



THE IOWA LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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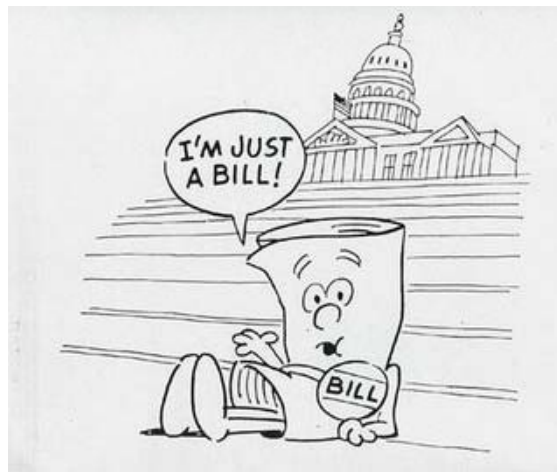
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THE LEGISLATIVE
PROCESS**

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“I’m Just a Bill”



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How an Idea Becomes a Law

- Ideas come from government agencies, constituents, interest groups. Legislator sponsors a bill based on an idea.
- Legislator requests the idea be drafted by the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency (LSA).
- Bill draft sent to the House or Senate, assigned SSB (Senate Study Bill), HSB (House Study Bill).

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How an Idea Becomes a Law

- Subcommittee
- Assigned HF (House File), SF (Senate File).
- Standing (Full) committee
 - Committee may vote the bill out and refer it to the floor.
 - Committee may vote the bill out without recommendation and refer it to the floor.
- Bill placed on calendar, amendments filed and debated.

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House & Senate Standing (Full) Committees

- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Economic Growth
- Education
- Human Resources
- Local Government
- Transportation
- Ways and Means
- Etc.

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How an Idea Becomes a Law

- Floor Debate: First Chamber
 - A constitutional majority, at least 51 Representatives and 26 Senators, must vote “yes” in order for the bill to proceed to second chamber.
 - Fewer than a constitutional majority – bill fails.

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How an Idea Becomes a Law

- Floor Debate: Second Chamber
 - Bill passes without amending – to Governor.
 - Bill is amended – back to originating chamber for approval of amendments.
 - If the originating chamber refuses to concur with the amendments – bill returns to second chamber.
 - If neither chamber can come to an agreement – conference committee appointed to consider the differences.

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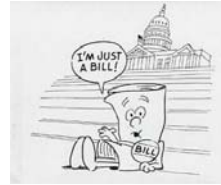
Along the Way



- Caucus
 - Members of a particular political party in a house.
 - Also refers to a meeting of members of a chamber of one political party. The meeting may be either open or closed to the public (almost always closed).
 - Can be a source of frustration.

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Along the Way



- “Funnel”
 - Deadlines for bill requests, bills voted out of committees, amendments filed.
 - After the final funnel date, only certain bills remain alive.

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Legislative Session Timetable

 <p>LSA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY <i>Serving the Iowa Legislature</i></p>	<p>85th Iowa General Assembly 2013 IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION TIMETABLE*</p> 
<p><i>Note: This Session Timetable is subject to change</i></p>	
<p><i>* If rules remain unchanged; see HCR 12, HR 11, and SR 2 (2011)</i></p>	
JANUARY 14	First day of session (Iowa Code Sec. 2.9)
FEBRUARY 15 (Friday of the 6 th week)	Final day for individual Senator and Representative requests for bill drafts to the Legislative Services Agency (Senate Rule 27 and House Rule 28)
MARCH 8 (Friday of the 8 th week)**	Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of Senate committees (and House bills out of House committees) (Joint Rule 28)
MARCH 18—MARCH 22 (10 th week)	Senate only considers Senate bills and unfinished business (House considers only House bills and unfinished business) (Joint Rule 28)
MARCH 25—APRIL 5 (11 th and 12 th weeks)	Debate not limited by rule
APRIL 5 (Friday of the 12 th week)**	Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of House committees (and House bills out of Senate committees) (Joint Rule 28)
APRIL 8—APRIL 12 (13 th week)	Senate considers only House bills and unfinished business (House considers only Senate bills and unfinished business) (Joint Rule 28)
APRIL 15 (Beginning of the 14 th week)	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate (House Rule 21.9)

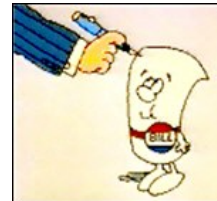
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Legislative Session Timetable

APRIL 15 (Beginning of the 14 th week)	Only the following bills are eligible for consideration: (Joint Rule 29) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriations Bills • Ways and Means Bills • Government Oversight Bills • Legalizing Acts • Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House • Companion Bills sponsored by Senate and House Majority Leaders • Conference Committee Reports • Concurrent or Simple Resolutions • Bills passed by both Houses in different forms • Bills on the Veto Calendar (Joint Rule 23) • Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills • Committee Bills related to delayed Administrative Rules [Iowa Code Sec. 17A.9 (9)] • Joint Resolutions nullifying Administrative Rules • Unfinished Business
MAY 3	110th calendar day of the session [Per diem expenses end - Iowa Code Sec. 2.10(6)]
<small>**The March 8 and April 5 committee deadlines do not apply to Appropriations Bills, Ways and Means Bills, Government Oversight Bills, Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House, Companion Bills sponsored by the Majority Leaders of both Houses after consultation with the respective Minority Leaders, Conference Committee Reports, Concurrent or Simple Resolutions, Joint Resolutions nullifying Administrative Rules, Legalizing Acts, Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills, and Committee Bills related to delayed Administrative Rules [Iowa Code Sec. 17A.9(9)]. Legislative Information Office: 07/02/2012</small>	

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Governor Action



- Veto
 - Veto – Entire bill
 - Item veto – Appropriations bills only
 - Pocket veto – Governor’s failure to take action within 30 days.
- Signature
 - In general, the Governor has 30 days from the end of session to sign a bill into law.
 - A bill goes into effect July 1 unless otherwise specified in the bill.

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Appropriations Process

- October – December
 - Departments submit budget requests to the Department of Management (DOM) by October 1 for the following fiscal year.
 - DOM reviews budgets, submits them electronically to Legislative Services Agency (LSA).

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Appropriations Process

- December
 - Revenue Estimating Conference (REC)
 - Meets by December 15th to set revenue estimates which will serve as a basis for the General Fund budget for the following fiscal year.
 - The REC is made up of three members: The Governor's designee, the Director of Legislative Services Agency, and a third member agreed to by the other two.

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Appropriations Process

- January – March
 - Using the REC estimate, the Governor and DOM develop a tentative budget.
 - Legislative appropriations subcommittees (joint) meet to review department requests.
 - Governor submits “his” budget to the appropriations subcommittees; i.e., what the Governor is recommending to appropriate to each department.
 - Legislative Services Agency begins bill preparation and fiscal analysis.
 - Legislative leaders and Governor set “targets” based on the REC estimate.

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Budget Targets

	Estimated FY 2012	Governor's FY 2013	Senate Target FY 2013	House Target FY 2013
Administration and Regulation	52,669,829	57,116,294	57,116,294	48,309,976
Ag and Natural Resources	32,287,828	34,487,828	34,487,828	35,721,892
Economic Development	36,312,425	62,202,980	62,202,980	30,095,102
Education	809,937,186	856,142,838	908,142,838	775,197,196
Health and Human Services	1,493,379,363	1,604,740,844	1,515,540,844	1,563,470,540
Justice Systems	662,487,672	686,878,390	691,878,390	660,901,542
Standings	2,774,490,748	2,796,406,834	2,949,347,352	2,809,654,802
Property Tax Credits	145,940,518	145,940,518	(included in Standings)	201,457,000
Government Efficiencies	0	0	0	-62,900,000
Reversions	-9,700,000	-2,000,000	(Not indicated)	-2,000,000
Total	5,997,805,569	6,241,916,526	6,218,716,526	6,059,908,050

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Appropriations Process

- March – May
 - Recommendations from the joint budget subcommittees are passed on to the full Appropriations Committees and to the floor for debate in each chamber.
 - If necessary, conference committees works out differences.

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Appropriations Process

- March – May
 - Once approved in the same form by both chambers, a budget bill is sent to the Governor.
 - The Iowa Constitution grants the Governor line-item veto authority in appropriations bills.
 - The General Assembly may override an item veto with a 2/3 majority vote.
 - Unless otherwise specified, the budget is then in effect beginning July 1.

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Conference Committees

- 10 members (5 House, 5 Senate) from both political parties.
- Analyze points of disagreement in an attempt to reach a compromise.
 - If compromise – a report that includes the compromise portion of the bill is presented to both chambers.
 - *Neither chamber can amend the report.*
 - If no compromise – second committee appointed.
 - If still no compromise – bill fails.
 - If report is adopted, chambers vote again on the bill.
 - Once approved, sent to Governor.

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Iowa General Assembly

- House – 100 Representatives
 - Currently
 - 60 Republicans (Republican controlled)
 - 40 Democrats
- Senate – 50 Senators
 - Currently
 - 24 Republicans
 - 26 Democrats (Democrat controlled)

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Iowa General Assembly

- **Ethnicity**
 - 97% Caucasian
 - 3% African American
 - 0% Latino
 - 0% Asian
 - 0% Native American/Native Alaskan

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Iowa General Assembly

- **Gender**
 - 79% Male
 - 21% Female
- **Age**
 - 5% 20-34 years old
 - 23% 35-49 years old
 - 48% 50-64 years old
 - 25% 65+ years old

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Iowa General Assembly

- Religion
 - 41% Protestant
 - 39% Unspecified
 - 17% Catholic
 - 3% Other Christian
 - 0% Jewish
 - 0% Mormon
 - 0% Other

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Iowa General Assembly

- Education
 - 33% Bachelors
 - 21% Masters
 - 11% JD
 - 11% Some College
 - 9% Unknown
 - 7% High School
 - 5% Associates
 - 3% Doctorate

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Legislators' Occupations for Midwest Regions – 2007

Occupation	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Michigan	Minnesota
Attorney	18.60%	11.40%	11.40%	13.30%	7.50%	12.60%
Full-Time Legislator	47.20%	6.70%	12.80%	1.80%	56.50%	11.10%
Business Owner	4.60%	11.40%	2.70%	8.50%	11.60%	4.00%
Agriculture	2.30%	4.70%	16.10%	12.70%	1.40%	6.10%
Retired	1.15	15.40%	10.10%	12.70%	7.50%	10.60%
Business: Executive/Manager	4.00%	10.70%	7.40%	13.90%	4.10%	13.10%
Educator: K-12	4.00%	8.10%	2.70%	2.40%	0.70%	10.10%
Business: Non-manager	0.60%	4.70%	3.40%	5.50%	3.40%	2.00%
Consultant/Professional/ Nonprofit	1.70%	8.70%	11.40%	7.90%	1.40%	8.60%
Real Estate	4.60%	2.00%	3.40%	4.90%	0.00%	3.00%
Insurance	1.70%	0.70%	2.70%	1.80%	0.70%	0.00%
Communications/Arts	0.00%	2.70%	4.70%	1.80%	0.70%	6.10%
Medical	2.30%	5.40%	3.40%	5.50%	1.40%	3.00%
Government Employee: Local	4.00%	2.00%	4.00%	1.20%	0.00%	0.00%
Educator: College	1.70%	2.70%	2.00%	1.80%	0.00%	1.50%
Homemaker	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.20%	0.00%	1.50%
Engineer/Scientist/Architect	0.00%	0.70%	1.30%	2.40%	0.70%	4.60%
Accountant	0.00%	1.30%	0.00%	0.60%	0.00%	0.00%
Government Employee: State	0.60%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.70%	1.00%
Clergy	0.60%	0.70%	0.70%	0.00%	1.40%	0.50%
Labor Union	0.60%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.50%
Student	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.70%	0.00%
Information Not Available	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Insufficient Information	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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Iowa General Assembly – Salaries & Expenses

- Salaries
 - Members – \$25,000
 - Most Leadership Positions – \$37,500
- Per Diem
 - \$134 per day, except travel (Polk County legislators receive \$100.50 per day).
 - Limited to the time period of a regular or special legislative session.

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Iowa General Assembly – Key Players

- House Speaker – Oversees construction of the legislative agenda with the Majority Leader.
- House Majority Leader – Leads floor action by selecting which items to call up for debate.

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Iowa General Assembly – Key Players

- President of the Senate – Presides over debate and rules on parliamentary questions; refers bills to appropriate standing committees.
- Senate Majority Leader – Oversees construction of the legislative agenda; leads floor action by selecting which items to call up for debate.

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Iowa General Assembly – Key Players

- House and Senate Minority Leaders
- Committee Chairs
- Caucus staff (partisan)
 - House/Senate Democrat, House/Senate Republican research staff.
 - Many have 20+ years experience (more than most legislators)...lots of influence.
- Legislative Services Agency (non-partisan)

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Iowa Redistricting

- Definition: The process of drawing U.S. electoral district boundaries in response to population changes based on the results of the decennial census.
- Iowa conducts redistricting unlike any other state:
 - The legislature votes on the plans instead of a commission.
 - The Legislative Services Agency develops maps for legislative and congressional districts without taking into account any political data.

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Iowa Redistricting

- After the LSA receives population data, they present a reapportionment plan for congressional and state legislative districts to the legislature.
- A reapportionment commission conducts public hearings on the plan and submits a report to the legislature.

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Iowa Redistricting

- Lawmakers can accept or reject the plan but cannot alter it. If it's rejected, the LSA draws another plan that the legislature can either approve or reject.
- If both are rejected, the LSA submits a third plan, and lawmakers can amend it.

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Iowa Redistricting

- On April 14, 2011, HF 682, the bill including the first proposed redistricting plan passed the House on a vote of 90-7, and passed the Senate on a vote of 48-1.
- The bill was signed into law on April 19, 2011, making Iowa one of the first states in the nation to have enacted both a congressional redistricting plan and a legislative redistricting plan.

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Legislative Services Agency (LSA)

- Computer Support
- Legal Services
 - Bill drafting
- Fiscal Services
 - Fiscal Note
 - NOBA (Notes On Bills and Amendments)

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Fiscal Note

- Outlines the monetary effects of pending legislation.
- Required for all legislation having a fiscal impact of \$100,000 or more in a fiscal year or \$500,000 or more in a five-year period.
- Required, regardless of fiscal impact, if requested by a legislator.
- Can make or break legislation.

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Fiscal Note



HF 2476 – EITC Rate Increase & Property Tax Changes (LSB 6140HV)
 Analyst: Jeff Robinson (Phone: 515-281-4614) (jeff.robinson@legis.state.ia.us)
 Fiscal Note Version – New

Description

House File 2476 modifies Iowa's property valuation system for property tax purposes, creates a new business property tax credit, limits city and county property tax revenue growth, and increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from 7.0% to 10.0%. Many of the changes are phased in over a five-year period, beginning in the assessment year 2013 (FY 2015).

Significant provisions of **HF 2476** include:

1. Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from the current level of 7.0% of the federal credit to 10.0% of the federal credit.
2. Creates a codified rollback (the percentage of a property's actual value that is subject to property tax) for commercial, industrial, and railroad property. The Bill requires the percentage to be reduced by two percentage points each year until it reaches 90.0% by the fifth year. The percentage remains at 90.0% for subsequent years.
3. Creates a business property tax credit similar to the Homestead credit for residential property. The property tax credit will pay a portion of the tax on a specified maximum amount of a property's taxed value. The portion of the tax covered by the credit is equal to the difference between the residential and commercial (or industrial) rollback for that year, and the maximum property value the credit applies to is determined each year by the amount of money available in that year for credit payments. The maximum value will be calculated each year by the Department of Revenue (DR). The Bill appropriates \$24.0 million in FY 2015 and that appropriation grows to \$120.0 million for FY 2019 and beyond.
4. Alters the taxation of property taxed under Iowa Code chapter 433 (telephone companies). Over five years, the Bill phases the taxation system for telephone companies into a system similar to commercial property.
5. Reduces the maximum annual increase in statewide taxable value of agricultural property, due to revaluation of existing property, from the current 4.0% to 3.0% per year.

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Fiscal Note

Assumptions

The fiscal impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit percent increase was completed by the DR using a tax impact simulation model.

The fiscal impact estimate for the property tax provision of [HF 2475](#) is established by first producing a property tax estimate, by property class and by taxing authority category, through FY 2022 (baseline estimate). A property tax and State General Fund estimate is then established based on the tax system changes directed in the Bill. The fiscal estimate for the property tax system and the State General Fund represents the fiscal differences between the baseline estimate and the provisions of the Bill.

Attachment A provides background fiscal information, including taxable value, property tax rate, and property tax revenue history, as well as baseline and [HF 2475](#) projections. The information is statewide and is provided by property class and by taxing authority category. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue is included with the taxing authority tax rate that generates the TIF revenue, not with the taxing authority that actually receives the revenue. **Attachment A** also provides the rollback projections, by class for assessment years 2012 through 2020, for the baseline and [HF 2475](#) projections.

1. Baseline projection assumptions:
 - a. School allowable growth, as directed by future legislation, will equal 2.0% each year. Static enrollments and weightings are assumed.
 - b. Going forward, local government property tax revenue will increase at the same average annual rate of increase experienced from FY 2001 through FY 2012. If taxable value growth is not sufficient to achieve the increase, rates will be increased to make up the difference. By major category of taxation, those rates over the 11 years include:
 - Revenue from city tax rates = +4.9% per year
 - Revenue from county tax rates in urban areas = +5.6% per year
 - Revenue from county tax rates in rural areas = +4.1% per year
 - Revenue from all other taxing authorities (not school, city, or county) = +5.5%
 - Property tax revenue from all tax rates, including schools = +4.8% per year
2. [HF 2475](#) projection assumptions:
 - a. School allowable growth, as directed by future legislation, will equal 2.0% each year. Static enrollments and weightings are assumed.

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Fiscal Note

- Revenue from city tax rates = +4.1% per year
- Revenue from county tax rates in urban areas = +4.3% per year
- Revenue from county tax rates in rural areas = +3.5% per year
- Revenue from all other taxing authorities (not school, city, or county) = +2.9%
- Property tax revenue from all tax rates, including schools = +3.5% per year
- d. Telecommunications property that is subject to the phase out provisions of the Bill totals \$1.442 billion in taxable value.
- e. Apartment, assisted living, nursing home, etc., property that will be converted to the new multi-residential classification totals \$4.5 billion in taxable value.

Fiscal Impact

Earned Income Tax Credit

The Earned Income Tax Credit provision of the Bill will reduce net General Fund revenue by approximately \$11.6 million per tax year, beginning tax year 2012. By fiscal year, the General Fund reduction is estimated at:

- FY 2013 = \$13.1 million
- FY 2014 = \$11.6 million
- FY 2015 = \$11.6 million
- FY 2016 = \$11.5 million

The General Fund impact is projected to be similar in future fiscal years. Since the tax credit is refundable, there is no impact on the local option income tax surcharge for schools.

Property Tax Provisions

[House File 2475](#) will decrease property taxes paid by all classes of property and will reduce property tax revenue across all taxing authority categories. The Bill will require increased General Fund appropriations for school finance and to reimburse local governments for a portion of the property tax revenue reduction dictated by the provisions of the Bill.

The Bill impacts General Fund appropriations for school finance by reducing the amount of commercial, industrial, railroad, telecommunications, residential, and agricultural property subject to property taxation. Through action of the school aid formula, those provisions will require increased General Fund appropriations to fully fund schools.

The Bill also provides an annual General Fund appropriation to replace (backfill) property tax decreases that result from taxable value reductions associated with the commercial, industrial, and railroad rollback. **Table 1** below provides estimates of the new or increased General Fund

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NOBA

- Side-by-side analysis of appropriations bills

Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill
Senate File 509

An Act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection, and including effective date provisions.

Last Action
Senate Floor
March 21, 2011

Fiscal Services Division
Legislative Services Agency

NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)


Available on line at <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/LSAReports/noba.asp>
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PG LN	SF509	Explanation
7 15	percentage of reduction imposed on the college of veterinary	
7 16	medicine is also imposed on all of Iowa state university's	
7 17	budget units.	
7 18	3. If by June 30, 2012, Iowa state university of science and	Requires unallocated funds to revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.
7 19	technology fails to allocate the moneys appropriated in this	
7 20	section to the college of veterinary medicine in accordance	
7 21	with this section, the moneys appropriated in this section for	
7 22	that fiscal year shall revert to the general fund of the state.	
7 23	DIVISION V	
7 24	ENVIRONMENT FIRST FUND — GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	
7 25	Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND	This Division makes Environment First Fund appropriations totaling \$33.0 million for FY 2012.
7 26	STEWARDSHIP. There is appropriated from the environment first	
7 27	fund created in section 8.57A to the department of agriculture	
7 28	and land stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1,	
7 29	2011, and ending June 30, 2012, the following amounts, or so	
7 30	much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes	
7 31	designated:	
7 32	1. CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)	Environment First Fund appropriation to the DALS for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).
7 33	a. For the conservation reserve enhancement program to	
7 34	restore and construct wetlands for the purposes of intercepting	DETAIL: This is a decrease of \$500,000 compared to estimated FY 2011. The Program is designed to protect floodplains and improve water quality from the agricultural drainage systems through the removal of nitrates from tile-drained water.
7 35	tile line runoff, reducing nutrient loss, improving water	
8 1	quality, and enhancing agricultural production practices:	
8 2 \$ 1,000,000	
8 3	b. Not more than 10 percent of the moneys appropriated	Prohibits the DALS from using more than 10.00% of the funds appropriated from the Environment First Fund for administration and implementation of soil and water conservation practices.
8 4	in paragraph "a" may be used for costs of administration and	
8 5	implementation of soil and water conservation practices.	
8 6	c. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, the	Allows the DALS to combine Environment First Fund appropriations as cost share funds to federal Natural Resources Conservation Service Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program.
8 7	department may provide state resources from this appropriation,	
8 8	in combination with other appropriate environment first	
8 9	fund appropriations, for cost sharing to match United States	
8 10	department of agriculture, natural resources conservation	
8 11	service, wetlands reserve enhancement program (WREP) funding	
8 12	available to Iowa.	

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Bill Explanation

- Another “Iowa original”

4 authorization of indebtedness may be submitted to the voters at
 5 the same election as the election under section 357E.8.
 6 **EXPLANATION**
 7 This bill makes changes to Code chapter 357E relating to
 8 benefited recreational lake districts, water quality districts,
 9 and combined recreational lake and water quality districts.
 10 The bill specifies that districts under Code chapter 357E
 11 are incorporated as public entities.
 12 The bill increases from three to seven the number of trustees
 13 on the board governing a benefited recreational lake district,
 14 water quality district, or combined recreational lake and
 15 water quality district, other than the two trustees who may
 16 be appointed by the natural resource commission if the state
 17 owns a certain amount of land contiguous to a lake within the
 18 district. The bill makes corresponding changes to the trustee
 19 selection procedure for newly established districts.
 20 The bill also provides that for districts in existence on
 21 July 1, 2011, the board of supervisors is required to appoint
 22 four additional trustees. One trustee shall be appointed to
 23 serve for one year, one for two years, and two for three years.
 24 Following expiration of those initial appointments, vacancies
 25 are filled by election.
 26 Current law requires trustees to be residents of the
 27 district. The bill would also allow property owners within the
 28 district to serve as trustees.
 29 The bill strikes and replaces Code section 357E.11, relating
 30 to a district's authority to issue bonds in anticipation of
 31 revenue. New Code section 357E.11 authorizes a district to
 32 issue bonds, including both general obligation and revenue
 33 bonds, in the same manner as cities. The bill provides that
 34 the bonds must be payable at the place and be of the form
 35 designated by the board of trustees. The bill provides,

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• PART II FUN FACTS AND RESOURCES

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Iowa Legislative Session

- A General Assembly is a legislative period that consists of two regular sessions.
 - The first session is held in odd-numbered years and lasts for “approximately” 110 calendar days.
 - The second session is held in even-numbered years and lasts for “approximately” 100 calendar days.

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Iowa Legislative Session

YEAR	CONVENE	ADJOURN	NUMBER of DAYS	GA	SPECIAL SESSION	SPECIAL SESSION
2000	January 10	April 26	108	78 th		
2001	January 8	May 8	121	79 th	6/19	11/8
2002	January 7	April 12	89	79 th	4/22	5/28
2003	January 13	May 1	109	80 th	5/29 - 6/4	
2004	January 12	April 20	100	80 th	9/7	
2005	January 10	May 20	131	81 st		
2006	January 9	May 4	115	81 st	7/14	
2007	January 8	April 28	111	82 nd		
2008	January 14	April 25	103	82 nd		
2009	January 12	April 26	105	83 rd		
2010	January 11	March 30	79	83 rd		
2011	January 10	June 30	172	84 th		
2012	January 9	May 9	122	85 th		


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Iowa Legislative Session


	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
LSD Bill Drafting Files	2,389	2,010	2,525	2,444	2,867	2,383	2,411	1,920	2,558	1,684
Introduced Bills and Resolutions	1,160 Senate 459 House 701	890 Senate 310 House 580	1,299 Senate 416 House 883	1,218 Senate 414 House 804	1,685 Senate 676 House 1,009	1,485 Senate 607 House 878	1,418 Senate 520 House 898	949 Senate 398 House 551	1,377 Senate 585 House 792	1,118 Senate 478 House 640
Study Bills Filed	520 Senate 209 House 319	409 Senate 178 House 231	627 Senate 322 House 305	590 Senate 279 House 281	687 Senate 362 House 323	602 Senate 304 House 298	625 Senate 331 House 294	501 Senate 258 House 243	467 Senate 219 House 248	382 Senate 205 House 177
Enrolled Bills and Joint Resolutions	192	207	184	191	226	196	184	196	138	142
Amendments Drafted/Requested	2,560	2,940	2,832	2,684	4,235	3,220	3,193	3,355*	3,589*	3,442*
Amendments Filed	998 Senate 386 House 612	1,048 Senate 405 House 643	1,045 Senate 330 House 715	940 Senate 283 House 657	1,682 Senate 538 House 1,144	1,178 Senate 458 House 720	1,149 Senate 374 House 775	1,088 Senate 399 House 689	1,135 Senate 380 House 755	779 Senate 260 House 519

*includes all amendment requests initiated in the General Assembly

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Thursday, June 30, 2011

The Senate convened at 8:16 a.m.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

The Journal of Wednesday, June 29, 2011, was approved.

House message received: [SF 533](#)

The Senate stood at ease at 8:24 a.m. for caucuses.
The Senate resumed session at 9:29 a.m.

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Standing Committees:
No meetings scheduled.

Appropriations Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Standing Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Council, Interim, and Public Hearings:
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June 30, 2011:

The House will convene at 8:30 a.m.

The House convened at 8:39 a.m.

Prayer offered by Representative Ron Jorgensen of Woodbury County

Pledge of Allegiance led by Representative Ron Jorgensen of Woodbury County

Excused: Arnold, Worthan, J Taylor, Thede, Van Engelenhoven, Wittneben

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Standing Committees:
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Appropriations Subcommittees:
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Bill Tracking Tools

Keyword Search of Legislation - Searches for keywords in current or past legislation.

Billbook - View all versions of bills and amendments, resolutions, study bills, bill histories, fiscal notes and sponsor information.

Clip Sheets: Senate | House - Displays all amendments, fiscal notes, and conference committee reports for a given day.

Bill/Code Watch - Create customized lists of bills to track.

Daily Legislation & Analysis - Displays action that was taken on legislation on a particular day.

Session Daily - Displays action that was taken on legislation on a particular day.

Directory of Legislation - Indices of bills, study bills, resolutions, and amendments.

Bill History - Display legislative action for a Study Bill, Bill, or Resolution.

Bill Subject Index - Display legislative action for a Bill or Resolution.

Bill Requests Log - Nonconfidential bill requests received by the Legal Services Division.

Code & Acts Sections Amended - provisional listing containing Iowa Code sections and Iowa Acts affected by legislation.

Similar and Companion Bill List - Listing of bills that are the same or similar.

Disposition of Bills - List of bills and their last action.

Bill Version Tracking - Locate multiple versions of a bill or study bill.

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IOWA CODE QUICK SEARCH

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(ex: 7E, 7E.1)

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Legislative Action

- Sent to Secretary of State
- Votes by Date Passed
- Passed by Senate
- Passed by House
- Passed by Either Chamber
- Passed by Both Chambers
- Enrolled Bills 2011

Other Legislative Action

- Withdrawn
- Indefinitely Postponed
- Tabled
- Failed

Governor's Actions

- Signed by Governor
- In Governor's Office
- Law Without Governor's Signature
- Item Vetoed by Governor
- Vetoed by Governor

BILL KEYWORD QUICK SEARCH

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BILLS QUICK SEARCH

HF461 (ex. "SF123", "S3001")

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House message received: [HCR 16](#)

The Senate recessed at 3:38 p.m. for a Rules meeting.
The Senate reconvened at 3:42 p.m.

[HCR 16](#) by Uppmeyer and McCarthy
Adjourn Sine die
[HCR 16](#) - Ad, vlv

Immediately messaged: [HCR 16](#)

The 2011 Session of the 84th General Assembly adjourned at 3:43 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2011.

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Standing Committees:
No meetings scheduled.

Appropriations Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Standing Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Council, Interim, and Public Hearings:
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Currently in the House:

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Received from the Senate: [HF 649](#), [HF 686](#)

The 2011 Session of the 84th General Assembly adjourned Sine Die on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 3:41 p.m.

House Meeting Schedule [Full Page](#)


Standing Committees:
No meetings scheduled.

Appropriations Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Standing Subcommittees:
No meetings scheduled.

Council, Interim, and Public Hearings:
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HF 524 - Last 3 Actions:
Apr. 09 12 Sent to Governor. H.J. 770.
Apr. 12 12 Signed by Governor. H.J. 809.

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AN ACT
RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SPECIAL APPRAISER'S FUND
AND THE ASSESSMENT EXPENSE FUND.


BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 421.30, subsection 6, Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

6. Upon the director's approval of the advancement of funds from the reassessment expense fund, the director shall certify to the appropriate conference board and assessor a schedule for disbursing the loan to the assessing jurisdiction's appraisal assessment expense fund authorized by section 441.50 441.16. The schedule shall provide for the disbursement of funds over the period of the reassessment project, except that ten percent of the funds shall not be disbursed until the project is completed. The conference board shall at its next opportunity levy pursuant to section 441.50 441.16 sufficient funds for purposes of repaying the loan made from the reassessment expense fund. The amount levied shall be sufficient to repay the loan in semiannual installments during the course of the reappraisal project as specified by a repayment schedule established by the director. The repayment schedule shall provide for repayment of the loan not later than one year following the completion of the reassessment. Semiannual repayments of the proceeds of the loan shall be made on or before December 1 and May 1 of each year.

Sec. 2. Section 441.16, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to

Current Bill History


Bill History for HF 524

September 6, 2012


Bill History for HF 524

By Local Government.
A bill for an act relating to the administration of the special appraiser's fund and the assessment expense fund. Effective 7-1-12.

<p>March 3, 2011</p> <p>March 9, 2011</p> <p>March 30, 2011</p> <p>March 30, 2011</p> <p>March 30, 2011</p> <p>March 30, 2011</p> <p>March 31, 2011</p> <p>December 31, 2011</p> <p>February 8, 2012</p> <p>February 8, 2012</p> <p>March 19, 2012</p> <p>March 19, 2012</p> <p>March 19, 2012</p> <p>March 20, 2012</p> <p>March 20, 2012</p> <p>April 4, 2012</p> <p>April 4, 2012</p> <p>April 4, 2012</p> <p>April 5, 2012</p> <p>April 9, 2012</p> <p>April 9, 2012</p> <p>April 12, 2012</p>	<p>Introduced, placed on calendar. H.J. 520. Fiscal note. HCS.</p> <p>Passed House, ayes 94, nays none. H.J. 844. Immediate message. H.J. 848. Message from House. S.J. 841. Read first time, passed on file. S.J. 841. Referred to Local Government. S.J. 854. ***** END OF 2011 ACTIONS *****</p> <p>Committee report, recommending amendment and passage. S.J. 217. Amendment S-5010 filed. S.J. 217. Amendment S-5010 adopted. S.J. 590. Passed Senate, ayes 50, nays none. S.J. 590. Immediate message. S.J. 591. Message from Senate. H.J. 584. Senate amendment H-8294 filed. H.J. 614. House concurred in Senate amendment H-8294. H.J. 743. Passed House, ayes 97, nays none. H.J. 744. Immediate message. H.J. 753. Message from House. S.J. 738. Reported correctly enrolled, signed by Speaker and President. H.J. 770. Sent to Governor. H.J. 770. Signed by Governor. H.J. 809. Acts Chapter 1081</p>
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Print Options



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Bill Number HF 392

- Introduced Version
- Reprinted Version *passed originating chamber with at least one adopted amendment*
- Enrolled Version *passed both chambers* (Note Enrolled Version formatted for legal size paper 8.5" X 14")

- Select All Amendments
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- Select All Adopted Amendments

- Clear All Amendments
- Select All Reprinted Amendments
- Select Reprinted Adopted Amendments

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Amendments:

- H1264
- H1365 (2nd)
- H1335
- H1653
- S3224
- S3234

Notes:
 Bolded amendments have amendments filed to them
 (2nd) - this is a second degree amendment (amendment to an amendment)
 (3rd) - this is a third degree amendment (amendment to an amendment to an amendment)
 (D/R) - this amendment was either Divided or Reconsidered, please check the Bill History
 (No BH) - this amendment doesn't have a Bill History entry. Bill Histories are available the next day

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ISAC Bill Tracking Tool

<http://affiliates.iowacounties.org/bills/>

File	Bill#	Title	Description	Staff	Affiliates	IEAC Position	House Status
HF	2475	property tax reform	House	LH, BP, HD, MBM, KH		A	Passed
SSB	3205	property tax reform		LH, MW, BP, HD, MBM, KH	All	A	
SF	2341	scheduled drugs		LH, BP, HD, MBM, KH	All	U	
HF	2473	econ development programs		MW, BP, MBM		NA	Passed
HF	2474	state health care costs				FYI	
SF	2342	tax exemptions				NA	
SF	2343	scheduled drugs				NA	
SSB	3204	tax exemptions				NA	
HF	2472	ethanol tax		MW, MBM		U	Passed
SF	2340	ethanol tax		MBM		U	
SF	2339	brownfields and grayfields				NA	
SF	2338	state efficiency		LH		U	Passed
SSB	3203	distributed generation pilot project				NA	
SSB	3202	brownfields and grayfields				NA	
SF	2337	health cost bureau				NA	
SF	2336	health & human services approps		LH, MBM		U	Passed CCR
HF	2471	certified suppliers				NA	
HF	2469	farm machinery exemption				NA	
HF	2468	administering epinephrine				NA	
SSB	3201	health & human services approps		LH, MBM		U	
SSB	3200	governor's standing appropriations		LH, HD, MBM	All	U	
SF	2335	public safety training		LH, KH	SHER	U	
SF	2334	veterans appropriations				NA	
SF	2333	substance abuse exemption				NA	
SF	2332	E911 services		LH, KH	SHER	F	Amended, Passed
SF	2311	snowmobiles, ATVs & watercraft		HD, MBM	ENG, REC, SUP	Tr	
HF	2468	veterans trust fund				NA	
HF	2467	snowmobiles, ATVs & watercraft		MW, HD, MBM	ENG, REC	Tr	Passed
HF	2466	veterans trust appropriation				NA	
HF	2465	standing appropriations		LH, MW, HD, MBM	All	U	Passed CCR
SSB	3199	equalization order protests		HD, MBM	AUD	Tr	Mathis, Bolcom, F
HF	2464	DPH programs		HD	PH	Tr	Passed
HF	2443	income tax check-offs				NA	

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- **PART III
GETTING INVOLVED**

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ISAC Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- 30 members (two from each affiliate).
- Develop legislative objectives for ISAC's policy team to pursue for the upcoming session.
- Assessors:
 - Deb McWhirter – Butler County
 - Dale McCrea – Muscatine County
- August and September – Meet to develop legislative platform and top priorities.
- October – ISAC Board reviews proposals for approval.

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ISAC Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- When approved, ISAC compiles the proposals into a manual for legislators.
- LPC meets periodically throughout the legislative session via conference call/webinar for updates from ISAC policy staff.

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ISAC's Top Legislative Priorities for 2013

- Property Tax Reform
 - Including capturing the value of new ag buildings, developing guidelines for the classification of ag property, and uncoupling ag and residential properties.
- Road Funding
- Mental Health & Disability Services Funding

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Get Involved!

- **It's Your Right**

- Iowa Constitution – Article I. Bill of Rights. Section 20. Right of Assemblage – Petition:
“The people have the right freely to assemble together to counsel for the common good; to make known their opinions to their representatives and to petition for a redress of grievances.”

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Get Involved!

1. Through Your Legislative Liaisons – Mike and Paula
2. Through ISAC's Legislative Policy Committee – Deb and Dale
3. Contact Legislators Directly

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Get Involved!

- Contacting your legislator
 - County Day at the Capitol – March 13, 2013
 - Phone calls
 - E-mail (clearly state your subject in the subject line)
 - Letters

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Get Involved!

- Get to know your legislators
 - Build credibility
 - Become a resource of information
 - Attend meetings and events
- Know the institutional elements
 - Majority/minority
 - Leadership
 - Legislative process

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Get Involved!

- Assess the political climate
 - What is the mood of session?
 - What are the salient issues?
 - How legitimate are your goals?
- Respect Your Opponents
 - There are more than simply your interests being presented
 - Stick to issues and facts
 - Stay away from “he said/she said” traps

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Get Involved!

- Be on the offensive
 - Make sure your legislative platform is clearly defined and supported by the county/organization
 - Make sure appropriate legislators are fully informed
 - Circulate accurate but brief information
 - Be sure your organization and supporters are ready to respond to legislators' concerns and questions

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Get Involved!

- Important Axioms
 - Honesty is not the best policy. . .it's the only policy!
 - Remember, today's opponent may be tomorrow's ally
 - Be patient, courteous
 - Legislative staff are important

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Questions?

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