



ABOUT ISAC

The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) is a private, nonprofit corporation. The organization was incorporated on October 8, 1964. ISAC members are elected and appointed county officials from all 99 counties. ISAC is comprised of several statewide associations called affiliates. For example, all the county auditors in the state have their own association, which is called the Iowa State Association of County Auditors and is one of ISAC's affiliates. In total, there are 16 of these associations that are affiliated with ISAC.

The main purpose of ISAC is to secure and maintain cooperation among the counties and county officials, promote comprehensive study and resolution of local problems, provide methods of interchange of ideas among various county officials, and promote and work for the enactment of legislation that is most beneficial to the citizens of Iowa. Counties pay voluntary dues to belong to ISAC. In return, ISAC provides a number of services to member counties, such as training, benefit programs, education, technical assistance, and intergovernmental services.

ISAC's mission is to promote effective and responsible county government for the people of Iowa. ISAC's vision is to be the principal, authoritative source of representation, information and services for and about county government in Iowa.



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INTRODUCTION

In 2017 Iowa counties participated with the 1st Session of the 86th General Assembly in the development of many important public policy decisions. These bill summaries are organized according to ISAC areas of interest. In addition, all appropriations bills are located in the section entitled "Appropriations." All members should look through this section to see appropriations items that are of interest. Most appropriations bills contain multiple topics so there is probably something in there for everyone.

Generally, bill summaries should be easy to find since the category subjects are so distinct. For example, a bill dealing with property tax reform would be found under "Taxation and Finance." However, there are some occasions where a bill could logically fit under more than one category. We have cross-referenced those bills for your convenience.

Please note that text in shaded areas indicates bills that have been vetoed or portions of bills that have been line item vetoed by the Governor.

At the end of each summary, you may find the effective date for the bill or certain portions of the bill. If no effective date is listed, the bill is effective July 1, 2017. On the title line of each summary you will find the initials of the ISAC staff member(s) who summarized the bill. Their initials are:

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ISAC PRIORITIES UPDATE

Mental Health and Disability Services Funding

Finding a long term solution for funding mental health and disability services (MH/DS) was addressed when the Iowa Legislature passed and Governor Branstad signed SF 504, a bill that eliminates the 1996 individual county levy caps, sets new MH/DS regional levy caps, sets new limits of a 20% cash carry forward for regions with a population of 100,000, and above and 25% for regions below 100,000 and spreads the spend down of the cash balances over three years. This legislation further calls for a study of the financial stability of the MH/DS regions to be conducted in the interim after the 2018 session and to make recommended changes for the 2019 session. ISAC supported the final version of SF 504 as it does address our legislative priority of removing the 1996 county caps and provides levy equity in regions. This legislation, however, does not provide a permanent financial fix for the MH/DS system, but we appreciate the work done by both members of the House and Senate in addressing this important issue.

Distracted Driving

The Iowa Legislature passed and Governor Branstad signed SF 234, a bill that changes texting while driving from a secondary to a primary offense. While this legislation does not go to the degree that ISAC would like in banning the use of a hand-held communication devices, we believe it is a positive step forward that will save lives on Iowa's roadways.

Water Quality and Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Funding

Unfortunately, the Iowa Legislature was unable to reach consensus on addressing funding the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund and Water Quality during the final hours of session. Both the House and Senate passed bills aimed at improving water quality in HF 650 and SF 512 but couldn't reach full agreement on what approaches would be best. There was also a filed amendment to SF 512, that would have funded the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund by raising the Iowa sales tax by 3/8 of a cent, but it failed in debate on the Senate floor. As this is the first session of a two-year general assembly, both bills remain eligible for consideration during the 2018 session.

Food Safety

ISAC's final legislative priority addressed modernizing the fee structure for county food inspection programs that haven't been raised in several years. This has resulted in many counties returning their programs to the Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals as they are unable to financially maintain them. SF 303, a bill that would have raised these fees was introduced in the Iowa Senate Ways and Means committee but failed to advance this session. It does, however, remain eligible for consideration during the 2018 legislative session.

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As always, this summary is not intended to report on every bill down to the smallest detail. As the name says, it is a "summary." While we strive for completeness and accuracy, time and space restrictions prevent us from including everything on a piece of legislation. If you think a bill might have some specific application for your office, please get a copy of the enrolled bill and review it in detail for yourself. You can get an enrolled bill by calling the Legislature's Legislative Information Office at 515.281.5129 or at <http://www.legis.iowa.gov>.

We always want to improve this product. After you have read this book please let us know what additional information you would like to see in next year's summary book.

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HF 241 – County Veterans Affairs Structure

LB

Supervisors, Veterans

This bill clarifies that the county veterans' service officer (VSO) serves the county commission of veterans' affairs and the administration of the duties of the VSO and the county commission shall not be placed under any other agency or department. The bill does not prohibit a VSO from taking on additional duties or positions under the direction of another agency or department.

HF 291 – Public Employment Collective Bargaining

LB

All County Officials

This bill amends several provisions in Iowa Code chapter 20, governing Iowa's public employment collective bargaining. For bargaining units where less than 30% of members are public safety employees, only base wages and other permitted and mutually agreed upon items are mandatory subjects of bargaining. These bargaining units are prohibited from negotiating insurance, leaves of absence for political activity, supplemental pay, transfer procedures, evaluation procedures, procedures for staff reductions, and subcontracting for public services. All bargaining units are prohibited from negotiating retirement systems, dues checkoffs, and other payroll deductions for political contributions. No collective bargaining agreement shall exceed five years.

The bill requires an arbitrator to address the factors considered in making a final determination, and parties are prohibited from introducing and the arbitrator is prohibited from considering evidence on subjects excluded from the scope of negotiations. For bargaining units where less than 30% of members are public safety employees, the arbitrator shall not consider past agreements or the employer's ability to impose or increase taxes, fees, or charges. The arbitrator also shall not award an increase in base wages that exceeds the lesser of 3% or the 12-month increase in the consumer price index for the Midwest Region.

The bill puts in place a two-year waiting period for a certification vote following the last election where certification was not approved, the last retention and recertification election where the organization was not retained, or the last successful decertification vote. It also removes the provisions for a runoff election of the top two vote recipients if one of the employee organizations on a certification ballot does not receive a majority of the vote. If no organization receives a majority of the vote, the employees shall not be represented by an employee organization.

Agreements ratified or in place prior to the effective date shall be in effect until the expiration date and agreements not ratified by the effective date are subject to the new requirements of the bill.

Effective date: Upon Enactment (February 17, 2017)

HF 295 – Local Government Preemption

LB

All County Officials

This bill prohibits counties and cities from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, motion, or resolution that provides for any terms or conditions of employment that exceed or conflict with the requirements of federal or state law relating to a minimum or living wage rate, employment leave, hiring practices, employment benefits, scheduling practices, or other terms or conditions of employment. The bill also prohibits counties and cities from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, motion, or resolution that sets standards or requirements regarding the sale or marketing of consumer merchandise that are different from or in addition to any requirement established by state law. Any ordinance, motion, or resolution adopted prior to the effective date that is in violation of the provisions of the bill is void and unenforceable.

Effective date: Upon Enactment (March 30, 2017)

HF 308 – Military Personnel Records

LB

Recorders, Veterans

This bill allows the release of a copy of a military personnel record that would otherwise be confidential if the event that resulted in the record being made occurred more than 62 years prior. The 62 year timeframe coincides with federal law and is a decrease from the previous 75 year timeframe.

HF 469 – Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner Elections

JC

Auditors

This bill allows for two out of the five soil and water conservation district commissioners to come from the same township.

HF 471 – Election Precinct Boundaries and Consolidation

JC

Auditors, Supervisors

This bill allows for the county commissioner of elections to consolidate precincts for any election. Previously, precinct consolidation was prohibited for the primary or general election or any special election held under Iowa Code §69.14.

HF 478 – Property Assessment Appeal Board and Assessor Omnibus

LB

Assessors

This bill makes several changes to the education requirements, responsibilities, and procedures of the assessor, as well as changes to the Property Assessment Appeal Board (PAAB). Among the changes are: requiring the Department of Revenue to prescribe preliminary education requirements and a course of study prior to taking the assessor and deputy assessor exams; updating the definition of misconduct to include engaging in assessment practices in conflict with applicable law or rule; placing the responsibility on the assessor to pay a property owner's costs incurred during protest if fraud or

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misconduct is found; prohibiting the collection of certain data from commercial and industrial property owners; shifting the burden of proof onto the assessor for proceedings following a determination that a valuation is excessive, inadequate, or inequitable; allowing new grounds of protest when appealing to the district court; and establishing a study to evaluate the current system of continuing education for assessors and deputy assessors. The bill also strikes the future repeal of PAAB, eliminates the requirement for a petition if the notice of appeal includes the contents required in the petition, strikes the requirement that deliberation by the board regarding an initial determination be confidential, requires petitions for judicial review of a PAAB decision be filed in the county where the property is located, and allows tax amounts reduced due to a reduction in property value to be refunded or credited against future property tax liability.

Effective date: Changes to §441.21(3)(b) shifting the burden of proof following adjudication shall apply retroactively to assessment years beginning January 1, 2017. All other provisions effective January 1, 2018.

HF 516 – Conduct and Administration of Elections (Including Voter Identity Verification and other Provisions)

JC

Auditors, Supervisors

This bill makes significant changes to the current conduct and administration of elections in Iowa. Here are the major provisions:

Voter Registration

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

- Political parties and candidates must submit voter registration applications to the county commissioner within seven days of receiving them from the voters; within three days of the pre-registration deadline, the applications must be submitted within 24 hours of receipt. There had been no deadline prior to HF516.
- Voter registration of a registered voter shall be canceled if the voter's name is on jury declination list due to non-residency of Iowa or non-citizenship of the United States.
- A first-time voter who did not include a driver's license, nonoperator ID, or a SSN on the voter registration application must provide proof of identity and of residency when voting. Residential lease and property tax statement have been added to the list of allowable proof of residency documents for this type of voter.

Regarding Election Day Registration (EDR)

- Veterans ID card will be allowed to establish identity and residency.
- Proof of residency documents must be current within 45 days of the election, and residential lease dates must include the date of the election.
- EDR attester must show identification – the same as required for voter identification.
- EDR voters must be verified against the felon

database which means that in the counties without e-pollbooks, all EDR voters will vote provisional ballots. In counties with e-pollbooks, only a voter appearing in the database can be challenged.

- Deadline to send EDR acknowledgment to voter has been shortened from 45 days to 21 days.

Effective Date: January 1, 2019

- A person may register beginning at 17 years of age. The previous age limit had been 17 and a half.
- A 17-year old registered voter may vote in a primary election if he will be 18 by the general election; the voter must be 18 to vote in all other elections.

Voter Identification

Effective Date: July 1, 2017 with full implementation July 1, 2019

- Precinct Election Official shall verify a voter's identity before furnishing a ballot to the voter.
- Voter identity documents include driver's license, nonoperator ID, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, or U.S. veterans ID.
- Voters without a driver's license or nonoperator ID will receive a voter ID card. Such current active voters will receive this ID from the Secretary of State; after that initial issuance, commissioners will issue this ID to future registrants. ****Issuance of the new voter ID cards is based on promulgation of the rules. During the implementation period, if a voter cannot provide an ID, that person must sign an Attestation Form which will be exclusively repealed July 1, 2019.**
- A voter new to the precinct must provide proof of identity and residency to update his registration address at the poll. Previously only a voter new to the county had to provide such proof.
- If a voter does not provide an ID at the poll and subsequently votes a provisional ballot, that person must present an ID to the commissioner by the deadline or the provisional ballot will be rejected.

Absentee Voting

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

- Commissioner may dispute an absentee ballot request form if the signature appears to have been signed by someone other than the registered voter in comparing it to the signature on record of the registered voter.
- An absentee ballot affidavit shall be considered defective if the signature appears to have been signed by someone other than the registered voter in comparing it to the signature on record of the registered voter.
- Each political party may appoint up to five observers to witness the reviewing of absentee voter affidavits. Previously only one observer per party was allowed in the room.

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Effective Date: January 1, 2018

- 120 days prior to the election is the first date allowed for absentee ballot requests to be submitted to the commissioner. If such request is received more than 120 days out, the commissioner must return it, along with notice of the acceptance date, to the voter.
- 29 days prior to the election is the first date allowed for absentee ballots to be issued to voters.
- Deadline to submit request for an absentee ballot to be mailed will align with pre-registration deadline of 10 or 11 days prior to the election. Previously this deadline had been four days prior to the election.
- Voter verification number will be required on the absentee request form. This number is the voter's driver's license or nonoperator ID number or the number assigned by the Secretary of State. If the voter verification number is missing from the form, the commissioner is to obtain it from the voter by the best means available. Voter verification number is not required for voters residing in health care facilities.

Other Changes

- Straight party voting has been eliminated.
- Ballot selfies are allowed as long as they do not interfere with the orderly operation of the poll and will not be used for election misconduct as detailed in Iowa Code §39A.
- Revolving Loan Fund will be established July 1, 2017, allowing the Secretary of State to make interest-free loans to counties for purchasing or upgrading e-pollbooks and related technology.
- Commissioner will file a certification within 20 days following a general election that the county met election requirements including equipment testing, PEO training, polling place accessibility, publication schedule, and complied with administrative rules.

HF 518 – Workers' Compensation

KH

All County Officials

This bill creates a presumption that an employee was intoxicated at the time of injury if an employer shows at the time of injury, or immediately following the injury, the employee had a positive test result for alcohol or drugs. Additionally, the bill adds a definition for "date of the occurrence of the injury" to mean the date that the employee knew or should have known that the injury was work-related. The bill adds new restrictions and procedures in the event that an employer offers suitable or temporary work to disabled employees and sets more detailed and restrictive procedures for compensation for a permanent partial disability. The bill denies compensation for permanent total disability if: an employee is receiving payment equal to or greater than 50% of the statewide average weekly wage from gross earnings from any employer or payment for current services from any source; and if the employee is receiving unemployment compensation. The bill adds a provision that states that an employer is not liable for compensating an employee's preexisting disability that arose out of and in the

course of employment from a prior injury with the employer to the extent that the employee's preexisting disability has already been compensated. An employer is also not liable for the cost of medical examinations if the injury for which the employee is being examined is determined not to be a compensable injury. The bill adds several provisions related to rehabilitation, training and education for employees with a shoulder injury resulting in permanent partial disability. Finally, the bill sets an interest rate for all money due on judgments and decrees based on the federal one-year treasury rate plus 2%.

HF 529 – Occupational Safety and Health Law (OSHA)

KH

All County Officials

This bill makes changes to Iowa's occupational safety and health civil penalties in order to comply with the federal OSHA laws, which changed in 2015 to require states to conform with the federal penalties. Federal penalties are set by the United States Department of Labor and adjust annually in connection with the federal consumer price index, thus specific dollar penalties were removed from Iowa law.

Effective Date: Upon Enactment (April 12, 2017)

HF 566 – Combined City and School Elections

JC

Auditors, Supervisors

This bill changes the date of the regular election of directors of local school districts, merged areas and area education agency boards that they now shall be biennially on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year. Previously, this regular election was held on the second Tuesday in September, so this change will combine it with the regular city election already held on the same Tuesday in November. The limited special election dates for schools also will align with those for cities as outlined in Iowa Code §39.2(4)(b).

Effective Date: July 1, 2019.

HF 601 – Confidential Information

LB

Auditors, Emergency Management, Information Technology, Sheriffs, Supervisors

This bill adds cyber security and critical infrastructure information to the information maintained by a government body that can be kept confidential in order to protect individuals and government property.

HF 607 – Alcoholic Beverage Control

JC

Supervisors

This bill makes the following changes to Iowa's alcoholic beverage control laws:

- Removes the term 'micro-distiller.' Now all distillers in Iowa will be Native Distillers (large and small).
- Allows native distillers manufacturing less than 100,000 proof gallons a year to serve the products

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they manufacture by the glass and to sell up to 12 bottles of their products per person per day. Distillers will also be required to obtain a special class “C” license along with dram shop insurance. Further, on-site premises must receive a health and food safety clearance/permit from the Iowa Department of Inspection and Appeals or from local governments.

- Allows native distillers manufacturing more than 100,000 proof gallons a year to provide tastes of their product as well as selling up to two bottles per visitor per day.
- Combines “A” and “AA” beer permits to one, eliminating redundancy of licenses for regular or high alcohol content beer.
- Allows breweries to sell wine by the glass.
- Allows brewpubs to fill growlers to go without first routing that beer through a distributor. All other beer sold to go (cans and bottles) must still pass through the wholesale tier.

SF 1 – Job Impact Statements

KH

All County Officials

This bill requires state agencies to include a jobs impact statement as a part of the adoption of administrative rules and to take steps to minimize the adverse impact on jobs and the development of new employment due to implementation of administrative rules. The jobs impact statement must include, among other things, identification and cost that the agency anticipates state agencies, *local governments*, the public, and the regulated entities, including regulated businesses and self-employed individuals, will incur due to implementing and complying with the rule. The jobs impact statement shall be published as a part of the rulemaking process and public comments shall be accepted on the statement.

SF 399 – Elections Technical Bill

JC

Auditors

This bill makes several technical changes to the conduct of elections in Iowa by doing the following:

- Allows for a candidate nominated at convention to remove themselves from the ballot within a certain window of time before the election.
- Places restrictions on poll watchers that change their party registration during an election cycle they were charged to oversee.
- Requires those appointed to fill a vacancy as a community college trustee to serve until a new member is voted in at the next school election or a special election held for the merged area.

SF 413 – Statute of Repose Periods

KH

County Attorneys

This bill shortens the statute of repose (which relates to the time restrictions for filing a lawsuit when negligence has occurred regardless of whether injury to a person or property has occurred) from the prior 15 years to eight years for actions

related to non-residential improvements to real property (for improvements to residential property the statute of repose is shortened to 10 years). The statute repose remains at 15 years for actions related to nuclear power plants, interstate pipelines, cases related to intentional misconduct or fraudulent concealment of an unsafe or defective condition, and for improvements to real property in existence (or subject to a binding agreement) prior to July 1, 2017. Additionally, if the unsafe or defective condition is discovered within one year prior to the expiration of the statute repose, then the term is extended by one year.

SF 438 – Project Labor Agreements

LB

All County Officials

This bill prohibits all levels of government from entering into project labor agreements, from requiring certain information from bidders on public improvement projects, and from imposing certain other requirements on the bidders.

SF 439 – Federal Tax Liens

LB

Recorders

This bill allows original notices of federal tax liens to be returned to the sender or disposed of if they have been recorded in the index book or in digital form in the recorder’s office.

SF 489 – Fireworks

LB

Conservation, Emergency Management, Sheriffs, Supervisors, Zoning

This bill allows for the possession, sale, transfer, purchase, and use of consumer fireworks. The bill defines the duties and authority of the state fire marshal as it relates to seller’s licensing fees, wholesaler registration fees, insurance compliance, penalties for violations, the suspension of use, and the adoption of emergency rules. The bill allows the sale of consumer fireworks from conforming permanent buildings and the use of consumer fireworks from June 1 and July 8 and from December 10 and January 3 of each year. The use is limited to between the hours of 9:00 am and 10:00 pm on the allowed days. Consumer fireworks may be sold from conforming temporary structures between June 13 and July 8 each year. A county or city may prohibit or limit the use of consumer fireworks if the use would constitute a threat to public safety or a nuisance. Current restrictions on the use of display fireworks remain in place, as do the procedures for acquiring a permit for the use of display fireworks.

Effective date: Upon Enactment (May 9, 2017)

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH

HF 215 – Autism Insurance Coverage

JC *Auditors, Community Services*

This bill requires insurance coverage for applied behavior analysis in health plans for businesses that have 50 or more employees as well as for public employees. It further sets annual monetary caps based on the age of the individual.

Effective date: January 1, 2018

HF 234 – Mental Health Advocate Reports

JC *Community Services, County Attorneys, Supervisors*

This bill eliminates the requirement in current law that mental health advocates must file quarterly reports with the court but allows for an advocate to submit a report if they feel it is needed or by request of the court.

HF 576 – Background Investigations for Long Term Care Facilities

JC *Community Services*

This bill requires temporary staffing agencies, that provide employees to health care facilities, conduct criminal and abuse background checks on potential employees if they will be providing direct patient care.

HF 586 – Iowa Finance Authority Provisions

LB *Community Services, Supervisors*

This bill relates to programs administered by the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). In addition to minor changes concerning bonds and notes issued by IFA and the posting of notices regarding mechanic's liens, the bill also requires IFA to establish and administer a home and community-based services rent subsidy program. Under the program, IFA shall provide rent subsidies to approved participants in a home and community-based services Medicaid waiver and individuals participating in the federal money follows the person grant program under the medical assistance program.

HF 593 – Mental Health Professional Duties

JC *Community Services*

This bill adds "mental health professionals" to the list of individuals that can perform examinations, prescribe treatment or medication, and provide written reports to the court for persons voluntary and involuntary committed due to a substance abuse disorder or serious mental illness.

SF 504 – Mental Health and Disability Services Funding

JC *Auditors, Community Services, Sheriffs, Supervisors*

This bill makes a number of changes pertaining to how mental health and disability services (MH/DS) are funded within regions, the spending down of cash reserves, exploring the future financial viability of regions, and the ability to provide services with individuals with complex psychiatric needs. Here are the major provisions:

Mental Health Property Tax Levy

- Equalizes the property tax levies in each county on a regional basis by setting a new maximum per capita amount that can be levied across the region. This new regional cap is set by combining the maximum amount each county could levy within a region for FY 2018 and dividing it by the region's population. To determine the final new county cap, counties then multiple the new regional cap by their population.
- \$47.28 per capita is the statewide regional cap.
- Counties have the ability to recertify their levies to reflect these changes 30 days after enactment of the bill (May 5, 2017).

Cash Reserves

- Counties are required to spend down their cash reserves that are in excess of 25% of their fund balances typically held for cash flow purposes. Starting in FY 2018, counties will have three years to spend down these balances according to their regional management plans, and in FY 2022, counties in a region with a combined population of over 100,000 will be limited to 20% and counties in a region with a population below 100,000 will be limited to a 25% fund balance.

Financial Viability Interim Study

- A legislative interim study committee will be held after the 2018 session to examine the financial viability of the regions based on the changes to the levies in this bill. Further, the interim study committee is charged with making a report on its findings to the Iowa General Assembly by January 1, 2019.

Complex Case Work Group

- Regional CEO's are required to convene a workgroup of stakeholders to develop collaborative processes to provide services to individuals with complex mental health, disability, and substance abuse needs.

Effective Date: Upon Enactment (May 5, 2017)

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HF 134 – Rental Property Occupancy Restrictions

LB Supervisors, Zoning

This bill prohibits a city, after January 1, 2018, from adopting or enforcing any regulation or restriction relating to the occupancy of residential rental property based on the existence or absence of familial relationships between the occupants.

HF 410 – Noxious Weed Status for Palmer Amaranth

JC Conservation, Engineers, Environmental Health,
Supervisors, Zoning

This bill puts Palmer amaranth on the list of primary noxious weeds in Iowa and the list of invasive plants that are banned from import, for sale, or distribution in the state.

SF 357 – Electrician Licensing

LB Assessors, Supervisors, Zoning

This bill modifies licensing provisions for electricians and electrical contractors, and clarifies the farm property exemption from permit and inspection requirements. The bill creates a new subsection specifically related to farm property and explicitly states that a person performing electrical work need not be licensed if they are an owner, a relative or employee of the owner, or an operator or manager of the farm. The bill also states that neither a permit nor an inspection is required for electrical work on a farm.

SF 431 - Small Wireless Communications Siting

LB Engineers, Supervisors, Zoning

This bill expands current law relating to the uniform rules and limitations for the siting of communications facilities and infrastructure to include small wireless communications facilities. The bill puts in place uniform rules for the application, siting, and installation of these facilities. A local government is prohibited from restricting the siting of small wireless facilities in the public rights-of-way, public property, or on certain existing structures if properly zoned. If not properly zoned for these facilities, they may be granted a special or conditional use permit. Requirements for permits must be of general applicability and must be the same as for other similar projects in the public right-of-way. The bill extends the future repeal of the Iowa Cell Siting Act from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2022.

SF 447 – Animal Feeding Operation Nuisances

LB Environmental Health, Supervisors, Zoning

This bill makes changes to the nuisance protections applicable to confined feeding operations and open feedlots. Under the bill nuisance lawsuits against an animal feeding operation are presumed to be permanent nuisances and damages are limited to the decrease in fair market value of a property, medical costs caused by the nuisance, and any special damages such as loss of use or enjoyment of property, which are limited to one and a half times the total of the property and medical damages. The designation as a permanent nuisance rather than a temporary or continuing nuisance precludes successive lawsuits.

Effective date: Upon Enactment (March 29, 2017)

SF 493 – Benefited Lake and Water Quality Districts

LB Auditors, Conservation, Supervisors

This bill specifies that benefited recreational lake and water quality districts have all the same powers to issue bonds as a city, and excludes the issuance of refunding bonds from the requirement to hold an election to authorize indebtedness.

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HF 312 – Unattended Vehicles

LB

Engineers, Sheriffs

This bill removes the prohibition on leaving a motor vehicle unattended without first stopping the engine. The operator must still set the brake and turn the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway if the vehicle is left on a perceptible grade.

HF 313 – Vehicles in Accidents

LB

Sheriffs

This bill changes the requirement of a vehicle operator to immediately stop a vehicle involved in an accident to the requirement of the operator to remove the vehicle from the traveled portion of the roadway if the vehicle is operable. The operator must still remain at the scene of the accident until they have fulfilled the requirements of Iowa Code §321.263 relating to the exchange of personal information and rendering of aid.

HF 314 – Stationary Vehicles

LB

Sheriffs

This bill adds solid waste and recycling collection service vehicles to the list of stationary vehicles for which there is a prescribed course of action for approach and an applicable penalty for a violation of such requirements. The bill also defines utility maintenance vehicle, which was among the stationary vehicle list but was not previously defined in code.

HF 372 – Turns Against Red Lights

LB

Sheriffs

This bill changes current law allowing a turn against a red light from the right most lane and from the left most lane of a one-way street onto another one-way street. The bill allows turns from a lane designated for right turns and from a lane designated for left turns on a one-way street onto another one-way street.

HF 467 – Law Enforcement Communication Systems and the ICN

JC

Sheriffs

This bill eliminates language in Iowa Code that would ban law enforcement communication systems from the Iowa Communications Network.

HF 517 – Weapons Regulation

KH

All County Officials

This bill made numerous changes to weapons regulation. The bill makes possession of carrying dangerous weapons while under the influence a serious misdemeanor, but specifically excludes a person who carries or possesses a dangerous weapon while under the influence if they are: in their own home, place of business, or land owned by them; or for a justified self-defense or defense of another. The bill provides that a person charged with failure to produce a permit to carry

weapons to a peace officer may provide proof to the clerk of the district court prior to appearance and avoid conviction of failure to carry their permit to carry weapons.

The bill adds completion of a hunter safety course to the list of options that allow an applicant for a permit to carry weapons to demonstrate knowledge of firearm safety. The bill also specifies that handgun safety training courses may be conducted over the internet in a live or web-based format, so long as the course is verified by the instructor. The bill states firearm safety trainings are not required for renewals of permits and if an applicant applies after expiration of time periods for renewal, firearm safety training shall not be required for a renewal permit. If an applicant or permit holder appeals the decision by the sheriff to deny an application, the permit holder is entitled to court costs and reasonable attorney fees from the political subdivision if it is determined the permit holder is qualified for the permit. If it is determined the sheriff was correct in the denial for a permit, the political subdivision shall be awarded court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

The bill extends the validity of a permit to carry from one year to five years and allows an issuing officer to conduct an annual criminal history check concerning a person issued a permit by obtaining criminal history data from the department of public safety.

Previously, the law allowed persons from the ages of 14 to 21 to possess a pistol or revolver under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, spouse, or firearm safety instructor. This bill took out the minimum age requirement of 14 and allows any persons under 21 to possess a pistol or revolver so long as they are under the direct supervision of such adults as previously allowed. The bill added a definition of direct supervision and creates strict liability to such adults for all damage that occurs. The provisions in this Division of the bill were effective upon enactment.

The bill makes information contained in permits to carry weapons confidential, although statistical information can be released. A court order or the consent of a person whose personally identifiable information is requested must be obtained in order for such information to be released. The provisions in this Division of the bill were effective upon enactment.

Prior law prohibited political subdivisions from enacting an ordinance “regulating the ownership, possession, legal transfer, lawful transportation, registration, or licensing of firearms when the ownership, possession, transfer, or transportation is otherwise lawful.” This bill added that if a political subdivision enacts, or has enacted, an ordinance or other measure on any of these topics, then a person “adversely affected” may file suit for declaratory and injunctive relief for damages.

The bill adds language that political subdivisions cannot, in connection with a Governor’s disaster proclamation: prohibit or curtail the lawful possession, carrying, transportation, or

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defensive use of firearms or ammunition; suspend or revoke a permit to carry; or seize or confiscate firearms and ammunition possessed in accordance with the law.

The bill allows persons to use justifiable deadly force in certain circumstances and states that a person who is not engaged in illegal activity has no duty to retreat from any place where the person is lawfully present before using deadly or reasonable force. The bill gives immunity from all criminal and civil liability for a person who is justified in using reasonable force.

The bill removes requirements that a person secure a firearm when carrying while using a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.

If an owner, tenant, or person with permission from the owner/tenant of private premises located in the unincorporated area of a county is conducting target shooting on those premises, the person cannot be found in violation of a noise ordinance. Such activity cannot be declared a public or private nuisance or otherwise be prohibited under state or local law.

Effective Date: The sections of the bill related to the use of weapons by minors under the age of 14 and the confidentiality of information in permits to carry weapons are effective upon enactment (April 13, 2017).

SF 234 – Texting While Driving

JC *County Attorneys, Sheriffs*

This bill makes the following changes to Iowa’s “texting while driving” law:

- It is now a primary offense which allows a peace officer to stop a motorist specifically for texting while driving.
- Tightens up the definition of an “electronic message” and of what it means to “write”, “send”, or “view” an electronic message.
- Allows for a phone to be used in hands-free mode and to utilize the GPS features.
- Maintains the current fine of \$30 for violation.

SF 351 – Iowa Emergency Response Commission Elimination

JC *Emergency Management*

This bill eliminates the Iowa Emergency Response Commission and transfers the powers and duties to the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

SF 374 – Legal Assistance to Indigent Persons

KH *County Attorneys, Supervisors*

This bill makes several clarifications to how the state public defender coordinates the representation of indigent persons under arrest or charged with a crime who face the possibility of imprisonment. The bill also provides that if an attorney is appointed in a case to represent an indigent person for an alleged violation of a local ordinance that may require a term

of confinement, the office of the state public defender shall seek reimbursement for public defender attorney fees and expenses from the political subdivision that was the plaintiff in the case.

Effective Date: Portion of the bill that requires political subdivisions to reimburse public defenders does not take effect until January 1, 2018.

SF 444 – Highway Public Safety Penalties

JC *County Attorneys, Sheriffs*

This bill increases penalties for drivers who in an accident seriously injure or kill someone while they were texting to a Class “C” felony. Further, it mandates that drivers who are convicted of OWI under the following offenses must participate in a 24/7 sobriety program which requires them to be tested twice a day for drugs or alcohol:

SF 445 - Confidential Records for Law Enforcement Officers

KH *Auditors, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, Supervisors*

This bill creates confidentiality protection, both under Iowa’s open records laws and in relation to evidence in criminal proceedings, for personally identifying information about a law enforcement officer or the officer’s immediate family member. In criminal proceedings, the court must weigh: the impact of disclosure on the personal safety of the law enforcement officer or immediate family member of the law enforcement officer; the probative value of the confidential or privileged information; the impact of disclosure on public safety; the potential for partial or limited disclosure of the privileged information; and the defendant’s constitutional right to present a defense. In addition, the bill makes the name, photograph, compensation and benefit records, time records, residential address, or any other personal identifying information of an undercover law enforcement officer confidential while such officer is actively involved with or assigned to investigate violations of state or federal law. The bill also makes amendments to several criminal sentencing provisions.

SF 446 - Asset Forfeiture

KH *County Attorneys, Sheriffs*

This bill sets limitations on civil asset forfeiture for property valued at under the minimum amount (\$15,000), increases the standard of proof to require that the prosecutor show by clear and convincing evidence for asset forfeiture, requires a proportionality review with regard to property to be forfeited and requires law enforcement agencies to retain certain records related to asset forfeiture.

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SF 499 – Monitoring Devices in Public Places

KH Auditors, County Attorneys, Supervisors

This bill prohibits the use of monitoring devices by a county in a toilet, bath, or shower facility; locker room; common area within such a facility or room, or other space open to the public where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any ordinances or other measure adopted by a county allowing monitoring devices in any of these places is void as of July 1, 2017.

Effective Date: Upon enactment (May 11, 2017)

SF 500 – E911 Public Safety Answering Point Funding and Consolidation

JC Emergency Management, Sheriffs

This bill makes changes to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) funding, provides incentives for PSAP consolidation, and calls for the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to develop a plan to merge the wireline E911 network with the Next Generation E911 wireless network. The funding for PSAPs in FY 2018 is as follows:

- Maintains the 60% out of the E911 Surcharge Fund to each of the individual PSAPs under the current formula.
- Creates a PSAP GIS grant program allocating \$15,000 per PSAP.
- Sets the carryover surplus for FY 2018 at \$7 million for consolidation grants (\$200,000 per PSAP).

SF 501 – Sheriff Civil Fees

JC Sheriffs

This bill makes increases to the fee structure set for county sheriffs as they conduct civil processes and services based on the 2016 study that was conducted by the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association.

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HF 609 – Hotel and Motel Tax

LB Auditors, Supervisors

This bill allows a land use district to impose the local hotel and motel tax upon the passage of a ballot initiative within the district. Revenue generated by the tax must be used on certain recreation, convention, cultural, or entertainment facilities, or for the promotion of the district or surrounding area. A hotel and motel tax imposed by a city or county shall not be imposed within the boundaries of the land use district.

TRANSPORTATION

HF 203 – Federal Aid Road Fund Swap

LB Engineers, Supervisors

This bill allows the state to allocate primary road funds to counties and cities in exchange for federal aid road funds that would otherwise be allocated to the local governments.

HF 218 – Maximum Truck Length

LB Engineers, Sheriffs

This bill increases the maximum allowable length for a single truck operated on the highway from 41 feet to 45 feet.

HF 289 – County Driver’s License Stations

LB Treasurers

This bill adds Carroll and Clay to the list of counties authorized to issue driver’s licenses and other nonoperator’s identification cards. The county treasurer’s office must meet the requirements of the Department of Transportation for issuance.

Effective Date: Upon Enactment (March 30, 2017)

HF 463 – Motor Vehicle Enforcement

LB Sheriffs, Treasurers

This bill strikes prescribed applicability timelines for commercial learner’s permits and inserts reference to the requirements of the Federal Code of Regulations. 49 C.F.R Chapter 383 has the same 180 day initial issuance and additional 180-day renewal period, but certain issuing agencies are exempt by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and may issue a commercial learner’s permit for one year with no renewal period.

The bill also authorizes peace officers employed by the Department of Transportation who are primarily engaged in enforcing federal and state motor carrier safety and commercial motor vehicle laws to enforce all laws of the state in addition to their primary duties. This provision of the bill is effective upon enactment and is repealed July 1, 2018.

HF 464 – All-terrain Vehicle Crossings

LB Conservation, Sheriffs

This bill allows an all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle to cross a highway from a designated all-terrain vehicle trail if certain conditions are met.

SF 406 – Implements of Husbandry

LB Engineers, Sheriffs

This bill exempts vehicles transporting implements of husbandry between fields, to locations for repairs, and to locations of storage from the permitting requirements in Iowa Code chapter 321 dealing with maximum gross weight, restrictions by local authorities, and restrictions by the Department of Transportation.

SF 448 – Salvage Vehicle Certificate of Title

LB Treasurers

This bill allows an insurer to be issued a salvage certificate of title without surrendering the original certificate of title if the ownership of the vehicle has transferred or will transfer to the insurer pursuant to a settlement and the insurer was unable to obtain the original title. To be issued a salvage title, the insurer must provide to the county treasurer an affidavit of two attempts to contact the original owner and any lienholders to obtain the original title, proof of payment of the entire settlement amount, and the required fee for a salvage title.

SF 451 – County Treasurer Payments

LB Treasurers

This bill makes changes to the administration of certain online payments received by the county treasurer by specifying that for payments made for tax sale redemptions and subsequent property taxes due, and for purposes of calculating interest due, the amount paid is considered received at the time it is entered through the county treasurer’s authorized online site.

SF 472 – Snowmobile Special Fund and Registration

LB Conservation, Supervisors, Recorders

This bill increases from 50% to 70% the share of the special snowmobile fund administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that can be allocated to political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations, and adds to list of allowed expenditures the purchase, ownership, and maintenance of trail grooming equipment. The bill also exempts snowmobiles registered and participating in an organized special event authorized by the DNR from snowmobile registration requirements.

APPROPRIATIONS

HF 640 – Administration and Regulation Appropriations

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes appropriations from the state general fund and other funds to various administrative and regulatory state agencies for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and includes policy provisions. The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

To the Iowa Public Information Board..... \$323,198 (-\$45,000)

From the Road Use Tax Fund

To the Administrative Hearings Division of the Department of Inspections and Appeals\$1,623,897 (no change)

To the Department of Management.....\$56,000 (no change)

To the Office of the Treasurer of State.....\$93,148 (no change)

An additional \$700,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Secretary of State's Office for the implementation of the voter identification program contained in SF 516 and the issuance of voter identification cards. An additional \$120,400 is appropriated from the Address Confidentiality Program Revolving Fund to the Secretary of State's Office for administration of the Address Confidentiality Program (Safe At Home).

In addition to the appropriations, the bill requires that the first \$750,000 in fees collected in FY 2017 by the Department of Transportation for the furnishing of certified abstracts of vehicle operating records shall be transferred to the lowAccess revolving fund for the purpose of maintaining and expanding electronic access to government records.

HF 643 – Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) Appropriations

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes infrastructure-related appropriations from a number of sources to various state departments and agencies for FY 2018.

From the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)

To the Department of Cultural Affairs

For the Iowa Great Places program\$1,000,000 (no change)

To the Department of Natural Resources

For lake restoration and water quality projects.....\$9,600,000 (no change)

For water trails and low head dam safety grants..... \$0 (-\$1,000,000)

To the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALIS)

For the Water Quality Initiative Fund\$5,200,000 (no change)

For the Agricultural Drainage Well Water Quality Assistance Fund..... \$1,875,000 (-\$45,000)

To the Department of Transportation

For recreational trails..... \$1,000,000 (-\$1,500,000)

To the Treasurer of State

For county fair infrastructure improvements\$1,060,000 (no change)

- The money is distributed to all 106 county fairs in the Association of Iowa Fairs (\$10,000 each).

From the Technology Reinvestment Fund

To the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

For the implementation of a statewide mass notification and emergency messaging system\$ 400,000 (no change)

To the Department of Management

For the continued implementation of an online database for budget and financial information\$ 45,000 (no change)

For the upgrade of the local government budget and property tax system\$ 600,000 (new appropriation)

APPROPRIATIONS

HF 653 - Health and Human Services Appropriations

LB, JC

All County Officials

This bill makes appropriations from various sources for human services, aging, veterans and public health programs for FY 2018 and FY 2019, and contains various policy provisions. The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

General Fund Appropriations

To the Department of Aging

For case management for the frail elderly, adult day services, and other services\$11,042,476 (-\$1,506,127)

To the Department of Public Health

For addictive disorders treatment and prevention/cessation programs..... \$24,985,831(-\$2,002,859)

For strengthening local health care delivery systems..... \$2,907,776 (-\$4,431,360)

- To the University of Iowa to expand/improve MH/DS workforce \$110,656 (no change)

- For psychologists in urban and rural mental health professional shortage areas \$48,069 (-\$1,931)

- To local boards of health for services that promote healthy aging\$1,119,650 (-\$44,978)

For the Healthy Opportunities for Parents to Experience Success (HOPES) program care.....\$734,841 (no change)

For infectious diseases prevention and care\$1,646,426 (+\$311,271)

For public protection \$4,195,139 (-\$144,052)

- Of this amount, \$304,700 (-\$150,000) is to be credited to the emergency medical services fund.

- Of this amount, \$516,982 (-\$20,768) is for childhood lead poisoning prevention, testing, and remediation.

To the Department of Veterans Affairs

For the Iowa Veterans Home..... \$7,228,140 (-\$366,856)

For the county commissions of veterans affairs fund \$947,925 (-\$42,075)

To the Department of Human Services (DHS)

From moneys received under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant

For child and family services \$32,380,654 (-\$4,875,926)

From the general fund

For medical assistance..... \$1,284,405,740 (-\$33,840,706)

- An additional \$36,705,208 is transferred for medical assistance from the Quality Assurance Trust Fund

For state supplementary assistance..... \$10,372,658 (-\$1,238,784)

For child and family services \$87,279,375 (+\$2,796,956)

- For group foster care maintenance and services.....\$35,736,649 (no change)

- For decategorization service funding pools and governance boards.....\$1,717,753 (no change)

- For shelter care and child welfare emergency services.....\$8,096,158 (no change)

- For continuation and expansion of child protection sites\$630,240 (no change)

- For continuation of minority youth and family projects\$371,250 (no change)

- For funding of the community circle of care collaboration for children and youth in NE Iowa (formerly the substance abuse and mental health services administration grant)..... \$1,136,595 (-\$50,000)

- For continuation of a system of care grant in Cerro Gordo and Linn Counties\$235,000 (no change)

- For continuation of a system of care grant in Polk County.....\$211,872 (no change)

For the state mental health institute at Cherokee..... \$13,870,254 (-\$773,787)

For the state mental health institute at Independence..... \$17,513,621 (-\$1,038,482)

Miscellaneous Provisions

- Mandates that all hospitals and Mental Health Institutes in Iowa use the psychiatric bed tracking system and update the system at a minimum twice a day. These updates must provide information on what available inpatient beds there are in their facility that are staffed for child, adult, and geriatric psychiatric patients. In addition, information on what gender can be accepted in each available bed must be provided as well.

APPROPRIATIONS

SF 130 – FY 2017 Budget Adjustment

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes adjustments to the prior approved FY 2017 budget. The bill reduces General Fund appropriations by \$88.2 million and transfers \$25.1 million of revenues from non-General Fund sources to the General Fund for a total adjustment of \$113.3 million for the current fiscal year. Among the deappropriations are reductions of \$35.9 million to the Department of Human Services, \$18 million to the Board of Regents, \$7.7 million to the Department of Education, and \$11.5 million to the Department of Management.

Effective date: Upon Enactment (February 1, 2017)

SF 497 – Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations

LB

Engineers, Supervisors, Treasurers

This bill makes appropriations for FY 2018 and FY 2019 from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and the Primary Road Fund to the Department of Transportation (DOT). The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

From the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF)

For drivers' licenses production costs/central issuance\$3,876,000 (no change)
For county issuance of drivers' licenses and vehicle registrations and titles.....\$1,406,000 (no change)

SF 498 – Federal Block Grant Appropriations

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes appropriations from anticipated federal block grant funds to various state agencies and programs for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 and FFY 2019 and provides procedures if federal funds are more than or less than anticipated. Appropriations are the same for FFY 2018 and FFY 2019 unless otherwise noted, and are dependent on federal funding.

To the Department of Public Health

For the Substance Abuse Block Grant\$13,093,348
For the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant.....\$6,495,727
For the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.....\$1,702,233

To the Department of Human Services

For the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant\$4,067,863
For the Social Services Block Grant.....\$15,270,606

To the Iowa Economic Development Authority

For the Community Development Block Grant.....\$22,500,000
For the Federal Housing and Urban Development Disaster Relief Grant\$96,887,177

To the Division of Community Action Agencies of the Department of Human Rights

For the Community Services Block Grant\$7,702,858
For the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)\$52,905,010

To the Department of Transportation

For the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (2018).....\$152,500,000
For the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (2019).....\$155,200,000

Procedures for Increase or Decrease in Federal Funds

The bill requires that additional funds received from specified block grants be prorated for specific programs, except for administrative costs, based on the percentages contained in the bill. For a reduction in federal funds, the governor shall prorate the funds received based on the percentages contained in the bill, or may allocate funds in a manner which will accomplish to the greatest extent possible the purposes of the various programs.

APPROPRIATIONS

SF 508 – Judicial Branch Appropriations

LB

County Attorneys, Supervisors

In addition to making appropriations for the judicial branch for FY 2018 and FY 2019, this bill includes a number of policy provisions. It requires the judicial branch to continue its effort to collect delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees, and surcharges, and calls for semiannual reports on the collections effort. It states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the offices of the clerks of court operate in each county and should be accessible to the public as much as reasonably possible. For FY 2018 the bill allows a civil trial, including a jury trial, to be held in a contiguous county if all parties in the case agree.

SF 509 – Justice System Appropriations

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes appropriations from the general fund and other funds to the justice system for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and includes policy provisions. The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

To the Department of Corrections

For reimbursement for county confinement of state prisoners \$1,575,092 (+\$500,000)

For offender mental health and substance abuse treatment \$28,065 (+\$5,746)

To the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy \$954,756 (-\$48,458)

To the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes \$2,121,927 (-\$107,696)

For E911 Communications \$250,000 (no change)

- This appropriation from the E911 Emergency Communications Fund is for costs associated with implementation, support, and maintenance of the functions of the E911 program manager and for an annual state audit of the fund.

SF 510 – Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations

LB

All County Officials

This bill makes appropriations from the general fund and other funds for agriculture and natural resources programs for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and includes policy provisions. The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

From the General Fund

To the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs)

For a local food and farm program coordinator \$75,000 (no change)

For the Water Quality Initiative Fund \$3,000,000 (-\$1,400,000)

To the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

For flood management and dam safety \$1,885,000 (-\$65,000)

- Of this amount, up to \$400,000 may be used to install stream gauges for tracking and predicting flood events and for compiling necessary data to improve flood frequency analysis.

From the Environment First Fund

To the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs)

For the conservation reserve enhancement program (CREP) \$1,000,000 (no change)

- Permits DALs to use these funds in combination with other Environment First Fund (EFF) monies to match federal funds provided from the federal Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program.

For flood and erosion control, water quality and conservation \$900,000 (no change)

For soil and water conservation administration \$3,800,000 (+\$1,000,000)

For the soil and water conservation cost share program \$8,325,000 (+\$1,575,000)

- This appropriation is to be used for administration of soil and water conservation programs and to support soil and water conservation districts.

For the Water Quality Initiative Fund \$2,375,000 (new appropriation)

For the Loess Hills development and conservation fund \$0 (-\$600,000)

To the Iowa Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund \$12,000,000 (-\$4,000,000)

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To the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 For water quality monitoring\$2,955,000 (no change)
 For regulation of animal feeding operations\$1,320,000 (no change)
 For air quality monitoring\$425,000 (no change)

From Various Special Funds

For groundwater quality\$3,455,832 (no change)
 For enforcing snowmobile laws\$100,000 (no change)
 For underground storage tank programs\$200,000 (no change)

SF 513 – Economic Development Appropriations

LB *All County Officials*

This bill makes appropriations from the general fund and other funds for various economic development programs for FY 2018 and FY 2019 and includes policy provisions. The appropriations for FY 2019 are funded at 50% of the appropriations for FY 2018 listed below.

To the Department of Cultural Affairs
 For the Iowa Great Places program\$150,000 (no change)

To the Iowa Economic Development Authority
 For financial assistance to Iowa’s councils of governments \$175,000 (-\$25,000)
 For the High Quality Jobs program\$15,900,000 (same)

To the Department of Workforce Development
 For the workforce development board and field office operations \$7,945,650 (-\$1,031,000)

- Of the total appropriation \$150,000 is designated for the state library for licensing of an online resource to assist persons with enhancing job skills and vocational test-taking abilities.

To the Public Employment Relations Board
 For salaries, support, maintenance, and miscellaneous purposes\$1,342,452 (no change)

- Of the total appropriation, \$15,000 is designated for the maintenance of the online database with searchable access to collective bargaining information.

SF 516 – Standing Appropriations

LB *All County Officials*

This bill makes appropriations for property tax credits and other programs, implements miscellaneous policy provisions, and moves funds to and from the Cash Reserve Fund.

Tax Credit, Exemption, and Replacement Claim Appropriations

Requires the full funding of the homestead, agricultural land and family farm, elderly and disabled, and military service exemption refund as required by law. Also requires the full funding of the Business Property Tax Credit and replacement claims as provided in SF 295 (2013). The amounts below are the estimated state obligation with the Agricultural Land Tax Credit, Commercial/Industrial Replacement Claims, and Business Property Tax Credit being a specific limited amount.

- Homestead Tax Credit\$135,071,538
- Agricultural Land Tax Credit\$39,100,000
- Elderly and Disabled Tax Credit\$24,690,028
- Military Service Exemption Refund\$1,961,234
- Commercial/Industrial Replacement Claims\$152,114,544
- Business Property Tax Credit\$125,000,000

Cash Reserve Fund

The bill transfers \$131.1 million from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund to supplement the FY 2017 budget. The Cash Reserve Fund is replenished with a \$20 million transfer from the General Fund in FY 2018 and a \$111.1 million transfer in FY 2019.

2017 BILLS THAT FAILED

Getting bills through the Legislature is important to ISAC, but sometimes things that did not happen can also measure the success of a legislative session. ISAC policy statements and input from the legislative policy committee are principally used as the guideline for ISAC staff in opposing legislation. The following is a list of bills that ISAC opposed that were successfully defeated. Also listed are failed bills that ISAC supported.

The following is a list of bills that ISAC opposed that were successfully defeated.

SSB 1186/HF 575 – Bottle Bill Repeal/Recycling Program
SF 12 – Bottle Bill Repeal II
SF 16 – Wind Energy Property Taxes
SF 17 – Wind Energy Property Taxes II
SF 28 / HF 528 – County Compensation Boards
SF 287 – Raw Milk
SF 310 – Raw Milk II
SF 375/HF 620 – Subdivision Assessments
SF 481 – Immigration Laws
SF 483 – Primary Election Run-offs
HSB 91 – Essential County Purpose
HJR 7 – County Reorganization
HF 248 – ATV Registration
HF 359 – Gifts of Land
HF 386 – Involuntary Mental Health Care
HF 486 – County Supervisor Districts
HF 651 – Property Tax Assessments
HF 656 – School TIF Funding

The following is a list of bills supported by ISAC that failed to pass this session.

SF 14 – Natural Resources Sales Tax
SF 79 – CINA Case Navigator
SF 100 – Hands-free While Driving
SF 157/HSB 56 – Security Interest Provisions
SF 158 – Government Notice
SF 167 – Natural Resources Sales Tax II
SF 249 – Vapor/Casino Smoking Ban
SF 261 – Vapor/Casino Smoking Ban II
SF 303 – Food Inspection Fees
SF 369/HF 257 – Psychiatric Bed Tracking
SF 407 – Electronic Devices While Driving
SF 452/HF 570 – Deputy Election Auditor
SF 453 – Mental Health Disclosures
SF 458/HSB 122 – Psychiatric Loan Repayments
SF 476/HF 627 – Surviving Co-owner Title
SF 512 – Water Quality
HSB 162 – Local Emergency Management Agencies
HF 22 – Medical Examiner Expenses
HF 76 – Local Option Natural Resources Sales Tax
HF 117 – Flood and Erosion Control
HF 190 – Disaster Services
HF 272 – Ten Cent Can Redemption
HF 342 – MH/DS Levy
HF 343 – MH/DS Levy II
HF 456 – County CAFO Siting
HF 563 – High School Collision Sports
HF 590 – Electronic Devices While Driving II
HF 597 – Natural Resources Sales Tax III
HF 612 – Water Quality Programs
HF 631 – Hunting and Fishing Fees
HF 632 – Township Cemetery Levy

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