Code for purposes of public construction bidding, particularly as it relates to city utilities and their projects. | The bill modifies which city utility projects are excluded from the definition of 'public improvement' under public construction bidding law. It expands the exclusion to include equipment acquired by city utilities for electric generation or transmission projects, as well as for existing utility infrastructure or establishing connections to such infrastructure. Construction, repair, or maintenance work performed for a city utility related to electric generation or transmission projects is also newly excluded. These changes affect the applicability of public bidding requirements and related statutes for certain city utility projects. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2558. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2558. |
| SF629 | Expedited Business Document Filing Service and Surcharge Modification | The bill modifies the expedited filing service for business documents administered by the Iowa Secretary of State, adding new surcharge fee options, clarifying confirmation requirements, and adjusting existing language regarding filing timelines and fees. | "This legislation amends Iowa Code Section 9.15 regarding expedited filing services for business documents. It introduces new expedited filing options with corresponding surcharges: \$200 for one-hour service, \$125 for same-day service, \$50 for two-day service, and \$15 for five-day service. The bill also requires the Secretary of State to provide written confirmation at the time of the expedited filing. Surcharges will continue to be deposited in the business administration fund for administering business organization statutes." | Placed on Ways and Means calendar. | Committee report, approving bill. S.J. 286. |
| HSB680 | Expansion of Statewide Preschool Program Access and Funding | This bill authorizes community-based providers to directly participate in Iowa's statewide preschool program for four-year-old children, establishes direct state funding mechanisms for such providers, and expands the definition of 'qualified school' for the school tuition organization tax credit program to include licensed nonpublic preschools. It also sets requirements and processes for participation, funding, and oversight. | The bill allows community-based providers, not just school districts, to directly implement and receive state funding for the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children. It defines eligibility, participation requirements, and funding rules for community-based providers, including limitations on administrative costs and allowable uses of funds. The bill also amends the school tuition organization tax credit to include licensed nonpublic preschools. These changes take effect for school budget years starting July 1, 2026, with tax credit changes applying to tax years beginning January 1, 2027. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HSB730 | Rehabilitation Projects and Workforce Housing Tax Incentives Program Changes | This bill amends the workforce housing tax incentives program, introducing a definition for 'rehabilitation projects' and modifying the allocation and maximum amounts of tax incentives available, with a focus on small cities and rehabilitation efforts. | The bill establishes a new definition for 'rehabilitation project' under the workforce housing tax incentives program and adjusts program funding caps and allocations. It increases the total annual cap on tax incentives, introduces a reserved portion specifically for rehabilitation projects (with a sub-reservation for small cities), and modifies how unawarded reserved funds may be reallocated. The bill also sets a maximum award per project and allows for negotiation of incentive types within that cap, while removing the requirement for first-come, first-served issuance of incentives. | Subcommittee: Latham, Wilson and Wood. H.J. 279. | By COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGY |
| SSB3033 | Historical Resource Research Center Location Change | This bill modifies the requirements for the Department of Administrative Services regarding the location of historical resource research centers. | The bill amends Iowa Code to remove the requirement that the Department of Administrative Services maintain a historical resource research center in Iowa City, limiting the requirement to maintaining only a center in Des Moines. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2293. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2293. |
| SSB3006 | Career Development Requirements for Newly Enrolled Higher Education Students | This bill mandates that institutions of higher education require newly enrolled undergraduate students to attend a career development meeting and receive specified career information, with applicability beginning for students enrolling after the act's effective date. | The bill establishes new requirements for institutions of higher education to provide career development resources to newly enrolled undergraduate students. Each student, during their first semester or orientation, must attend a meeting with the career development office to discuss work history, interests, major-related career paths, and available opportunities. Written information about job prospects, compensation, high-demand careers, and networking must also be provided. Students who have already attended such a meeting at a different institution are exempt. The act applies to first-time undergraduate enrollees after the bill's effective date. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2302. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2302. |

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| SSB3103 | Economic Development Authority Omnibus Reform and Program Creation Act | A comprehensive act addressing several programs and regulatory matters under the economic development authority, utilities commission, and department of education. It creates new business incentive programs, repeals certain tax credits, modifies definitions and timeframes in existing programs, establishes new funds, and changes reporting and data-sharing requirements for electric utilities. | This bill creates the EDGE Program to incentivize headquarters expansion and high-wage job creation, establishes a new training fund for business incentives, repeals the New Jobs Tax Credit, modifies the Major Economic Growth Attraction Program's definitions and deadlines, and mandates regular statewide electric load forecasting and transmission planning. It also creates mechanisms for state agencies to collect and use utility data and funding for energy planning, and restricts certain job training credits to agreements before a specified deadline. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2301. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2301. |
| HF2390 | Workforce Housing Project Tax Incentives Issuance Reform | This bill modifies the process by which the Iowa Economic Development Authority issues workforce housing project tax incentives, changing the issuance criteria and timing. It also takes immediate effect upon enactment. | The legislation removes the requirement that workforce housing project tax incentives must be issued strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Instead, it authorizes the Economic Development Authority to issue tax incentives once it determines a project is complete and all requirements have been met, provided the statutory incentive cap has not been reached. The bill is effective immediately upon enactment. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 245. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 245. |
| HSB604 | Direct Participation of Community-Based Providers in Statewide Preschool Program | This bill amends Iowa law to allow community-based providers to directly participate in the statewide preschool program for four-year-old children, alongside school districts. It establishes requirements, funding procedures, and accountability measures for these providers, enabling them to apply directly to the Department of Education and receive state preschool funding. | The legislation authorizes and defines the process for community-based providers to directly implement and receive funding for state-approved preschool programs for four-year-old children, previously limited to school districts. It establishes new definitions, clarifies eligibility, sets out funding mechanisms, and creates accountability and administrative requirements for direct participation by community-based providers. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2358. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2358. |

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| SF2033 | Increasing Civic Proficiency in Higher Education Act | This bill mandates new general education requirements and curricular changes for Iowa's regents institutions, specifically requiring courses in American history and government, revises related center responsibilities, establishes a lecture/debate series, and mandates annual reporting. | The Act requires all undergraduate students at Iowa's regents institutions (University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa) to complete at least one three-credit introductory course in both American history and American government as part of general education or core curricula requirements. Courses must not focus primarily on subgroups or other nationalities. Transfer students must receive equivalent credit for substantially similar prior coursework. The Act exempts students in programs lasting three years or less. It also instructs designated centers at each institution to identify qualifying courses annually, requires a system-wide review of general education by the Board of Regents by the end of 2026, and creates new annual reporting and lecture/debate series obligations for relevant academic centers. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2232. S.J. 226. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2232. S.J. 226. |
| HF993 | Direct Shipment of Alcoholic Liquor Authorization and Regulation | This bill establishes a new framework for the direct shipment of alcoholic liquor to individuals within Iowa, introduces a new license type for shippers, and updates related statutes and terminology. | "The bill authorizes manufacturers of alcoholic liquor, including native distilleries, to obtain a license to ship alcoholic liquor directly to Iowa residents for personal use. It replaces the wine carrier permit with a broader alcoholic beverage carrier permit and applies similar regulatory requirements for reporting, shipment labeling, and payment of fees/amounts to the state as currently exist for wine shipments. The bill imposes limits based on the volume of spirits produced, establishes a \$25 annual license fee for direct shippers, and requires monthly reporting and remittance of 50% of wholesale price to the state. Effective date: January 1, 2026." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2354. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2354. |

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| HF2354 | Direct Shipment of Alcoholic Liquor Authorization and Regulation | Establishes a licensing system and regulatory framework for the direct shipment of alcoholic liquor to consumers in Iowa, including requirements for manufacturers, carriers, recordkeeping, payments, and penalties. Updates multiple sections of the Iowa Code to include provisions for direct shipment of alcoholic liquor and modifies permit language to encompass all alcoholic beverages. | This legislation authorizes direct shipment of alcoholic liquor by licensed manufacturers to individuals in Iowa, similar to existing wine shipping rules. It creates an 'alcoholic liquor direct shipper license,' sets eligibility, application, fee, and reporting requirements, and establishes payment obligations to the state. The bill also replaces the 'wine carrier permit' with a broader 'alcoholic beverage carrier permit' to facilitate shipments of both wine and liquor. Compliance, labeling, reporting, and enforcement provisions are detailed. The law takes effect January 1, 2027. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 234. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 234. |
| HF2342 | Future Repeal of Iowa Tax Credits | Provides for the future repeal of numerous existing Iowa state tax credits and establishes sunset provisions for all future tax credits enacted after January 1, 2027. | This legislation systematically repeals a wide range of existing state tax credits on a rolling basis from January 1, 2028, through January 1, 2032. It accelerates the repeal dates for several prominent credits, including the renewable chemical production and sustainable aviation fuel tax credits. The bill also enacts a policy that any new tax credit programs created after January 1, 2027, will automatically sunset six years after their effective date unless otherwise specified. Existing taxpayer rights and agreements under repealed credits are preserved. The Department of Revenue is tasked with preparing further implementing legislation. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 229. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 229. |
| SF2107 | Authorization for City Entertainment Districts Allowing Public Alcohol Consumption | This bill permits Iowa cities to establish entertainment districts where the public possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in designated public spaces is allowed under specified conditions. | The bill amends Iowa Code to allow cities to create 'entertainment districts' by ordinance, within which people may possess and consume alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, liquor) on public streets, sidewalks, and other public places, provided the city and participating alcohol licensees meet specific requirements. The ordinance must define the district boundaries, allowed hours/days, container identification, licensee participation rules, enforcement, and revocation procedures. The bill does not permit alcohol consumption in vehicles or outside approved times/places, nor does it override general restrictions except as outlined. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. |

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| SSB3042 | Reforms to Statewide Assessment, Gifted Education, and Advanced Math Pathways | This bill amends Iowa education law to adjust statewide student assessments, strengthen procedures and services for gifted and talented students, and require the creation of advanced mathematics pathways and acceleration policies in school districts. | The bill changes the grade at which science assessments are administered, updates procedures for identifying and serving gifted and talented children, and mandates that school districts develop advanced mathematics pathways and policies for automatic enrollment in advanced courses based on student achievement. It also establishes requirements for subject and whole-grade acceleration and clarifies funding for these mandates through existing state aid. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2220. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2220. |
| SSB3013 | Ownership of Artificial Intelligence Output and Trained AI | Establishes legal ownership of AI-generated output and trained AI systems, defining key terms and outlining the rights of users, trainers, and employers regarding AI intellectual property. | This bill establishes new legal rules governing the ownership of output generated by artificial intelligence (AI) and ownership of AI systems resulting from training. It defines relevant terms such as 'artificial intelligence,' 'input,' 'output,' 'train,' and 'user.' The bill stipulates that, generally, users own the AI-generated outputs they prompt, and trainers own the trained AI, as long as no existing copyrights are infringed and ownership has not been contractually transferred. It also clarifies that when AI is used within employment, the employer owns the outputs and trained AI under specified conditions. The bill does not override preexisting intellectual property rights. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2199. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2199. |
| HSB513 | Utilities Commission Executive Director Creation and Administrative Restructuring | This bill restructures the administration of the Iowa Utilities Commission by establishing a new executive director position, modifying the duties and appointment process for the chairperson, and replacing all references to the chief operating officer with executive director. It clarifies roles, appointment, oversight, and eligibility requirements for the commission's leadership. | The legislation creates the position of executive director for the Iowa Utilities Commission, replacing the chief operating officer. The chairperson's duties are clarified to include presiding over contested cases, meetings, and proceedings. The executive director is appointed by a majority vote of the commission, serves at the commission's pleasure, and is subject to specific hiring and oversight processes. The executive director is not a commission member and must meet eligibility requirements similar to commission members. Conforming changes are made throughout current law to reflect the new position and its responsibilities. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2229. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2229. |

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| SSB3044 | Department of Workforce Development Program and Procedure Updates | This bill modifies programs and procedures related to the Iowa Department of Workforce Development, including changes to unemployment benefits administration, communication methods, and the repeal of a youth program. | The bill establishes a reemployment case management program as part of unemployment compensation benefits, revises definitions of work search requirements, updates the means of communication for unemployment-related notices to primarily electronic and online portal formats, and repeals the summer youth intern pilot program effective June 30, 2026. It also allows for alternative communication methods if electronic means are not feasible. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2168. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2168. |
| HSB563 | Iowa State and Local Government Tax, Budget, and Authority Reform Act | Major reform bill amending Iowa's property tax, local government budgeting, urban renewal, property assessment, homestead tax benefits, and more. The bill enacts new limits on local government reserve funds and property tax levy growth, reforms property assessment cycles, changes homestead tax credits to exemptions, restricts urban renewal projects, establishes new grant and savings programs, and shifts some county offices from elective to appointive positions. | This comprehensive legislation overhauls Iowa's property tax and local government finance framework. Key changes include capping local government reserve funds, imposing new limits on property tax levy increases (excluding schools), and prohibiting local governments from using bonds for general operations. The property assessment cycle moves from biennial to triennial, with new requirements for transparency in large valuation increases and changes in the burden of proof for assessment appeals. The homestead property tax credit is replaced by a direct exemption and a restructured property tax growth credit for seniors and certain disabled individuals. Urban renewal and revitalization authorities are sharply curtailed for new projects, with new duration limits and allowable uses. The bill also establishes a Local Government Shared-Services Grant Fund, creates a FirstHome Iowa savings trust program for first-time homebuyers, and changes several county officers (auditor, treasurer, recorder) from elected to appointed positions. The legislation includes appropriations for rent reimbursement for the elderly/disabled, and mandates studies and technical updates to ensure implementation. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HSB533 | Authorization of Baccalaureate Degree Programs at Community Colleges (REACH Act) | This bill authorizes Iowa community colleges to offer degree programs that lead to baccalaureate degrees under specific workforce-oriented conditions, amends tuition regulations, and directs oversight and rulemaking by the state board of education. | The legislation allows Iowa community colleges to establish baccalaureate degree programs if they address high-demand, unmet workforce needs and are not delivered entirely online. It amends statutory definitions, sets tuition caps for these programs, requires the state board of education to establish oversight rules, and enables necessary policy and staffing changes at the community college level for implementation. | Committee vote: Yeas, 9. Nays, 1. Excused, 1. H.J. 181. | Committee vote: Yeas, 9. Nays, 1. Excused, 1. H.J. 181. |
| SSB3026 | Change to Election Dates for Bond and Indebtedness Questions | This bill amends the Iowa Code to allow elections on issuing bonds or other indebtedness to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years, in addition to the existing November date. | The bill revises the permissible dates for political subdivisions to hold special elections concerning the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness. It adds the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years as an option, aligning these elections with primary elections, alongside the existing November date. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HF2067 | Temporary Class "A" Beer Permits for Native Breweries (Off-Premises Manufacturing and Storage) | Creates a temporary class "A" beer permit that allows native breweries to manufacture and store beer off their licensed premises, subject to specific restrictions and fees. | This bill amends Iowa Code section 123.130 and establishes new section 123.130A to create a temporary class "A" beer permit. The new permit authorizes native breweries holding a class "A" beer permit to manufacture beer using their own equipment or store beer overnight at an off-premises location for up to nine months. The temporary permit does not permit off-premises sales, costs half the standard annual permit fee, is non-refundable, and can be renewed twice. | Tabled until future meeting. | Tabled until future meeting. |
| HF439 | Driver's License and ID Citizenship/Immigration Status Requirements | This bill requires applicants for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card to disclose their citizenship or authorized noncitizen status. It also mandates the inclusion of this information on the back of these documents. | "The legislation amends requirements for driver's license and nonoperator's identification card applications, making it mandatory for applicants to indicate their status as a U.S. citizen or as an authorized noncitizen. Additionally, the Department of Transportation must display this status on the back of the issued license or identification card. The new provisions apply to both initial applications and renewals submitted on or after the bill's effective date." | Subcommittee Meeting: 01/28/2026 12:00PM RM 19 (Cancelled). | Subcommittee Meeting: 01/28/2026 12:00PM RM 19 (Cancelled). |

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| SF2087 | Expansion of Work Search Activities for Unemployment Benefits for Individuals with Disabilities | This bill amends unemployment benefit eligibility requirements to expand the definition of acceptable weekly work search activities for individuals with certain disabilities. | The bill allows individuals with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, or blindness to count participation in specified rehabilitative or employment support programs as valid work search activities for unemployment benefit eligibility. Programs must be offered or approved by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services or the Department for the Blind. | Committee report, approving bill. S.J. 135. | Committee report, approving bill. S.J. 135. |
| HF2017 | State Work Opportunity Tax Credit Creation | Creates a new state work opportunity tax credit for Iowa, mirroring the federal work opportunity tax credit, available against individual and corporate income taxes. Specifies retroactive applicability. | This bill establishes a state work opportunity tax credit against Iowa individual and corporate income taxes. The credit equals 100% of the federal work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) as defined in Section 51 of the Internal Revenue Code. The credit is nonrefundable, but any amount exceeding tax liability can be carried forward to the subsequent tax year. The measure applies retroactively to tax years starting on or after January 1, 2026. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SF205 | An Act modifying the earliest possible start date of the school calendar for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools | This bill amends Iowa Code Section 279.10 to change when school districts and accredited nonpublic schools can begin their school calendar. The legislation removes the current fixed date requirement and replaces it with a flexible date based on the calendar structure of August. | "The bill modifies the earliest possible start date for school calendars by striking the fixed date of \"August 23\" and replacing it with \"the Monday immediately preceding the last Monday in August.\" This change provides more flexibility in scheduling while maintaining the general timeframe for when schools can begin their academic year." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SSB3053 | Utilities Commission Administration Reform—Creation of Executive Director Position | This bill restructures the administration of the Iowa Utilities Commission by creating the executive director position, modifying the duties and titles of the chairperson and executive staff, and updating related personnel provisions. | The bill establishes the position of executive director for the Iowa Utilities Commission, replacing the previous chief operating officer role. It sets out the executive director's appointment process, qualifications, and oversight, and refines the duties of the chairperson. The bill updates relevant statutory references to reflect these changes and clarifies eligibility criteria and administrative procedures for commission staff. | Subcommittee: Bousset, Blake, and Schultz. | Subcommittee: Bousset, Blake, and Schultz. |

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| SSB3005 | Expansion of Work Search Requirements for Unemployment Benefits for Individuals with Disabilities | This bill amends Iowa's unemployment benefit eligibility law to expand the types of activities that qualify as valid weekly work search activities for individuals with certain disabilities. | The bill adds new provisions to Iowa Code Section 96.4(3) to allow individuals with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, or blindness to count participation in specified rehabilitative or employment programs as meeting the weekly work search requirement for unemployment benefits. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2087. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2087. |
| HSB554 | Education Reform: Advanced Math Pathways, Gifted Program Standards, and Acceleration Procedures | This bill amends Iowa education law by modifying statewide assessment requirements, establishing uniform procedures for identifying and serving gifted and talented students, requiring advanced mathematics pathways, and implementing automatic enrollment and support for subject and whole-grade acceleration. | The bill updates the grade levels for the statewide science assessment, requires school districts to adopt systematic procedures for identifying and serving gifted students, mandates development of advanced mathematics pathways to increase enrollment in higher-level math, and creates procedures for subject and whole-grade acceleration with automatic enrollment in advanced courses for high-performing students. It specifies that funding for any new state mandates must come from existing state school foundation aid. | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HSB507 | Prohibition on Eminent Domain for Carbon Oxide Pipelines | This bill amends Iowa law to prohibit the use of eminent domain for the acquisition, construction, or operation of pipelines primarily intended to transport carbon oxide. The act takes effect immediately and applies prospectively to condemnation proceedings initiated on or after the effective date. | The bill adds a new subsection to Iowa Code Section 6A.22, explicitly prohibiting the exercise of eminent domain for the purpose of obtaining right-of-way, constructing, or operating pipelines whose main purpose is the transportation of carbon oxide. The prohibition applies regardless of other legal provisions. The act is effective immediately upon enactment and applies to future condemnation proceedings. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2104. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 2104. |
| HJR2003 | Iowa Constitutional Amendment on Private Property Donations | Proposes an amendment to the Iowa Constitution granting individuals the explicit right to donate or transfer private property to public entities or nonprofit organizations. | This joint resolution seeks to amend the Iowa Constitution to explicitly guarantee the right of individuals to donate, convey, devise, or otherwise transfer their private property to any public entity or nonprofit organization. If adopted by two successive General Assemblies and ratified by voters, this right would become a constitutional protection. | Introduced, referred to State Government. H.J. 74. | Introduced, referred to State Government. H.J. 74. |

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| HF2054 | Age Requirements for Unsupervised Child Care Providers | Modifies the minimum age and qualifications for individuals providing unsupervised child care at facilities in Iowa. | This bill amends the standards for child care facilities regarding the qualifications of personnel who can provide care without supervision. It establishes that individuals must generally be at least 18 years old to provide unsupervised child care at a facility, but allows certain exceptions for individuals aged 15 or older who meet training and experience requirements. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 77. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 77. |
| HF2035 | Increase in Child Care Provider Reimbursement Rates under State Assistance Program | Requires the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to increase half-day reimbursement rates for child care providers under the state child care assistance program to the 85th percentile of the 2024 market rate survey. | This bill directs the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to update and increase the reimbursement rates paid to child care providers through the state child care assistance program. The new rates must be set at the 85th percentile of the 2024 market rate survey, ensuring that reimbursement aligns more closely with prevailing child care service costs across the state. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 75. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 75. |
| SF2046 | Wage Payment Collection Reform and Enhanced Employee Protections | This bill revises Iowa's wage payment collection law, increasing employer obligations for wage transparency, recordkeeping, employee notifications, and anti-retaliation protections. It mandates specific employer actions, strengthens penalties and remedies for wage violations, expands the window to file wage claims, and introduces new provisions for inadvertent violations and earned commissions. | The legislation amends several provisions of the Iowa Wage Payment Collection Law (Code chapter 91A) to bolster employee protections and clarify employer responsibilities. Key changes include shifting the burden to employers to prove wage deductions are lawful, requiring written advance authorization for deductions, mandating more detailed written wage notifications, and establishing presumptions against employers lacking payroll records. The bill removes director discretion for determining wage claims, extends the time limit for claims from one to three years, and expands anti-retaliation protections to cover broader conduct and individuals. New sections differentiate penalties for inadvertent violations and clarify that earned commissions must be paid even if employment has ended. Expanded penalties for violations and mandatory civil penalties are established. The act takes effect January 1, 2027, with earlier notice requirements for employers. | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Pike. S.J. 91. | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Pike. S.J. 91. |

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| SSB1013 | Requiring Primary Elections for City, School District, and Merged Area Elections | This bill fundamentally transforms Iowa's local election system by mandating partisan primary elections for all city, school district, and merged area positions, replacing the current nonpartisan system with structured political party nominations. The legislation extends existing partisan election procedures currently used only in certain special charter cities to all local jurisdictions across Iowa. | "The bill requires all candidates for city, school district, and merged area offices to be nominated through partisan primary elections held under Code chapter 43, eliminating the current nonpartisan nomination system. Primary elections would be held on the first Tuesday in October for cities and school districts, with candidates required to file nomination papers 40 days before the primary. The legislation removes petition-based nominations and runoff elections, establishing uniform partisan procedures across all Iowa local governments. County boards of supervisors retain discretion over voting system technology. The changes take effect for elections held on or after January 1, 2027." | Subcommittee reassigned: Webster, Driscoll, and Knox. | Subcommittee reassigned: Webster, Driscoll, and Knox. |
| HF2030 | Iowa State Child Care Assistance Payment Change | Modifies how state child care assistance payments are calculated and issued to providers. | This bill changes the basis for state child care assistance payments to providers. Instead of payments being made for actual child care provided, payments will now be made based on the number of hours of care scheduled for each enrolled child. The bill also clarifies notification and payment timelines when billing errors are identified. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 44. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 44. |
| SF2008 | Requirements for Nonpublic Schools Receiving Education Savings Account Tuition | This bill establishes new compliance requirements for nonpublic schools that receive tuition payments from parents or guardians using the education savings account (ESA) program. | The bill amends the definition of 'qualified educational expenses' under Iowa's education savings account program to require that any nonpublic school receiving ESA tuition payments must comply with the same accountability, transparency, data reporting, and auditing requirements as public school districts. The bill adds a new subsection to explicitly prohibit noncompliant nonpublic schools from receiving such tuition payments. | Subcommittee: Sinclair, Kraayenbrink, and Quirmbach. S.J. 66. | Subcommittee: Sinclair, Kraayenbrink, and Quirmbach. S.J. 66. |

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| HF2001 | Water Efficiency Requirements for Data Centers | Establishes mandatory water-efficient cooling technology standards and reporting requirements for data centers in Iowa, encourages use of nonpotable and recycled water, and sets penalties for noncompliance. | This bill mandates that all new data centers and those undergoing expansion or renovation after January 1, 2026, adopt water-efficient cooling technologies with a water usage effectiveness rating of 0.2 liters per kilowatt hour or lower. It encourages data centers to use nonpotable water sources, including recycled and treated wastewater, and to install necessary treatment systems. Data centers must submit cooling and water sourcing plans to the Department of Natural Resources, with annual compliance reporting required for five years. The bill empowers the department to monitor, audit, and enforce compliance, including the imposition of civil penalties up to \$10,000 per day, corrective action orders, and permit suspensions. Temporary exemptions of up to 12 months may be granted for demonstrated infeasibility or safety concerns. The bill is effective immediately and applies retroactively to projects permitted or expanded on or after January 1, 2026. | Introduced, referred to Commerce. H.J. 40. | Introduced, referred to Commerce. H.J. 40. |
| HF975 | Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority Revisions | This comprehensive act revises numerous programs and statutes under the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority. It addresses the strategic infrastructure program, brownfield/grayfield and redevelopment tax credits, community attraction and tourism programs, historic preservation tax credits, homelessness, the Title Guaranty Board, arts and culture funding, and the Iowa Reinvestment Act. The legislation includes major governance changes, program eliminations, fund consolidations, and new eligibility and timing provisions for tax credits and grants. | "The legislation restructures several economic development, tax credit, and cultural programs. It removes various advisory councils and boards, centralizing decision-making within the respective authorities. Brownfield and grayfield tax credit processes are streamlined, with more power given to the authority and new requirements for CPA examinations. Historic preservation tax credits receive updated project eligibility and timing rules, including expanded flexibility for single-family housing rehabilitation. Arts and culture programs are consolidated, with new funding mechanisms and repeal of several legacy programs. The Iowa Reinvestment Act expands eligible district size. The bill also grants more administrative discretion and flexibility across programs, while transferring and consolidating funds from repealed or merged initiatives." | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1228. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1228. |

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| SF657 | Iowa Economic Development Authority Programs: Amendments, Creations, and Repeals | This legislation enacts sweeping reforms to Iowa's state taxation and finance systems, focusing on creating, modifying, and eliminating various tax credits and incentive programs. It restructures the allocation of tax credits, establishes new economic development programs, phases out or repeals several existing credits, and introduces new targeted credits. The act includes new reporting requirements, appropriations, and effective dates, with significant impacts on state financial policy and business development programs. | "The Act significantly revises Iowa's tax credit structure by repealing or sunseting several existing credits (including the High Quality Jobs Program and Research Activities Tax Credit), introducing new programs (such as the Business Incentives for Growth Program, Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit, and Iowa Film Production Incentive Program), and creating comprehensive frameworks for the allocation and management of tax credits. It consolidates and reallocates credit caps, defines eligibility for new programs, alters compliance and repayment provisions, and includes provisions for transition, reporting, and appropriations. The bill also modifies definitions, application procedures, and administrative rules for tax and financial assistance programs, while setting new limits and reporting requirements for county and state economic development activities." | Signed by Governor. S.J. 1053. | Signed by Governor. S.J. 1053. |
| HF767 | Amendments to Private Sector Employee Drug Testing Regulations | This bill amends Iowa's laws regarding private sector employee drug and alcohol testing, particularly focusing on notification methods, confirmatory testing procedures, and civil remedies for violations. | "The legislation updates procedures for notifying employees about drug/alcohol test results, expands acceptable methods for notification and requests, clarifies the process for confirmatory testing, and revises civil remedies, including shifting the burden of proof and specifying eligible relief. It provides more flexibility for employers and employees in communication, and adjusts the legal framework for enforcing violations against employers." | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1226. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1226. |

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| SF603 | Iowa Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Reform Act | This legislation makes significant revisions to the functions and authority of the Department of Workforce Development, the Workforce Development Board, and local government entities regarding workforce training, compensation, and unemployment insurance. It also limits local authority over compensation and training standards for developers and contractors, and amends requirements for workforce planning and reporting. | "The bill narrows and restructures the responsibilities of the Department of Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board, aligning state workforce policies more closely with current federal rules and regulations. It removes or consolidates several state-specific requirements and oversight roles. Local governments are prohibited from imposing compensation or training requirements on developers and contractors beyond what is specified in state law. The bill also clarifies definitions and procedures related to unemployment insurance and establishes uniformity in apprenticeship training requirements statewide. Several sections of the Iowa Code are repealed or substantially amended to reduce redundancy and local variation." | Fiscal note. | Fiscal note. |
| HF1051 | Authorization of Self-Supported Tourism Improvement Districts | This bill authorizes cities and other local governments in Iowa to establish self-supported tourism improvement districts. These districts can levy assessments on lodging businesses to fund improvements and activities intended to benefit those businesses, such as tourism promotion and marketing. The bill outlines procedures for establishment, modification, renewal, and repeal of such districts, as well as the issuance of bonds for financing improvements. | "The legislation enables local governments in Iowa to create self-supported tourism improvement districts (STIDs) that can levy assessments on lodging businesses within the district. The funds collected are to be used for activities and improvements that support and promote tourism, such as marketing, public event promotion, and workforce development. The bill sets forth the process for creating, modifying, renewing, and dissolving these districts, including requirements for petitions, hearings, protests, and annual reporting. It also authorizes the issuance of bonds for financing district improvements and ensures that municipalities cannot reduce existing tourism funding as a result of creating an STID." | Rereferred to Local Government. H.J. 1222. | Rereferred to Local Government. H.J. 1222. |

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| SF445 | Iowa Early Childhood Education and Care Enhancement Act | This bill enacts sweeping reforms to early childhood education and care in Iowa, including major changes to the statewide preschool program, restructuring of at-risk child services, adjustments to the Early Childhood Iowa initiative, new child care assistance eligibility for the child care workforce, and the creation of a new grant pilot program. It also includes appropriations and reductions, with significant administrative and reporting changes affecting multiple departments and programs. | "The legislation expands direct participation of community-based providers in the statewide preschool program, revises funding formulas and eligibility, eliminates and transfers the duties of the Child Development Coordinating Council to the Department of Education, updates standards for at-risk and preschool programs, realigns Early Childhood Iowa area boundaries, establishes new child care workforce eligibility for state assistance, and creates a pilot grant program for integrated preschool and child care services. It amends appropriations for several programs, institutes new accountability and reporting requirements, and streamlines various early childhood initiatives." | Rereferred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 1221. | Rereferred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 1221. |
| HF623 | Early Childhood Education and Care Reform (Iowa) | Overhauls Iowa's early childhood education and care system by expanding the statewide preschool program to include direct participation by community-based providers, transferring child development coordinating council duties to the Department of Education (DE), updating grant and funding structures for at-risk children, establishing new accountability and standards responsibilities for DE, realigning Early Childhood Iowa initiative areas, expanding child care assistance eligibility for the child care workforce, and creating a child care continuum partnership grants pilot program. | "This bill makes significant changes to early childhood education and care in Iowa. It allows community-based providers to directly participate in the state preschool program and receive foundation aid directly, not just through school districts. Responsibilities of the Child Development Coordinating Council are transferred to the Department of Education, with several requirements and reporting provisions eliminated. Grants for at-risk children are now focused on three- and four-year-olds, with updated administrative caps and requirements. The Department of Education must develop new preschool accountability and curriculum standards, and early learning standards must be reviewed and revised. The Early Childhood Iowa initiative is realigned to match behavioral health district boundaries. Child care workers are newly eligible for child care assistance if certain requirements are met. Finally, a pilot grant program is established for partnerships to provide full-day early childhood education and care." | Rereferred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 1221. | Rereferred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 1221. |

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| HF961 | Exemption of Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan Income from Individual Income Tax | This bill amends Iowa's individual income tax code to allow certain taxpayers to exclude up to \$500,000 of income received from nonqualified deferred compensation plans from their net income, under specific eligibility criteria, with retroactive applicability to January 1, 2025. | "The legislation creates a new subsection in the state tax code allowing individuals who are disabled, age 55 or older, or qualifying survivors to subtract up to \$500,000 of nonqualified deferred compensation plan income (and attributable earnings) from their income for tax purposes. Married taxpayers filing separately must allocate the exclusion proportionately based on individual plan income. The act applies retroactively to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025." | Rereferred to Ways and Means. H.J. 1221. | Rereferred to Ways and Means. H.J. 1221. |
| HF1024 | Exclusion of Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax | This bill amends Iowa's tax code to exclude overtime pay from individual income tax calculations. | "The legislation adds a new subsection to Iowa Code Section 422.7, allowing taxpayers to subtract overtime compensation (as defined under federal law, 29 U.S.C. \u00a7207) from their Iowa individual income tax, effective for tax years beginning January 1, 2026 and after." | Rereferred to Ways and Means. H.J. 1222. | Rereferred to Ways and Means. H.J. 1222. |
| SF110 | Private Sector Employee Drug Testing Amendments | This bill amends Iowa Code section 730.5, relating to drug testing of private sector employees, clarifying the definition of safety-sensitive positions, modifying notification requirements, and altering civil remedies and burdens of proof in drug testing disputes. | "The bill revises procedures and definitions associated with private sector employee drug testing. It allows employers to designate safety-sensitive positions. It provides alternatives to certified mail for required notifications, permitting in-person or electronic communications at the employee's discretion. The bill also narrows civil remedies to apply specifically to employers, clarifies that attorney fees must be reasonable, and shifts the burden of proof in civil actions to employees or prospective employees, removing the requirement for employers to prove compliance with the law in court." | Withdrawn. S.J. 1017. | Withdrawn. S.J. 1017. |

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| HF1054 | Iowa Economic Development & Tax Credit Reform Act | A comprehensive overhaul of Iowa's economic development programs, tax credit limits, and incentive structures, including creation, modification, and repeal of numerous tax credit programs and economic development initiatives. | "This bill enacts sweeping reforms to Iowa's economic development authorities and tax credit programs. It restructures tax credit limits, creates new business incentive programs, and repeals or phases out several longstanding credits. Major provisions include the creation of the Business Incentives for Growth (BIG) program, new Seed Investor, Film Production, Sustainable Aviation Fuel, and Research & Development tax credits, and the sunset of the High Quality Jobs program, Research Activities, Employer Child Care, Assistive Device, and Endow Iowa tax credits. The bill also tightens eligibility, reporting, and compliance for incentive recipients and modernizes several administrative provisions. Appropriations and fund reallocations are provided for new and continuing programs." | Withdrawn. H.J. 1198. | Withdrawn. H.J. 1198. |
| HF760 | Authorization for City-Established Entertainment Areas and Surcharge | This bill allows Iowa cities to establish designated 'entertainment areas' via ordinance and impose a new local entertainment surcharge on certain sales within those areas. The process includes petitions, public hearings, ordinance requirements, and oversight by the Department of Revenue. | "The legislation creates a process for cities to designate specific commercial zones as self-supported entertainment areas and levy an entertainment surcharge (up to 3%) on sales of food, alcoholic beverages, entertainment tickets, and lodging within those areas. It sets criteria for establishing such areas, outlines procedures for adoption, amendment, or dissolution, and details the use and administration of surcharge revenues, which are earmarked for local public purposes such as debt service, capital improvements, or specified operational expenses." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 1051. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 1051. |

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| SF642 | Economic Development, Finance, Tax Credits, Arts and Culture, and Iowa Reinvestment Law Overhaul | This bill makes major structural, procedural, and programmatic changes to Iowa's economic development, finance, tax incentive, arts/culture, and reinvestment laws. It eliminates or consolidates several state programs and boards, changes review and award processes for tax credits and grants, modifies eligibility and timelines for tax credits, and creates a new arts and culture enhancement fund with transferred appropriations. | "The bill restructures governance, review, and funding mechanisms for economic development, tax credits, arts and culture, and finance programs in Iowa. It eliminates various advisory councils, boards, and programs (including the brownfield redevelopment fund, cultural trust, and certified cultural/entertainment districts), consolidates authority with state boards and agencies, and revises processes for awarding redevelopment and historic preservation tax credits. The bill makes significant changes to arts and culture funding by creating a new enhancement fund, redirecting appropriations, and broadening the scope of support. It also updates eligibility, transfer, and refundability provisions for tax credits and expands eligible areas for Iowa reinvestment districts. Several divisions include conforming changes, retroactive applicability, and funds transfer provisions." | Withdrawn. S.J. 960. | Withdrawn. S.J. 960. |

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| SSB1205 | Iowa Economic Development Authority Omnibus Bill: Tax Credits, New Programs, and Repeals | Comprehensive legislation overhauling Iowa's economic development incentives, creating new programs and tax credits, repealing others, and restructuring tax credit limits and allocations. The bill establishes new incentives for research and development, sustainable aviation fuel, seed investment, and film production; creates the Business Incentives for Growth (BIG) program; and sunsets or repeals numerous existing credits and programs. | "This bill fundamentally restructures Iowa's economic development tax credits and incentive programs. It establishes an annual aggregate cap of \$110 million on business development tax credits, reallocates funding among new and existing programs, and sets up several major new incentive initiatives including the BIG program, seed investor tax credit, research and development tax credit, sustainable aviation fuel tax credit, and a film production incentive. Simultaneously, the bill repeals or sunsets high-profile credits and programs such as the High Quality Jobs program, research activities tax credit, investments in qualifying businesses credit, Endow Iowa, employer child care, and assistive device credits. Significant administrative and technical conforming changes are made throughout Iowa Code to reflect the new structure. The bill contains appropriations for new funds and authorizes the establishment of dedicated state treasury funds for new incentive programs. It includes immediate, delayed, and retroactive effective dates for different divisions, and sets up transition provisions for winding down repealed programs." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 657. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 657. |
| HF316 | Iowa Career Education Enhancement Act | This bill revises curriculum requirements for elementary and middle school education, introduces mandatory career exploration and planning, and establishes recognition for high school students earning industry-recognized credentials or certifications aligned with career and technical education. | "The legislation significantly restructures the required curriculum for grades 1-8, mandating new career exploration and planning components in upper elementary and middle school, and clarifies and enumerates subject areas. It also requires the Department of Education to create and publish a list of approved industry-recognized credentials for high school students, develop a seal for transcript/certificate recognition, and obligates districts to report and recognize students who earn such credentials. Funding for compliance is to come from existing state school foundation aid." | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1091. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1091. |

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| HF440 | Iowa College Affordability Act | This Act introduces new requirements and reforms for Iowa's public regents institutions regarding tuition notification, degree program offerings, work-study opportunities, and a study on undergraduate tuition policy. | "The bill amends requirements for regents institutions to increase transparency in tuition setting, mandates earlier decision deadlines for tuition increases, and directs institutions to develop accelerated degree and work-study programs. It also tasks the Board of Regents with studying and reporting on a fixed undergraduate tuition policy for resident students." | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1091. | Signed by Governor. H.J. 1091. |
| HF1032 | Iowa Grocer Reinvestment and Local Food Processing Programs Established | Creates a grocer reinvestment program, a local produce processing grant program, and a dedicated fund under the economic development authority. Modifies the local food and farm program to include and support grocery stores, with the aim of strengthening local food economies, increasing job opportunities, and improving access to local produce. | "This Act establishes two new programs: the Grocer Reinvestment Program, which provides financial assistance to small grocery stores for capital improvements, equipment, and technology, and the Local Produce Processing Grant Program, which awards grants to Iowa-based entities to expand the processing of local produce. The Act creates a dedicated fund to support these programs, with specified appropriations and allocation formulas. It also amends the local food and farm program to explicitly include grocery stores as beneficiaries and stakeholders, broadening the program's goals and eligible activities to encompass retailing and support for grocery stores." | Subcommittee: Koelker, Kraayenbrink, and Staed. S.J. 928. | Subcommittee: Koelker, Kraayenbrink, and Staed. S.J. 928. |
| HF59 | Grocer Reinvestment, Local Produce Processing Grants, and Local Food Program Expansion | This bill establishes a grocer reinvestment program, a local produce processing grant program, and a dedicated fund to support these initiatives under the Iowa Economic Development Authority. It also modifies the local food and farm program to further include grocery stores and appropriates state funds for fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 to support these efforts. | "The bill creates a new grocer reinvestment program to provide grant-based financial assistance to eligible grocery stores for capital improvements, technology upgrades, and other business enhancements, with a focus on underserved and low-income communities. It also establishes a local produce processing grant program to support Iowa-based entities that process fruits and vegetables from multiple local farms. A new fund is created to support both programs, with specific annual allocations and administrative cost limits. The local food and farm program is modified to explicitly support grocery stores and the retailing of local food. The bill appropriates \$2 million annually for two years to capitalize the new fund." | Withdrawn. H.J. 1073. | Withdrawn. H.J. 1073. |

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| HF550 | Grocer Reinvestment and Local Produce Processing Programs | Creates new grant programs to support grocery stores and local produce processing, modifies the local food and farm program, and appropriates state funds to these efforts. | "This bill establishes the grocer reinvestment program and the local produce processing grant program under the economic development authority. The grocer reinvestment program awards financial assistance to small grocery stores in communities of 20,000 or fewer, targeting capital improvements, utilities, equipment, technology, and professional services. Matching funds from recipients are required. The local produce processing grant program funds Iowa-based entities to increase local produce processing capacity, with grants prioritized for projects using produce from multiple Iowa farms. A dedicated fund is created to support these programs, with annual appropriations of \$2 million for two years and ongoing allocations to processing grants. The bill also amends the local food and farm program to include grocery stores and retailing of local food as program purposes and objectives." | Withdrawn. H.J. 1073. | Withdrawn. H.J. 1073. |
| SF622 | Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority Omnibus Changes | This bill enacts significant changes to numerous programs administered by Iowa's economic development and finance authorities, including restructuring tax credit programs, repealing certain councils and funds, modifying historic preservation credit rules, revising arts and culture funding, and expanding eligible areas for reinvestment districts. | "The legislation comprehensively restructures economic development, finance, and cultural programs in Iowa. Major reforms include eliminating the Iowa innovation council's role in reviewing infrastructure program applications, repealing the brownfield redevelopment council and fund, centralizing tax credit and grant authority within the economic development authority, modifying historic preservation tax credit eligibility and refundability, ending the transferability of such credits after 2025, consolidating and redirecting arts and culture funding, eliminating the title guaranty board, and increasing maximum acreage for reinvestment districts. The bill also repeals various funds and programs, transferring remaining balances to new or existing funds as designated." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 642. S.J. 882. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 642. S.J. 882. |

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| HF110 | Exclusion of Overtime Pay from Individual Income Tax | This bill amends Iowa's individual income tax law to exclude overtime pay from taxable income, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. | "The bill creates a new subsection in Iowa Code 422.7, stipulating that compensation earned as overtime pay (as defined by federal law, 29 U.S.C. \u00a7207) will be subtracted from an individual's taxable income. This means that overtime wages, which are earned at not less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay, will not be subject to Iowa individual income tax starting in tax year 2026." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 1024. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 1024. |
| SF285 | Expedited Filing Services and Surcharge Revisions for Business Documents | This bill revises and expands the expedited filing service options, associated surcharges, and procedural requirements for business document filings administered by the secretary of state. | "The legislation amends Iowa Code section 9.15 to provide new expedited filing service options for business document filers, including one-hour and same-day options, each with specific surcharges. It adds requirements for written confirmation at the time of filing and reorganizes how surcharges are listed and assigned. All surcharges collected continue to be deposited in the business administration fund for use by the secretary of state\u2019s office." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 629. S.J. 828. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 629. S.J. 828. |
| SF465 | Major Changes to Economic Development, Tax Credits, Arts, and Title Guaranty Programs | This bill overhauls a wide range of programs under the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and Iowa Finance Authority (IFA), including strategic infrastructure, tax credits, homelessness, title guaranty, and arts and culture initiatives. It restructures program review processes, repeals several funds and councils, and reallocates and consolidates arts and cultural funding. | "The bill makes sweeping changes to economic development, tax credit, arts, and administrative programs in Iowa. It eliminates the Iowa innovation council's role in strategic infrastructure reviews, repeals the brownfield redevelopment program and related advisory council, consolidates project review authority within IEDA, and streamlines the process for awarding redevelopment and historic preservation tax credits. The bill also eliminates the Title Guaranty Board, transferring its duties to the IFA board and director, and replaces various cultural and arts grant programs and funds with a consolidated Arts and Culture Enhancement Fund. It repeals the Iowa cultural trust and associated programs, reallocates remaining funds, and revises requirements for several grant and review processes. Changes are also made to rules regarding homelessness policy, and to the leadership and duties of the Iowa arts council. Several appropriations and fund transfer provisions are included." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 622. S.J. 781. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 622. S.J. 781. |

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| HF401 | Core Curriculum Act for Undergraduate Education | Establishes uniform general education requirements for undergraduate students at Iowa's regents institutions, details credit hour minimums in core academic areas, restricts overall general education load, and prohibits certain curriculum content. | "This act creates mandatory general education requirements for undergraduate students at Iowa Board of Regents institutions, specifying minimum credit hours in English, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, western heritage, and American heritage. The law limits the total general education credit hours, sets rules for transfer credits, and mandates review of specific course content. It also prohibits curriculum teaching identity politics or theories of systemic oppression as inherent to U.S. or Iowa institutions, with exceptions and waiver provisions for certain degree programs. Enforcement is enabled via the attorney general, and applicability begins with students enrolling from July 1, 2027 onward." | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 757. | Placed on calendar under unfinished business. S.J. 757. |
| HF420 | Workforce First Act - Regents Academic Program Review | Mandates a comprehensive review by the state board of regents of all academic programs at public universities to assess their alignment with Iowa's workforce needs, with required recommendations and reporting. | "This bill requires the state board of regents to conduct a review of all undergraduate and graduate academic programs at regents institutions by the first meeting after November 1, 2025. The review's purpose is to evaluate each program's alignment with current and future workforce demands in Iowa. The process must include consultation with the department of education and the department of workforce development. By November 30, 2025, the board must submit a report to the governor and general assembly detailing recommendations for each program: to remain unchanged, be eliminated, or be modified, with a description of proposed changes." | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 895. | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 895. |
| HF382 | Child Care Center Staff Flex Care Age Requirements | This bill directs the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to amend administrative rules to allow child care center employees who are at least 16 years old to provide 'flex care' for children up to five years of age without additional supervision. | "The legislation modifies staffing requirements for child care centers, permitting employees aged 16 and older to provide flex care\u2014defined as care during nap hours and brief periods without an employee aged 18 or older\u2014without the need for supervision by older staff. This change is intended to increase staffing flexibility in child care centers for children under five." | Referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 895. | Referred to Health and Human Services. H.J. 895. |

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| HF402 | Civics Survey Course Requirement for Bachelor's Degrees at Public Colleges | Establishes a mandatory American history and civil government course for all baccalaureate degree programs at public institutions of higher education in Iowa, effective for students entering in 2027 and later. | "This legislation mandates that all students seeking a baccalaureate degree from a public institution of higher education in Iowa complete a dedicated survey course on American history and civil government. The course must cover specific foundational topics and documents, assign at least three semester hours of credit, and satisfy any general education social science graduation requirement. Students who complete the course and transfer between institutions will not have to retake it." | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 895. | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 895. |
| HF855 | Expansion of DEI Restrictions to Community Colleges | This bill amends the definition of 'public institution of higher education' in Code chapter 261J to explicitly include community colleges, thereby subjecting them to the same prohibitions on establishing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices and related activities as state universities. | "The bill expands the scope of existing restrictions on DEI offices, statements, and preferential treatment in higher education institutions by including community colleges. With this change, community colleges are prohibited from establishing DEI offices, requiring DEI statements, or giving preferential treatment based on such statements, except where required by law or accreditation standards. Compliance and enforcement mechanisms remain unchanged but are now applicable to community colleges as well." | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. |
| HF854 | Prohibition of DEI Offices at Private Colleges Participating in Iowa Tuition Grant Program | This legislation prohibits private institutions of higher education that participate in the Iowa tuition grant program from establishing, sustaining, supporting, or staffing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices, with certain exceptions and enforcement mechanisms. | "The bill amends definitions and eligibility requirements for private institutions of higher education in Iowa that participate in the tuition grant program, introducing a new requirement: compliance with new Chapter 261K. This chapter explicitly bans the establishment, support, or staffing of DEI offices at these institutions, except as required by federal or state law or accreditation standards. The bill details exceptions for academic instruction, research, student organizations, guest speakers, and health services. Enforcement includes a complaint mechanism, corrective action requirements, and penalties\u2014specifically, loss (and restoration) of tuition grant program eligibility for non-compliance." | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. |

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| HF867 | Iowa Tuition Grant Priority for High-Wage, High-Demand Majors | Requires that at least 50% of Iowa tuition grant funds be awarded to students pursuing majors linked to high-wage and high-demand jobs as identified by a collaboratively developed state list. Establishes criteria for defining such jobs and mandates regular list updates. | "This bill directs that a minimum of 50% of Iowa tuition grant funding annually must go to students majoring in fields associated with high-wage, high-demand jobs. It tasks the workforce development board, in partnership with the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, to compile and biennially update a list of qualifying jobs and relevant academic majors, based on specific criteria including salary, educational level, and job market projections. The bill's section regarding list creation takes immediate effect upon enactment." | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. | Referred to Higher Education. H.J. 896. |
| HF888 | Education Law Amendments: Private Instruction, Dual Enrollment, and World Language Instruction | This bill makes substantial changes to laws governing private and independent private instruction, dual enrollment, and world language instruction in Iowa, including striking certain requirements, revising definitions, and prohibiting gender-neutral modifications to world language curricula. | "The bill removes several administrative requirements for private instruction, notably eliminating immunization and blood lead test documentation and relaxing the content required in reports to school districts. It redefines independent private instruction, removing limits on unrelated students and the prohibition on charging tuition, and updates curricular requirements. The bill voids limitations on the proportion of dual-enrollment instruction provided by public schools. Diplomas from private instruction must be accepted as equivalent to those from accredited schools. Additionally, the bill prohibits the use of gender-neutral language in world language instruction where the language has a grammatical gender system." | Referred to Education. H.J. 896. | Referred to Education. H.J. 896. |
| HF872 | Amendment to Targeted Small Business Income Qualification | The bill amends the definition of 'targeted small business' in Iowa law, broadening eligibility by changing business terminology, increasing the maximum employee threshold, and raising the allowable annual gross income cap for qualification. | "This legislation redefines the criteria for what qualifies as a 'targeted small business' in Iowa. It replaces references to 'small business' and 'business' with 'enterprise', expands the employee threshold, and significantly raises the gross income ceiling for eligibility. These changes are intended to make more enterprises, particularly those owned by women, minorities, service-disabled veterans, and persons with disabilities, eligible for targeted small business status and the associated benefits." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HF269 | Freedom from Indoctrination Act | Prohibits regents-governed public higher education institutions from requiring students or faculty to participate in, or incorporate, diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory (DEI/CRT) content or practices in most academic programs. Establishes definitions, enforcement mechanisms, exemptions, and application date. | "This bill creates new statutory restrictions on public universities governed by the Board of Regents regarding requirements related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and critical race theory (DEI/CRT). It prohibits such institutions from mandating student enrollment in, or faculty participation with, DEI/CRT-related courses or practices as conditions for degree completion, course approval, or faculty advancement, except in academic programs explicitly focused on racial, ethnic, or gender studies. The bill provides definitions, enforcement provisions through the attorney general, and clarifies that individual academic freedom and classroom discussion are not limited. The Act applies beginning July 1, 2026." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HF112 | Targeted Small Business Income Eligibility Expansion | This bill amends the definition of 'targeted small business' in Iowa law by significantly increasing the maximum allowable annual gross income for qualification. | "The legislation modifies the income threshold for enterprises to qualify as targeted small businesses. It raises the maximum allowable annual gross income from less than \$4 million to less than \$200 million, calculated as an average over the preceding three fiscal years. This change vastly expands the number of businesses eligible for targeted small business status, which could impact access to programs or benefits restricted to such businesses." | Withdrawn. H.J. 871. | Withdrawn. H.J. 871. |

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| SSB1208 | Comprehensive Reform of Iowa Property Taxes, Credits, and Valuations | This bill enacts sweeping changes to Iowa's property tax system, including the calculation of levies for counties, cities, and schools; major reforms to property tax credits and exemptions, especially for homesteads, veterans, and the elderly; significant modifications to assessment limitations for various property classes; and new restrictions on local government financial operations. The bill contains numerous appropriations, phase-ins, and effective date provisions. | "The bill restructures how property tax rates are calculated for counties, cities, and schools, tying levy limits to prior year property tax dollars and assessment growth rather than fixed dollar rates. It phases in increased state funding for schools while reducing local property tax requirements. The bill transitions the homestead property tax credit into a broader exemption, increases exemptions for veterans, and expands low-income elderly credits. Property tax assessment limitations ('rollbacks') for residential, commercial, and industrial property are gradually eliminated. The bill also restricts local governments from using bonds for general operations and imposes new limits on rate-limited levies. The brucellosis and tuberculosis eradication fund levy is eliminated. Numerous appropriations are included to backfill revenue changes and fund state obligations." | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. |
| HSB221 | Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority Program Reforms | A comprehensive bill making significant changes to programs and authorities under the Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority, including tax credits, arts and culture funding, program eligibility requirements, and board structures. | "This bill restructures multiple programs and authorities under the Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority. Key changes include eliminating certain councils and boards, transferring review and decision-making powers, revising tax credit and grant program rules, consolidating and redirecting funds, updating timelines and eligibility for historic preservation tax credits, and establishing new mechanisms for arts and culture funding. The bill also includes significant appropriations and fund transfers." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 975. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 975. |
| HF131 | Redevelopment Tax Credits, Nuisance Property Remediation, and Abandoned Building Assistance Expansion | This bill amends Iowa law relating to redevelopment tax credits for grayfield sites, provides expanded financial assistance for remediation of large nuisance properties, and broadens eligibility for funding to address abandoned buildings. | "The bill enables larger grayfield sites in smaller communities to qualify for a two-year redevelopment tax credit. It authorizes up to \$500,000 in loans or forgivable loans for cities remediating large nuisance properties, with at least 25% of the loan forgiven upon successful remediation. The bill also expands eligibility for state assistance to address abandoned buildings by including communities with populations between 5,000 and 30,000, increases potential funding per building, and clarifies that local governments may apply for such funding for privately owned buildings." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| HSB310 | Moratorium on Economic Development Program Funding in Iowa's Four Most Populous Counties | Establishes a three-year moratorium on all economic development programs and associated funding for the four most populous counties in Iowa, administered by the state's economic development authority. | "This bill requires the Iowa Economic Development Authority to halt all economic development program activities and funding in the state's four most populous counties from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. During this period, no new or existing programs or funds will be available to these counties under the authority's jurisdiction." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SF139 | Redevelopment Tax Credit and Nuisance Property Remediation Assistance Expansion | Expands eligibility and funding mechanisms for redevelopment tax credits, nuisance property remediation, and support for communities addressing abandoned buildings. | "This bill makes several changes to Iowa's tax credit and grant programs for redevelopment of grayfield sites and remediation of large nuisance properties and abandoned buildings. It adds a specific two-year tax credit option for large grayfield sites in smaller communities, authorizes new forms and terms for remediation loans, increases the scope of communities eligible for abandoned building funding, and sets new funding limits and eligible uses." | Subcommittee Meeting: 03/19/2025 1:30PM Senate Lounge. | Subcommittee Meeting: 03/19/2025 1:30PM Senate Lounge. |
| HF722 | Reform of Workforce Development and Unemployment Insurance Law | This bill makes significant amendments to Iowa law governing workforce development functions, local and state workforce boards, and unemployment insurance. It streamlines duties, repeals several programs, revises reporting requirements, and limits the definition of taxable wages for unemployment insurance purposes. | "The bill revises the structure and responsibilities of the Department of Workforce Development and associated boards. It removes or simplifies many state-specific program requirements, shifting to federal baseline requirements. Several programs, such as the Iowa Conservation Corps, are repealed. The bill changes the annual reporting process for workforce training outcomes, transferring primary responsibility from the department to the college student aid commission. Requirements for collaboration with the Department of Education are reduced. The definition of 'taxable wages' for unemployment insurance is narrowed to include only wages paid in Iowa, and not those paid in other states, even if reciprocity exists." | Withdrawn. H.J. 717. | Withdrawn. H.J. 717. |

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| HF94 | Exemption for Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Income from State Income Tax | This bill amends Iowa's individual income tax law to allow an exclusion of up to \$500,000 from nonqualified deferred compensation plans for certain eligible taxpayers, with retroactive applicability to January 1, 2025. | "The legislation introduces a new income tax exclusion for up to \$500,000 of income received from nonqualified deferred compensation plans, or earnings therefrom, for individuals who are disabled, at least 55 years old, or qualifying survivors. The exclusion applies similarly to the current retirement income exclusion, and specifies allocation rules for married taxpayers filing separately. The provision is retroactively effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 961. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 961. |
| SF222 | An Act relating to workforce training, unemployment insurance, adult education, and other functions and programs of the department of workforce development, the workforce development board, and local workforce development boards | This comprehensive workforce development bill restructures the Iowa Department of Workforce Development by eliminating several programs and duties, modifying unemployment insurance calculations, streamlining the student internship program, and transferring adult education responsibilities solely to the department. The legislation removes references to employment safety, labor standards, workers' compensation, and the Iowa conservation corps from department oversight while focusing operations on unemployment compensation and job placement/training services. | "The bill significantly restructures Iowa's workforce development system by eliminating multiple programs including the Iowa conservation corps, workforce investment program, and statewide mentoring program. It removes the department's responsibility for employment safety, labor standards, and workers' compensation, focusing instead on unemployment compensation and job placement/training. The legislation modifies unemployment insurance to only include Iowa wages in taxable wage calculations, consolidates the student internship program from two components to one focused on STEM fields, and transfers adult education program oversight exclusively to the workforce development department rather than sharing with community colleges." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 603. S.J. 493. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 603. S.J. 493. |
| HF88 | Education Law Changes: Private Instruction, World Languages, and Tax Credit | This bill makes significant changes to laws regarding private instruction, dual enrollment, world language instruction, and increases the tuition and textbook tax credit. It affects requirements for reporting private instruction, the content and recognition of diplomas issued by private instructors, restricts use of gender-neutral language in world language classes, and expands a tax credit for education expenses. | "The bill relaxes several requirements on private and independent private instruction, grants broader recognition to diplomas from such instruction, bans gender-neutral language in world language instruction where the language has grammatical gender, and increases the tuition and textbook tax credit from 25% to 50% of the first \$2,000 spent, retroactive to January 1, 2025." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 888. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 888. |

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| HSB60 | Prohibition of DEI Offices in Private Colleges Participating in Iowa Tuition Grant Program | This bill prohibits private institutions of higher education that participate in the Iowa tuition grant program from establishing, operating, or supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices, with certain exceptions and enforcement mechanisms. | "The bill amends Iowa law to require private higher education institutions participating in the state tuition grant program to adopt policies in compliance with a new chapter (261K), which explicitly prohibits the establishment, support, or staffing of DEI offices unless required by federal or state law or accreditation standards. The bill defines relevant terms and outlines exceptions for certain institutional activities. It establishes a complaint process, enforcement by the attorney general, and consequences for non-compliance, including loss of eligibility for the Iowa tuition grant program." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 854. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 854. |
| HSB61 | Prohibition on Community College DEI Offices and Activities | This bill amends the definition of 'public institution of higher education' to include community colleges for the purposes of applying existing restrictions on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices and related activities under Iowa Code chapter 261J. | "The bill expands the scope of current state law that prohibits the establishment of DEI offices, requiring DEI statements, or giving preferential treatment based on such statements at public institutions of higher education. It accomplishes this by adding community colleges to the definition of public institutions subject to these prohibitions. The law includes certain exceptions for federal/state law or accreditation requirements and mandates annual compliance reports and enforcement by the attorney general." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 855. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 855. |
| HSB62 | Iowa Tuition Grant Allocation for High-Wage, High-Demand Majors | Requires that at least 50% of Iowa tuition grant funds be awarded to students pursuing majors leading to high-wage and high-demand jobs, with criteria and a list established by the workforce development board and private colleges. | "This bill mandates that no less than half of the Iowa tuition grant funds each year go to students enrolled in academic majors that align with high-wage and high-demand occupations, as determined by a newly established list. The workforce development board, in partnership with the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities, is tasked with creating and biennially updating this list, using specific salary, educational, and job growth/openings criteria. The provision for the list takes effect immediately upon enactment." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 867. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 867. |

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| HF38 | Self-Supported Entertainment Areas Authorization | This bill creates a new legal framework allowing Iowa cities to establish designated "entertainment areas" and impose special surcharges on businesses within those areas. The legislation establishes a comprehensive process for creating these areas, including petition requirements, public hearings, and specific criteria that must be met. The surcharges collected would be used for municipal purposes including debt service, capital improvements, and public safety services within the entertainment area. | "The bill authorizes Iowa cities to create entertainment areas through an ordinance process that requires property owner petitions, public hearings, and supermajority council votes. These designated areas can impose up to 3% surcharges on food, alcoholic beverages, entertainment tickets, and lodging within the area. The areas must meet specific requirements including expected annual attendance of 250,000+ people, be 75 acres or less, consist of contiguous commercial properties, and have at least 75% of properties be entertainment, food, liquor, or lodging establishments. Revenue collected through the state department goes into a special fund and is returned to cities for specific municipal purposes." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 760. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 760. |
| HSB68 | Workforce Training, Unemployment Insurance, and Education Program Changes | This bill makes extensive changes to the structure and functions of workforce training, unemployment insurance, adult education, and related programs within the Department of Workforce Development and its boards. It also addresses internship programs and appropriates funding for workforce initiatives. | "The bill streamlines and updates the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Workforce Development, the workforce development board, and local workforce development boards, largely aligning their functions with federal workforce requirements. It repeals outdated or redundant programs, modifies definitions related to unemployment insurance, restructures the Iowa student internship program, and appropriates over \$1 million for internship opportunities. The bill further centralizes adult education and literacy program duties under the department, removing shared responsibility with community colleges." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 722. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 722. |

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| SF282 | Freedom from Indoctrination Act – Restrictions on DEI and CRT Requirements at Regents Institutions | Prohibits regents institutions from requiring or incentivizing participation in diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and critical race theory (CRT)-related courses and practices for students or faculty, with limited exceptions. | "This legislation directs the state board of regents to establish policies ensuring that no public institution of higher education under its governance may require students to enroll in, or faculty to participate in, any course or practice related to diversity, equity, inclusion, or critical race theory (DEI/CRT) as a condition for degree or employment advancement. It defines key terms, sets forth exemptions for programs clearly focused on racial, ethnic, or gender studies, and allows individuals to report violations to the attorney general, who may seek a writ of mandamus to enforce compliance. Academic freedom in classroom instruction is explicitly protected. The Act applies to academic years beginning July 1, 2026." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| HSB145 | Early Childhood Education & Care Modernization | This bill makes comprehensive reforms to Iowa's early childhood education and care systems. It expands the statewide preschool program, restructures oversight of at-risk children's programs, updates the department of education's responsibilities, realigns early childhood Iowa areas, enhances child care assistance for the workforce, and creates a new pilot grant program for integrated preschool and child care services. | "The bill authorizes community-based providers to directly participate in and receive state funding for the statewide preschool program, not just school districts. It abolishes the Child Development Coordinating Council, transferring its duties to the Department of Education and eliminating certain requirements. The geographic boundaries for Early Childhood Iowa areas are realigned to match new behavioral health districts. The bill expands child care assistance eligibility to certain child care workers and establishes a pilot grant program to foster partnerships for full-day early childhood education and care. Multiple technical and conforming changes are made across various Code sections to implement these reforms." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 623. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 623. |

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| SSB1106 | Iowa Economic Development and Finance Authority Reform Act | This bill makes substantial changes to programs, governance, and funding under the Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority, affecting infrastructure, tax credits, tourism, historic preservation, homelessness, title guaranty, and arts/culture administration. | "The bill restructures various economic development, tax credit, tourism, historic preservation, homelessness, title guaranty, and arts/culture programs. It eliminates and consolidates boards, councils, and certain funds, shifting application review and decision-making authority. The bill repeals and transfers multiple funds, creates a new arts and culture enhancement fund, and modifies the administration and eligibility of several tax credit programs. It also updates rules for project eligibility, deadlines, and extends or retroactively applies certain provisions." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 465. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 465. |
| SSB1135 | Early Childhood Education and Care Reform Act | A comprehensive act revising early childhood education and care in Iowa, including the statewide preschool program, at-risk children's programming, departmental responsibilities, Early Childhood Iowa initiative, state child care assistance eligibility, and a new pilot grant program. | "This bill makes extensive changes to Iowa's early childhood education and care framework. It allows community-based providers to directly participate in the statewide preschool program and receive state funding, not just school districts. The bill transfers all responsibilities from the child development coordinating council to the Department of Education (DE), removing some previous council duties. It revises grant and funding mechanisms for at-risk children's programs, narrows eligible ages, and changes requirements for administrative practices. The bill adds new DE responsibilities related to research, accountability, and professional development for prekindergarten and preschool. It realigns Early Childhood Iowa area boundaries with behavioral health districts and modifies grant eligibility. The bill also expands eligibility for state child care assistance to certain child care workers and creates a competitive grant pilot program for partnerships providing full-day care and preschool." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 445. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 445. |

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| SF243 | College Affordability Act (Regents Institutions Tuition & Student Programs) | This bill amends Iowa law regarding tuition setting, degree program offerings, and employment programs at state board of regents institutions. It imposes new constraints on tuition increases, locks tuition for certain students, mandates expedited degree programs, and establishes a new 'work plus' program for tuition payment through employment. | "The bill restricts tuition and mandatory fee increases for in-state residents at regents institutions to no more than 3% annually, requires final tuition decisions to be made by December 31 of the preceding fiscal year, and locks tuition rates for resident undergraduates at their first-year rate for up to three years (or shorter based on transfer credits). It also requires at least one three-year baccalaureate program by 2027 and mandates creation of a 'work plus' program, allowing students to work part-time with employers covering their tuition and mandatory fees during employment semesters." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SF270 | Iowa Rural Development Tax Credit Program | Establishes a new tax credit program administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority to incentivize capital investments in rural business growth funds, which must then invest in qualified businesses located in rural areas of the state. Sets eligibility, application, investment, compliance, reporting, and tax credit mechanisms for participation in the program. | "This bill creates the Iowa Rural Development Tax Credit Program, providing tax credits for specific capital contributions to certified rural business growth funds. These funds are required to invest in qualified businesses located outside the twelve most populous counties in Iowa, with fewer than 250 employees. The Economic Development Authority is tasked with certification, oversight, and enforcement. Tax credits are issued to investors, subject to requirements for investment size, job creation/retention, and ongoing compliance. Credits may be claimed over several years and carried forward, but are not refundable or generally transferrable. The bill includes mechanisms for revocation, recapture, and state reimbursement in cases of noncompliance." | Subcommittee: Dawson, Dotzler, and Klimesh. S.J. 302. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Dotzler, and Klimesh. S.J. 302. |
| HSB37 | Driver's License and ID Card Citizenship/Immigration Status Requirement | This bill amends Iowa law to require all applicants for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card to declare and display their citizenship or authorized noncitizen status, which must then be printed on the back of the issued card. The requirement applies to both new applications and renewals made on or after the bill's effective date. | "The bill requires applicants for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification card to provide their status as a United States citizen or as a noncitizen authorized to be in the United States. This status must be indicated on the back of the driver's license or identification card. The new requirement will apply to all applications and renewals submitted after the bill's effective date." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 439. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 439. |

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| HSB51 | College Affordability Act – Tuition Regulation, 3-Year Degrees, and Work+ Program at Regents Institutions | This bill enacts multiple reforms related to tuition increases, degree completion timelines, and student employment programs at Iowa's public regents institutions, aiming to improve affordability and access. | "The bill sets new limits on tuition increases for in-state students at regents institutions, requiring annual increases not to exceed 3%. It also mandates tuition guarantees for resident undergraduates, ensuring their first-year tuition rate remains constant for up to three years. Additionally, each institution must offer at least one baccalaureate program that can be completed in three years and establish a 'Work Plus' program, partnering with employers to cover tuition and fees in exchange for part-time student employment. The legislation sets deadlines for when these reforms must be implemented." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 440. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 440. |
| HSB56 | Mandatory American History and Civics Course for Public Baccalaureate Degrees | Establishes a requirement for students at public institutions of higher education in Iowa to complete a course in American history and civics to graduate with a baccalaureate degree, beginning with the 2027 academic year. | "This bill mandates that all students seeking a baccalaureate degree at Iowa public institutions of higher education must complete a survey course in American history and civics government. The course, worth at least three semester hours, will cover foundational American principles, government structure, historical development, founding documents, and landmark Supreme Court cases. It will fulfill general education requirements in social sciences and be transferable between institutions. The bill specifies required course content and readings, and establishes definitions for key terms." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 402. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 402. |
| HSB50 | Workforce First Act: Regents Academic Program Review | Requires the state board of regents to conduct a comprehensive review of all undergraduate and graduate academic programs at regents institutions in Iowa, focusing on alignment with workforce needs. | "This bill mandates the state board of regents to complete a review of all academic programs at public universities under its governance, assessing each program's relevance to current and future workforce demands in Iowa. The review must be conducted in collaboration with the departments of education and workforce development and be completed by the board's first meeting on or after November 1, 2025. A report with recommendations for each program (retain, eliminate, or change) must be submitted to the governor and general assembly by November 30, 2025." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 420. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 420. |

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| HSB8 | Child Care Center Flex Care Staff Age Requirements | This bill directs the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to amend administrative rules to allow child care center employees aged 16 or older to provide flex care to children up to five years of age without additional supervision. | "The bill lowers the minimum age requirement for unsupervised provision of flex care in child care centers from 18 to 16. Flex care refers to child care provided during designated nap hours or brief periods when an employee aged 18 or older is not present. The bill requires administrative rule changes to implement this policy." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 382. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 382. |
| HSB53 | Freedom from Indoctrination Act – Prohibiting DEI and CRT Requirements at Regents Institutions | This bill prohibits public institutions of higher education governed by the state board of regents from requiring or constraining students or faculty to participate in or include diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and critical race theory (CRT)-related content or practices in academic programs, with limited exemptions for certain focused fields of study. It also provides for enforcement and clarifies academic freedom protections. | "The bill bans public higher education institutions from mandating that students enroll in, or faculty participate in or include, DEI or CRT-related courses or practices as a condition of degree completion, program participation, or employment incentives, except where a program is clearly focused on racial, ethnic, or gender studies. Exemptions are allowed for such focused programs, but students cannot be compelled to enroll in these to fulfill other requirements. The bill allows for enforcement through the attorney general and specifically preserves individual instructor academic freedom within their own courses. The act applies to academic years beginning July 1, 2026." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 269. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 269. |
| SF204 | Education Reform: Private Instruction, World Language, and Tuition Tax Credit | This bill makes significant changes to Iowa laws regarding private instruction (homeschooling), world language curriculum, dual enrollment flexibility, and increases the tuition and textbook tax credit. It includes immediate and retroactive applicability provisions for diploma recognition and tax credits. | "The bill amends reporting and regulatory requirements for private (homeschool) instruction, modifies the criteria and requirements for independent private instruction, expands dual enrollment flexibility, grants equal diploma recognition to homeschooled students, prohibits discrimination based on diploma source, restricts gender-neutral language modification in world language courses, and increases the tuition and textbook tax credit from 25% to 50% of the first \$2,000 per dependent. Some provisions take effect immediately or retroactively." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| SF201 | Income Tax Exemption for Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plans | This bill amends Iowa's individual income tax code to create a new exemption for income received from nonqualified deferred compensation plans. The legislation adds a new subsection to Section 422.7 of the Iowa Code that allows eligible taxpayers to subtract up to \$500,000 of nonqualified deferred compensation plan income from their taxable income calculations. | "The bill creates a new income tax exemption allowing eligible Iowa taxpayers to exclude up to \$500,000 annually from nonqualified deferred compensation plans from their state income tax calculations. Eligibility requires being disabled, age 55 or older, or being a qualifying survivor. The exemption mirrors existing retirement income exclusion rules and applies retroactively to January 1, 2025." | Subcommittee: Schultz, Bisignano, and Dawson. S.J. 243. | Subcommittee: Schultz, Bisignano, and Dawson. S.J. 243. |
| HSB44 | Career Education: Middle School Exploration and Credential Seals for High School Students | This bill enhances career education requirements in Iowa schools, mandating career exploration curricula at the middle school level and recognizing high school students who earn industry-recognized credentials with transcript seals or certificates. It also specifies the use of existing state funds for compliance. | "The bill requires the Iowa Department of Education to develop a list of industry-recognized credentials or certifications available to high school students and to create a seal for these credentials. School districts must report students who earn these credentials and recognize their achievement with transcript seals or certificates. The bill updates curriculum requirements for grades 5-8 to include structured career planning and exploration. Funding for these mandates must come from existing state school foundation aid, with no new appropriations provided." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 316. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 316. |
| HF85 | Establishment of a Regulatory Relief Program and Office | Creates a new regulatory relief program and office to allow businesses to temporarily operate without certain state licenses or regulatory requirements for the purpose of demonstrating innovative offerings. Establishes procedures, oversight, and requirements for participation. | "This bill establishes a regulatory relief program administered by a newly created regulatory relief office within the economic development authority. The program allows qualifying businesses to temporarily operate without specific state licenses or regulatory requirements in order to demonstrate innovative products or services. An advisory committee is also created to oversee and advise the office. The bill outlines the application, review, and approval process for participation, reporting requirements for participants, mechanisms for consumer protection, and the authority of the office to terminate participation or extend demonstration periods. Certain limits and exclusions apply, such as prohibiting the waiver of tax or restitution-related laws." | Subcommittee: Sexton, Baeth and Weldon. H.J. 264. | Subcommittee: Sexton, Baeth and Weldon. H.J. 264. |

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| SSB1068 | Workforce, Unemployment, Internship, and Adult Education Reform Act | This bill makes comprehensive changes to Iowa's workforce development programs, unemployment insurance wage definitions, student internship funding, and adult education/literacy program administration. It strikes certain programs and duties, consolidates administrative authority, and includes appropriations for internship funding. | "The bill reorganizes and streamlines the Department of Workforce Development's functions, removes or repeals certain programs, modifies definitions for unemployment compensation, restructures the Iowa student internship program, and centralizes authority for adult education and literacy programs. It emphasizes alignment with federal law and reduces the involvement of community colleges in adult education. The bill appropriates over \$1 million to the Iowa student internship fund." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 222. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 222. |
| HF144 | Iowa Gambling Regulation and Licensing Act | This bill establishes a moratorium on the issuance of new gambling licenses in Iowa, amends the requirements for socioeconomic impact studies on gambling, sets strict conditions for new license approvals, and includes immediate and retroactive applicability provisions. | "The bill imposes a temporary moratorium on new gambling licenses until June 30, 2030, limiting the total number to nineteen and restricting licenses to existing locations as of January 1, 2025. It expands the scope of the required socioeconomic study on the impact of gambling, specifying additional topics for analysis. The commission is prohibited from issuing new licenses that would negatively impact existing operations or rural counties, and further restricts applications after a denial. The act is effective immediately and applies retroactively to January 1, 2025." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SF173 | An Act concerning the licensing and regulation of gambling games, including a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses | This bill establishes comprehensive restrictions on gambling license issuance in Iowa, implementing a moratorium on new gambling licenses through 2030 and requiring enhanced socioeconomic impact studies. The legislation limits total gambling licenses to 19 statewide and restricts new licenses to counties that already had gambling operations as of January 1, 2025. The bill adds detailed requirements for socioeconomic studies every eight years and establishes specific criteria that must be met before new licenses can be issued, with particular protections for rural and border counties. | "The bill implements a gambling license moratorium from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, capping total licenses at 19 and restricting them to counties with existing gambling operations. It enhances socioeconomic study requirements with 11 specific evaluation criteria and prohibits new license issuance after July 1, 2030, until the 2029 study is completed. New protections prevent licenses that would negatively impact existing operations by more than 10% or harm rural/border county licensees, with an 8-year application restriction following license denials." | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 178. | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 178. |

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| SF157 | Expansion of Maximum Unemployment Benefits Duration | This bill increases the maximum number of weeks an eligible individual can receive unemployment benefits during a benefit year in Iowa, amending the state unemployment insurance code. | "The legislation amends current Iowa law to increase the cap on unemployment benefits from sixteen times the weekly benefit amount to twenty-six times the weekly benefit amount, whichever is less than the individual's wage credits for the base period. This change allows unemployed individuals to potentially receive benefits for a longer period. Other provisions regarding wage credit calculations and exceptions for layoffs due to business closure remain unchanged." | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Sires. S.J. 170. | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Sires. S.J. 170. |
| SSB1069 | Iowa Gambling Games Licensure Moratorium and Socioeconomic Study Expansion | This bill imposes a temporary moratorium on new gambling license issuances, expands the required socioeconomic study on gambling, establishes new restrictions and criteria for issuing licenses, and mandates a review of internet gaming in Iowa. | "The bill places a moratorium on the issuance of new gambling games licenses in Iowa from January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030, capping the total at 19 and limiting licensure to counties with existing operations as of January 1, 2025. It expands the statutory requirements for the socioeconomic study on gambling's impact, including detailed analyses of community effects, criminal statistics, and market conditions. The bill sets strict criteria for issuing new licenses, including economic impact thresholds and protections for rural and border counties. It also mandates a comprehensive review of internet gaming regulations and their effects. The bill takes effect immediately and applies retroactively to January 1, 2025." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 173. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 173. |
| SF122 | Automatic Child Care Assistance Eligibility for Children of Minor Parents | This bill modifies Iowa's state child care assistance program to automatically grant eligibility to children of at least one parent under the age of eighteen, regardless of other eligibility criteria, and exempts these children from any waiting list requirements. | "The bill amends Iowa Code section 237A.13 by introducing a new provision that automatically makes children eligible for state child care assistance if at least one parent is under eighteen years old. It also ensures that these children are not subject to waiting list requirements. The intent is to provide immediate and unimpeded child care support to children of minor parents, removing barriers to access." | Subcommittee: Klimesh, Costello, and Petersen. S.J. 169. | Subcommittee: Klimesh, Costello, and Petersen. S.J. 169. |

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| HF31 | Creation of New Resident and New Graduate Tax Credits | Establishes income tax credits for new residents who move to Iowa for employment and recent graduates of Iowa institutions or apprenticeship programs. Specifies eligibility criteria, duration, and limitations for claiming the credits. Provides for repeal of the credits if certain statewide unemployment conditions are met, with retroactive applicability to 2025. | "This bill creates two new individual income tax credits: one for new residents of Iowa who relocate for full-time employment, and another for recent graduates (age 30 or younger) of Iowa colleges, universities, community colleges, or apprenticeship programs. Each credit is equal to 100% of state income tax liability for up to four consecutive tax years. Eligibility is limited to one lifetime claim for each credit, and claimants cannot receive public assistance (after the first year) to remain eligible. The credits are nonrefundable and can be allocated between married taxpayers filing separately. The credits are subject to automatic repeal if the statewide unemployment rate reaches or exceeds 4% for three consecutive years, but claimants who started before repeal may finish their eligibility period. The bill applies retroactively to tax years starting January 1, 2025." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |
| SSB1024 | Workforce First Act – Regents Academic Program Review | Requires the Iowa State Board of Regents to review all academic programs at regents institutions for alignment with workforce needs and report recommendations for each program. | "This bill mandates the State Board of Regents to review every undergraduate and graduate academic program at the institutions it governs. The review's goal is to evaluate how well each program aligns with current and future workforce needs in Iowa. The process must involve consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Workforce Development. By the first regents board meeting after November 1, 2025, the review must be complete, and a report detailing recommendations for each program\u2014whether to keep, change, or eliminate\u2014must be submitted to the governor and legislature by November 30, 2025." | Subcommittee recommends passage. | Subcommittee recommends passage. |

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| SF76 | Moratorium on New Gambling Games Licenses Until 2030 | Establishes a temporary moratorium on the issuance of new gambling games licenses in Iowa, capping the number of such licenses and restricting their location until June 30, 2030. | "This bill imposes a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses for gambling games in Iowa, limiting the total number of licenses to 19 statewide through June 30, 2030. Licenses are restricted to counties where gambling operations were already authorized as of the effective date. The bill allows for movement of existing licenses within the same county, transfer upon sale, and re-issuance if a license is surrendered, not renewed, or revoked. The section is repealed July 1, 2030, and the law takes effect immediately upon enactment." | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 152. | Subcommittee: Rozenboom, Bisignano, and Schultz. S.J. 152. |
| SSB1054 | Grocer Reinvestment and Local Food Processing Programs | Creates new financial assistance programs for grocery stores and local produce processing; establishes a dedicated fund; modifies the local food and farm program; and appropriates state funds for these initiatives. | "This bill establishes the Grocer Reinvestment Program and Local Produce Processing Grant Program under the Iowa Economic Development Authority. It creates a dedicated fund for these programs, sets eligibility and priority criteria, and ensures ongoing appropriations. The bill also amends the Local Food and Farm Program to expand its scope to include grocery stores and the retailing of local foods." | Subcommittee: Costello, Dotzler, and Guth. | Subcommittee: Costello, Dotzler, and Guth. |
| HSB80 | Iowa Gambling License Moratorium, Regulation, and Internet Gaming Study Act | This bill establishes new regulations for the issuance and transfer of gambling game licenses, imposes a temporary moratorium on new licenses, adjusts license fees, and requires a comprehensive review of internet gaming and its impact on Iowa's gaming industry. It also modifies requirements for socioeconomic studies on gambling and includes retroactive applicability and immediate effect provisions. | "The legislation imposes a moratorium on the issuance of new gambling game licenses in Iowa from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, capping the total number at 19. Licenses are restricted to counties with existing gambling operations as of January 1, 2025. The bill outlines scenarios for transfers and relocations of licenses within the same county. Additional restrictions are placed on the issuance of new licenses to protect existing licensees, particularly in rural and border counties, and based on economic impact thresholds. The bill increases initial license fees, tying them to county population and inflation, with proceeds directed to the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund. It also mandates a detailed internet gaming review, including its economic and societal impacts, and requires updated socioeconomic studies on gambling. The bill takes immediate effect and is retroactive to January 1, 2025." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 144. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as HF 144. |

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| SF77 | Tort Liability Changes for Commercial Motor Vehicle Civil Actions | This bill amends laws regarding tort liability in civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles, specifically addressing employer liability, caps on noneconomic damages, and the allocation of punitive and exemplary damages. It also repeals certain existing statutes related to these issues. | "The bill makes significant changes to civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles. It repeals provisions limiting employer liability to respondeat superior in cases where the employer stipulates to the employment relationship, now allowing direct negligence claims against employers. The bill also eliminates the \$5 million cap on noneconomic damages for personal injury or death in such cases. Additionally, it changes how punitive and exemplary damages are distributed, with only 25% going to the claimant (unless the conduct was specifically directed at the claimant), and the remainder going to the state's civil reparations trust fund. Certain statutes are repealed to reflect these changes." | Subcommittee: Dickey, Knox, and Schultz. S.J. 136. | Subcommittee: Dickey, Knox, and Schultz. S.J. 136. |
| SF101 | Increase and Indexing of State Minimum Wage | This bill raises the state minimum hourly wage to \$15.00, with subsequent annual increases tied to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, and sets a higher minimum for employees in their first 90 days. | "The legislation amends current law to increase the state minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour as of July 1, 2025. It also increases the minimum wage for employees in their first 90 days of employment to \$14.10 per hour. Starting July 1, 2026, both minimums will be subject to automatic annual increases based on the percentage increase in federal Social Security cost-of-living adjustments. The bill prohibits any decrease in the minimum wage, regardless of federal adjustments." | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Lofgren. S.J. 137. | Subcommittee: Driscoll, Donahue, and Lofgren. S.J. 137. |
| HF109 | Increase in Workforce Housing Tax Incentives Cap and Small Cities Allocation | This bill amends the cap on the workforce housing tax incentives program and the allocation reserved for small cities within Iowa's economic development tax credit system. | "The legislation increases the maximum amount of workforce housing tax incentives that may be allocated per year from \$35 million to \$50 million. Additionally, it raises the reserved allocation for qualified housing projects in small cities from \$17.5 million to \$25 million. These changes aim to provide greater financial support for workforce housing and specifically enhance support in small cities." | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 110. | Introduced, referred to Ways and Means. H.J. 110. |

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| SF44 | Expansion of Historic Preservation Tax Credit Rights Preservation | This bill amends the preservation of rights for the historic preservation tax credit, extending the cutoff date for protected credits from January 1, 2023, to July 1, 2023. | "The bill changes the date before which historic preservation tax credits are protected from any limiting, modifying, or adverse effects under recent tax law changes. Credits issued, awarded, or allowed prior to July 1, 2023 (instead of January 1, 2023), including carryforward amounts, remain unaffected by new limitations or modifications." | Subcommittee: Dawson, Celsi, and Rowley. S.J. 125. | Subcommittee: Dawson, Celsi, and Rowley. S.J. 125. |
| SSB1014 | Private Sector Employee Drug Testing Procedures and Remedies | This bill makes several amendments to Iowa's private sector employee drug testing law, focusing on definitions, notification methods, and civil enforcement provisions. | "The bill revises Iowa Code section 730.5 regarding private sector employee drug testing by clarifying the definition of 'safety-sensitive position', expanding options for required notifications to include in-person and electronic delivery, and modifying civil remedies language to specify liability for employers. It shifts certain burdens of proof in civil actions and adds requirements for the reasonableness of attorney fees awarded." | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 110. | Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 110. |
| HF99 | Citizenship Status on Voter and State ID Cards | Requires all forms of voter identification, driver's licenses, and nonoperator's identification cards issued in Iowa to indicate whether the holder is a U.S. citizen. Establishes requirements for additional proof of citizenship when ID does not indicate status. | "This bill amends Iowa state law to require that voter identification cards, driver's licenses, and nonoperator's identification cards issued or renewed after the bill's effective date must include an explicit indication of whether the individual is a United States citizen. It also mandates that voters whose identification does not indicate citizenship must provide additional documentation to prove their citizenship status at the polls. The Department of Transportation and the State Commissioner of Elections are tasked with implementing these requirements and adopting necessary rules." | Introduced, referred to State Government. H.J. 108. | Introduced, referred to State Government. H.J. 108. |

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