

ISAC Top Legislative Priorities for the 2017 Session

ISAC Legislative Team

Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- Chaired by ISAC Second Vice President
 - Lonny Pulkrabek, Johnson County Sheriff
- 32 members (two from each affiliate)
- Develop legislative objectives for ISAC's legislative team to pursue for the upcoming session
- Meet in August and September to develop legislative platform

Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)

- Assessors: Dale McCrea and Deb McWhirter
- Auditors: Ken Kline and Dennis Parrott
- Community Services: Lori Elam and Shane Walter
- Conservation: Dan Cohen and Matt Cosgrove
- County Attorneys: Darin Raymond and Matt Wilbur
- Emergency Management: Thomas Craighton and Dave Wilson
- Engineers: Lyle Brehm and Dan Eckert
- Environmental Health: Eric Bradley and Brian Hanft
- Information Technology: Micah Cutler and Jeff Rodda
- Public Health: Doug Beardsley and Lynelle Diers
- Records: Megan Clyman and Kris Colby
- Sheriffs and Deputies: Jay Langenbau and Jared Schneider
- Supervisors: Carl Mattes and Burlin Matthews
- Treasurers: Terri Kness and Tracey Marshall
- Veterans Affairs: Gary Boseneiler and Chris Oliver
- Zoning: Joe Buffington and Josh Busard

ISAC Legislative Process

- LPC develops policy statements and legislative objectives
- Policy statements express long-term or continuing statements of principle important for local control, local government authority, and efficient county operation. These statements are designed to guide the Association in responding to public policy issues affecting county government.
- Legislative objectives provide specific problems and solutions for legislators to address. The ISAC policy team actively pursues bills for each legislative objective.
- Top priorities are presented during meetings with legislative leadership prior to the session.



ISAC Legislative Process

- ISAC Board reviews proposals for approval at October board meeting and sets top priorities
- Membership votes on platform during the Fall School General Session on Wednesday, November 30 in Des Moines.
- Legislative book published
- Legislators contacted
- Meetings with leadership/governor

ISAC 2017 Top Priorities

- Mental Health and Disability Services
- Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund
- Food Safety
- Water Quality Management
- Distracted Driving

Mental Health and Disability Services

Problem:

- Counties are facing continuing funding challenges regarding the regional mental health and disability services (MH/ DS) system.
- With the lack of equalization funding again in 2016 along with dwindling cash reserves, MH/DS regions are going to find it difficult to maintain current services, let alone provide the expanded core plus services and expanded populations envisioned by redesign.
- This current method of funding MH/DS is forcing unfunded mandates on counties and regions and forcing them to pay for on-going expenses with one-time resources.



Mental Health and Disability Services

Solution: ISAC recommends that the legislature:

1. Provide adequate and sustainable funding to allow the regions to have the resources necessary to support and manage core services. Further, a long term funding solution should be found that gives MH/DS regions through counties the ability to levy the necessary amount to fund these services to complete the final piece of mental health redesign. This stable funding in the system will give providers the ability to develop long term business plans that will ensure a consistent level of coverage of MH/DS statewide.
2. Remove the 1996 MH Levy Cap that is limiting specific counties from generating adequate property tax revenue to cover the costs of providing core services to Iowa citizens. This artificial cap is also causing an inequity between counties when it comes to equitable funding sources within each MH/DS region.

Mental Health and Disability Services

Solution: ISAC recommends that the legislature:

3. The 2017 Iowa Legislature should provide for adequate levels of MH/DS outside of the correctional system. These services would include the necessary number of “psychiatric beds” in our mental health facilities and hospitals to address acute care needs.
4. The 2017 Iowa legislature should provide sufficient funding for the effective implementation of a Children’s Mental Health/Disability Services program.

Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Problem:

- Iowa's natural resources need a consistent and protected funding source.
- Lack of funding translates into fewer investments that are important to the quality of life and economic activity in Iowa communities.

Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Solution: ISAC recommends the following:

1. Passing a statewide sales tax increase of at least $\frac{3}{8}$ of a penny in support of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, or I-WILL, as it's commonly known.

Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Solution: ISAC recommends the following:

2. Maintaining the formula distribution provided by the Iowa Legislature in Iowa Code Chapter 461 of the Iowa Code in preparation for the successful passage by Iowa voters of the Water and Land Legacy Constitutional Amendment of 2010.
 - Natural Resources Account created in the "trust fund" to be used by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources - 23%
 - Soil Conservation and Protection Account created in the Trust Fund to be used by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - 20%
 - Watershed protection - 14%
 - Iowa Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund - 13%
 - Local conservation partnerships - 13%
 - Land based trails - 10%
 - Lake restoration - 7%

Food Safety

Problem:

- In the past 37 years, the Legislature has only increased food licensing fees twice. Both times, the increase was not enough to cover the cost of operating the inspection program.
- Because of the low fees, many counties have returned the food program to the Department of Inspection and Appeals (DIA) which has forced DIA to take back other contracts to obtain additional license fees to afford inspecting the returned jurisdictions.
- In 2009 DIA inspected 23 counties and now DIA inspects 52 counties.
- Because of the low fees, DIA has lowered its inspection frequency two times in the past three years.
- Inadequate and irregular license fee increases are degrading Iowa's food safety system and have the potential to put the health and lives of the consuming public at risk.

Food Safety

Solution:

- Increase food licensing fees to fully fund food safety program activities in compliance with Iowa Code.
- DIA should be authorized to administer the food licensing fees through the Iowa Administrative Code.

Water Quality Management

Problem:

- It has been well documented by numerous sources that there is a need to provide adequate, sustainable, dedicated state financial resources to address the state-wide concerns related to Iowa's water quality management issues.
- Specific concerns are the high level of nitrates and phosphorus that are entering our water system.
- In addition, there are on-going issues that must be addressed in our efforts to minimize future financial losses caused by flooding through effective flood mitigation programs.



Water Quality Management

Solution: ISAC recommends the following:

1. The identification of additional financial resources to be used to address the Water Quality Management issues. Specifically, ISAC would:
 - Encourage significant funding for, and the aggressive implementation of, a “revolving loan” program so that critical funds could be used for multiple projects throughout the years ahead.
 - Encourage a significant amount of funding be utilized to assist cities and towns in their efforts to upgrade their water treatment facilities.
2. The implementation of, and funding for, a network of statewide Watershed Management Authorities established by 28E agreements. These Watershed Management Authorities could coordinate efforts to upgrade their water treatment facilities.
3. Legislation to support water mitigation projects in both public and private sectors.

Distracted Driving

Problem:

- Distracted, inexperienced and impaired driving, as well as other factors result in hundreds of deaths on Iowa's roadways each year.
- While there is no simple solution to reduce the number of highway fatalities, there needs to be an enhanced effort on the awareness of the dangers of distracted and impaired driving.



Distracted Driving

Solution:

- ISAC supports legislation to prohibit the use of a hand-held electronic communication devices while operating a motor vehicle and to make the use a primary offense.

Legislative Objectives

- Casino Smoking Ban
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- Delinquent Mobile Home Taxes
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- County Veterans Affairs Structure
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- Emergency Management as Public Safety
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- DOV Filing on LLC Transfers
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)



Legislative Objectives

- Federal Tax Liens
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- First Responders Safety Act
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- Funding for Co-Location of DHS Staff in County Office Space
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- Local Public Health Funding
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- Master Matrix Review Fee
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)



Legislative Objectives

- Publishing Notices
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- Salary of Deputy County Auditors
Jamie Cashman (ISAC Lead)
- Secondary Roads
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- Security Interest Provisions
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)

Legislative Objectives

- Surviving Owner Title Transfer
Lucas Beenken (ISAC Lead)
- User Fees:
 - Parking Fine and Court Debt Collection (LB Lead)
 - Sheriff's Civil Fees (JC Lead)

Bill Tracking Tools

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Iowa Legislature's Bill Tracking Tools page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/billTracking>. The page header includes the Iowa Legislature logo and a navigation menu with the following items: SENATE/HOUSE, LEGISLATORS, LEGISLATION (highlighted), COMMITTEES, IOWA LAW & RULES, LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES, PUBLICATIONS, RESOURCES & CIVIC EDUCATION, LOBBYIST INFORMATION, and ARCHIVES. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

The main content area is titled "Bill Tracking Tools" and contains several links and descriptions:

- [Prefiled Bills](#) - Legislative bills and joint resolutions submitted for consideration by the General Assembly, before the convening of any session of the General Assembly.
- [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.
- [Proposed Legislation Tracking](#) - Use Bill & Code Watch to track customized lists of bills.
- [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](#) - Displays list of all bills by subject matter.
- [Bill Request Logs](#) - 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 Companions](#) - 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.

On the right side of the page, there are three search boxes:

- BILLS Quick Search**: Search for bills by number (e.g., "SF123", "S3001").
- BILL KEYWORD Quick Search**: Search for bills by keyword (e.g., "fish", "insurance").
- IOWA CODE Quick Search**: Search for Iowa Code sections (e.g., 7E, 7E.1).
- IOWA ACTS Quick Search**: Search for Iowa Acts by Chapter (1001) and Session (2).

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with contact information and a disclaimer: "Comments? webmaster@legis.iowa.gov (Please remember that the webmaster does not vote on bills. Direct all comments concerning legislation to State Legislators.)" and "Site Map | Careers | Contacts | Applications | Subscribe | ADA Policy | Online Privacy Policy | Disclaimer".

ISAC Legislative Bill Tracking Tool

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

File	Bill#	Title	Description	Staff	Affiliates	ISAC Position	House Status	Senate Status	Governor's Status	Comments
SSB	1173	Sheriff Fees		KH,JC	SHER	Tr	--	--		Ways and Means
SSB	2334	Supplemental Approp		LB,JC		U	--	--		Substituted by SF 2363
SSB	3001	DHS Renewal Process				NA	--	--		
SSB	3002	Off Road Vehicles		HD	REC	FYI	--	--		Died First
SSB	3003	Paddlefish License	PF	HD,JC	REC	Tr	--	--	FM Black	Succeeded by SF 2198
SSB	3004	Air Quality Permits				NA	--	--		
SSB	3005	Electronic Filings		All	All	U	--	--		Succeeded by SF 2184
SSB	3006	Advanced Nurse Practitioners				NA	--	--		
SSB	3007	Prescription Monitoring				NA	--	--		
SSB	3008	Controlled Substances				NA	--	--		
SSB	3009	Nurse Licensing				NA	--	--		
SSB	3010	Dental Board Executive Director				NA	--	--		
SSB	3011	Health Facility Regulation				NA	--	--		
SSB	3012	Non-Resident Pharmacy Licenses				NA	--	--		
SSB	3013	Dietetics				NA	--	--		
SSB	3014	DPH Omnibus Bill		HD	PH	FYI	--	--		Succeeded by SF 2196
SSB	3015	IRC Update				NA	--	--		
SSB	3016	Streamlined Sales Tax				NA	--	--		
SSB	3017	DOT Enforcement Officers				NA	--	--		
SSB	3018	Vehicle Scrapping				NA	--	--		
SSB	3019	Education Code Corrections				NA	--	--		
SSB	3020	Guard Education Assistance				NA	--	--		
SSB	3021	Extended Learning Grants				NA	--	--		
SSB	3022	Meth Precursors				NA	--	--		
SSB	3023	Spousal Support Consideration				NA	--	--		
SSB	3024	Sexual Predator Review				NA	--	--		
SSB	3025	Consumer Credit Thresholds				NA	--	--		
SSB	3026	Civil Interpreters				NA	--	--		
SSB	3027	Gideon Fellowships				NA	--	--		
SSB	3028	School Hours and Start Times				NA	--	--		
SSB	3029	Administrator Support				NA	--	--		
SSB	3030	English Language Learners				NA	--	--		
SSB	3031	Reading Professional Development				NA	--	--		
SSB	3032	Transitional Coaching				NA	--	--		
SSB	3033	Drone Rules				NA	--	--		
SSB	3034	Interference with a Correctional Officer		KH,JC	SHER	Tr	--	--		Died First
SSB	3035	Magistrates in Criminal Cases				NA	--	--		
SSB	3036	Magistrate Appointment		KH	ATTY.SUP	Tr	--	--		Died First
SSB	3037	Indigent Defense Practices				NA	--	--		
SSB	3038	Clerk of Court Appointments				NA	--	--		
SSB	3039	Domestic Abuse Residency				NA	--	--		
SSB	3040	Security Breaches				NA	--	--		
SSB	3041	Court Reporter Ethics				NA	--	--		
SSB	3042	Iowa Health Information Network		HD	PH	FYI	--	--		Died First
SSB	3043	Life-Sustaining Procedures				NA	--	--		
SSB	3044	Youth Gun Use	PF	KH,JC	SHER	Tr	--	--		Died First
SSB	3045	CSC Programs				NA	--	--		
SSB	3046	Whole Grade Sharing				NA	--	--		
SSB	3047	School Employee Code				NA	--	--		
SSB	3048	Fine Arts Core Curriculum				NA	--	--		
SSB	3049	Iowa Finance Authority Powers				NA	--	--		
SSB	3050	EDA Tax Credit Changes	HSB 540	LB	ASSR.SUP	FYI	U	--	FM Hart	Succeeded by SF 2256

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File	Bill#	Title	Description	Staff	Affiliates	ISAC Position	House Status	Senate Status	Governor's Status	Comments
HF	2210	Military Home Purchases			Filter for Affiliate(s)					
SF	165	County Seats	Successor to SF 26. Local Government	LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs		Committee Amended, FM Carlson	Passed 26-24		
HF	502	Redacting Public Information	Successor to HSB 162	LB	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurers		Heartsill, Holt, Wessel-Kroeschell			Died First Funnel
HSB	510	Bottle Bill Repeal	Environmental Protection	LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervisors		Jones, Isenhart, Paustian, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills			Died First Funnel
HSB	650	MH Levy		JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheriffs		FM L Miller			Succeeded by HF 2
HJR	2005	40 Counties		LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Recorders		Watts (C), Prichard, Vander Linden			Died First Funnel
SF	2068	Bottle Bill Repeal		LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health			Dearden, Brase, Rozenboom		Died First Funnel
HF	2456	MH Levy	Successor to HSB 650	JC	<input type="checkbox"/> IT		Passed 72-24	Bolkcom (C), Feenstra, Petersen		Ways and Means
SSB	3180	Wireless Facilities		LB	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineers			Petersen (C), Allen, Anderson		Ways and Means
HSB	503	Psychologist Prescriptions	See SF 2075	JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management		FM L Miller			Succeeded by HF 2
SF	503	Sheriff Fees	Successor to SSB 1273	KH,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health Organization		Amended, Passed 99-0	Concurred, Passed 50-0, 4.6.16	Signed 4.13.16	Ways and Means
HSB	504	Joint Investment Trusts	See HF 2035, Commerce	BP,LB	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning		FM Carlson			Succeeded by HF 2
SF	504	Natural Resources Sales Tax	PF, Successor to SSB 1272	LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Directors			Hogg (C), Behn, Petersen (reassigned)		Ways and Means
HF	506	Absentee Ballot Deadlines	Successor to HSB 146	JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditors		Passed 56-41	Amended - Danielson (C), Courtney, Schultz		Died Second Funnel
HSB	507	10 Cent Redemptions	Environmental Protection, Similar to HSB 587	LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney's		Jones, Isenhart, Paustian, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills			Died First Funnel
HSB	509	Additional Bottle Redemptions	Environmental Protection	LB,JC	<input type="checkbox"/> Assessors		Jones, Isenhart, Paustian, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills			Died First Funnel
HSB	511	Certificate in Need	Human Resources	JC	<input type="checkbox"/> All Elected		L Miller, Abdul-Samad, Fry			Died First Funnel
HF	530	County Publications/Payments	Ways and Means, Successor to HSB 159	JC	<input type="checkbox"/> All		FM Pettengill			Ways and Means, Succeeded by HF 2446, Withdrawn
HSB	560	Commercial Kennels		LB	CS	F	FM Kaufmann			Succeeded by HF 2
HF	565	County Office Space for DHS	Successor to HSB 214	JC	AUD	F	Koester (C), Carlson, Staed			Died First Funnel
HSB	566	Dementia Training	See SSB 3112	JC	SUP	F	Heaton Chair, Dawson, Moore, T.			Died First Funnel
HSB	568	Zoning Ordinances		LB	CS,SUP	F	Carlson, Jones, Meyer			Died First Funnel
HSB	571	Local Government Risk Pools		LB	COZO	F	FM Baltimore			Succeeded by HF 2
HSB	587	10 Cent Redemptions	Similar to HSB 507	LB,JC	SUP	F	Jones (C), Isenhart, Paustian, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wills			Died First Funnel
HSB	591	Public Health Issues	See SSB 3072, HSB 589	JC	CD,ENG	F	FM Forristall			See SF 2159, Signed
HSB	624	City Election Papers	See SF 2242	JC	PH,SUP	F	Highfill (C), Hein, Hunter			Companion to SF 2
HSB	627	E911 Funding Spending		JC	AUD	F				Succeeded by HF 2
SF	2004	Calling While Driving	Transportation	KH,JC	EMD	F				Died First Funnel
SF	2013	Urban Renewal Tax Uses	Ways and Means	LB	ATTY,SHER	F				Died First Funnel
HF	2025	Medical Examiner Expenses		JC	SUP	F		Bolkcom, Feenstra, Quimbach		Ways and Means
SF	2032	MH Disclosures		JC	AUD,SUP	F		Bacon, Heddens, T. Moore		Died First Funnel
HF	2035	Joint Investment Trusts	Commerce, See HF 2261	BP,LB,JC	CS	F		FM Jochum		Succeeded by SF 2

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- Conservation Directors
- Auditors
- Attorney's
- Assessors
- All Elected
- All

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Get Involved!

- **Contacting your legislator**
 - County Day at the Capitol – March 8, 2017
 - Phone calls
 - Email (clearly state your subject in the subject line)
 - Letters
 - Forums

- **Feedback**
 - ISAC Update emailed on Friday's during session
 - Use the Legislative Comment Form to provide feedback

General Election Outcomes & Outlook for Upcoming 2017 Session

- New Republican Majority in the Iowa Senate:
 - 29 Republicans, 19 Democrats and 1 Independent (Special election on December 27 to fill remaining seat)
- Iowa House Republicans Expand Their Majority by Two Seats
 - 59 Republicans and 41 Democrats

2018 Legislative Session Timeline

- June 2017 – Call for Proposals
- July 28, 2017 – Deadline for Policy Request Forms
- August 11, 2017 – Legislative Proposals Sent to Membership
- August 17, 2017 – Deadline for Proposed Changes and Additions
- August 22, 2017 – LPC Meeting
 - Review of proposals and member comment period
- September 14, 2017 – LPC Meeting
 - Finalize proposals to recommend to membership
- October 2017 – Legislative Webinar and Online Voting Tutorial
- October/November 2017 – Online Voting
- November 16-17, 2017 – ISAC Board Meeting
 - Accept member vote and set top priorities
- December 2017 – Legislative Webinar
 - Discuss priorities and give outlook on 2018 legislative session

Proposed Amendments to ISAC Articles of Incorporation

- The ISAC Board of Directors passed a resolution recommending the amendment of our Articles of Incorporation to define **Voting Members** as:
 - “ all elected officials of an Iowa county or the principal officer for county departments that are represented by an Affiliated Association.”
- This change works in conjunction with changes to the ISAC Bylaws to adjust ISAC’s legislative priority setting process to accommodate an August conference date beginning in 2017.

Board Approved Changes to the ISAC Bylaws

- Change references to conferences of ISAC to reflect the new dates and names of the conferences
- Provide that Voting Members will vote on ISAC's legislative objectives and policy statements through **electronic means**
- Provide that the Board shall receive and adopt the recommendations of the Voting Members and any changes that the Board makes to the Voting Members' recommended legislative objectives and policy statements **must be approved by 2/3rds of the Board**
- Create a new process for any member of ISAC to present legislative proposals or recommend changes to legislative proposals according to the rules adopted by the Board and a schedule which shall be published annually
- Amend quorum requirements for action by Voting Members to reflect that votes will sometimes be taken via electronic means, as opposed to in-person meetings



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