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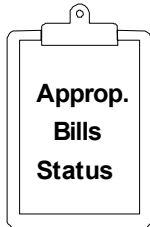
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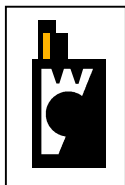
STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS



Appropriations Bills		
Appropriations Subcommittee	LSB/ File #	Status
Allowable Growth Rate Bill	SF 109	Passed Senate on February 6.
Supplemental Appropriations for Veterans Programs Bill	SF 95	Final Action on February 8.

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PASSES CIGARETTE/TOBACCO TAX INCREASE BILL – SF 128

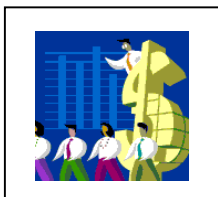
Tax Increase



The Senate Ways and Means Committee passed SF 128 (Cigarette/Tobacco Tax Increase Bill) on February 8. The major provisions of the Bill include:

- Increasing the cigarette tax rate from \$0.36 to \$1.36 per pack.
- Increasing the tobacco tax rate from 22% of the wholesale price to 44%.
- Creating a Health Care Trust Fund. Moneys from the Fund are to be used for the purposes of health care.
- Requiring that all tax receipts from the cigarette and tobacco taxes be deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund rather than the General Fund.

Fiscal Impact



Current estimates on the increase to the cigarette and tobacco tax rate are shown in the table below.

	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Est. Impact of \$1.00 Increase in Cigarette Tax (in Millions)	\$ 133.3	\$ 134.0
Est. Impact of Increasing Tobacco Tax Rate to 44% (in Millions)	\$ 4.9	\$ 5.2

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The Fiscal Note for SF 128 will be available on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/>.

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SENATE PASSES FY 2009 ALLOWABLE GROWTH RATE BILL – SF 109

Allowable Growth Bill

The Senate passed SF 109 (FY 2009 School Foundation Allowable Growth Rate) on February 6. The Bill provides for the following:



- Sets the FY 2009 school foundation allowable growth rate at 4.0%. This will increase the State and district cost per pupil by \$213, bringing the FY 2009 State cost per pupil to \$5,546.
- With a 4.0% allowable growth rate, State Aid will total \$2,257.1 million, which is an increase of \$107.8 million (5.0%) compared to the current estimate for FY 2008. Foundation Property Tax will total \$1,145.5 million, which is an increase of \$28.8 million (2.6%) compared to the current estimate for FY 2008.
- The budget guarantee will total \$13.2 million (this amount is included in the total Foundation Property Tax amount), and 145 school districts will be eligible to receive the budget guarantee. Of these districts, 90 will receive the 101.0% budget adjustment, and 55 will receive the scaled-down budget adjustment.
- The FY 2009 Adjusted Additional Property Tax Aid will total \$18.0 million (this amount is included in the State Foundation Aid), and 69 school districts will receive the property tax relief.

HF 286

The House Education Committee passed HF 286, which is identical to SF 109, on February 7.

More Information

The NOBA (Notes on Bills and Amendments) for SF 109 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/>.

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FINAL ACTION ON FY 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR VETERANS PROGRAMS BILL – SF 95

Final Action

The General Assembly passed SF 95 (FY 2007 Supplemental Appropriations for Veterans Programs Bill) on February 8.

Supp. Appropriations

The Bill appropriates a total of \$4.0 million from the General Fund for FY 2007, including \$2.0 million for the Veterans Home Ownership Assistance Program and \$2.0 million for the Injured Veterans Grant Program.

More Information

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for SF 95 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/>.

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HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE PASSES AUTUMN OLIVE EDUCATION PROJECT BILL – HF 54

Autumn Olive



The House Natural Resources Committee passed HF 54 (Autumn Olive Education Project Bill) on February 7. The Bill provides for the following:

- Creates an Autumn Olive Cooperative Management Project that is administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for FY 2008.
- Implements a pilot project in the townships of Independence, located in Appanoose County, and Wright, located in Wayne County, to control the spread of Autumn Olive, a deciduous shrub that is classified as an invasive species.
- Allows landowners to apply for cost-share funds to implement management practices that control the spread of Autumn Olive plants. Cost-share funds will be available for up to 90.0% of the estimated cost and the landowner will pay for the additional expense.

DNR Program



The DNR will also provide:

- Timetable for replacing Autumn Olive plants with native plants.
- Work in cooperation with District Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners to encourage landowners to apply for federal funds.
- Technical assistance with the development of management plans, approval of cost-share funds, and evaluation of results.
- Report preliminary findings to the General Assembly on January 15, 2008, and a final report will be submitted by January 15, 2009.

Fiscal Impact



The Bill appropriates \$60,000 from the General Fund and the DNR estimates that an additional \$9,000 will be provided from matching landowner funds. The DNR estimates between 250 and 300 acres will be treated with these funds.

More Information

The Notes on Bills and Amendments (NOBA) for HF 54 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/>.

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ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittee Meetings

The Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

February 6

Acting Director Dean Learner, Department of Inspections and Appeals, presented an overview of activities of the Department and budget offers for FY 2008.

February 7



Director Mollie Anderson, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), presented an overview of the activities of the Department. The presentation will be concluded on February 14.

Charlie Smithson and John Baldwin, 1/3 customer council members, gave an overview of how the implementation of the 1/3 System was progressing from the customer standpoint.

Bill Wimmer and Maria Kooken, representing Enterprise Rent-A-Car, gave an update on the progress of giving departments the option to rent cars from private companies rather than the State Motor Pool. There is currently an issue with liability that is being worked on by the DAS, Enterprise, and the Attorney General's Office.

February 8

Director Tom Gronstal, Department of Commerce, presented an overview of the activities of the Department and budget offers for FY 2008.

Tentative Schedule



The tentative schedule for the week of February 12 includes:

- Tuesday, February 13 – Presentations by the Department of Management and the Office of the Governor
- Wednesday, February 14 – Presentation by the DAS
- Thursday, February 15 – Committee planning meeting

More Information

Copies of agendas, minutes, and selected handouts distributed to the Subcommittee are available on the General Assembly web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=32>.

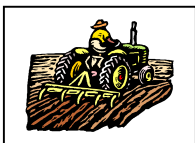
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**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Subcommittee Meetings

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

February 6



Ken Tow, Dean Lemke, and Jim Gillespie, Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), discussed the programs funded by the Environment First Fund. The Department requests for FY 2008 include:

- Agricultural Drainage Wells – \$2.5 million. This is an increase of \$2.0 million compared to estimated FY 2007. The Governor is recommending funding of \$500,000 for FY 2008.
- Watershed Protection Fund – \$5.4 million. This is an increase of \$2.7 million compared to estimated FY 2007. The Governor is recommending funding of \$2.7 million for FY 2008.
- Farm Demonstration Program – \$1.6 million. This is an increase of \$750,000 compared to estimated FY 2007. The Governor is recommending funding of \$850,000 for FY 2008.
- Soil Conservation Cost Share Fund – \$10.0 million. This is an increase of \$4.5 million compared to estimated FY 2007. The Governor is recommending funding of \$7.9 million for FY 2008.
- Conservation Reserve Program – \$2.0 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$2.0 million for FY 2008.

- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program – \$1.5 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$1.5 million for FY 2008.
- Flood Prevention Study – \$150,000. The funds were previously appropriated in HF 2782 (FY 2007 Infrastructure Appropriations Act). The Governor is recommending funding of \$150,000 for FY 2008.

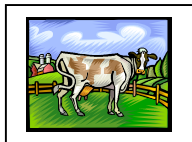
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Liz Christiansen, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), discussed the programs funded by the Environment First Fund. The Department requests for FY 2008 include:

- Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund – \$11.0 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$11.0 million for FY 2008.
- Lake Restoration Program – \$975,000. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$975,000 for FY 2008.
- Water Quality Monitoring Program – \$3.0 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$3.0 million for FY 2008.
- State Park Operations and Maintenance – \$2.0 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$2.0 million for FY 2008.
- Keepers of the Land Volunteer Program – \$100,000. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$100,000 for FY 2008.
- Geographic Information System – \$195,000. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$195,000 for FY 2008.
- Water Quality Protection Fund – \$500,000. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$500,000 for FY 2008.
- Air Quality Monitoring – \$275,000. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$325,000 for FY 2008.
- Marine Fuel Tax – \$2.5 million. This maintains the current level of funding. The Governor is recommending funding of \$2.3 million for FY 2008. The Marine Fuel Tax is a separate appropriation and is no longer part of the Environment First Fund.



February 8



John Thomson and Pat Halbert, Iowa State University (ISU), provided an update on the Veterinarian's Laboratory. The Laboratory conducts over 1.2 million tests per year. The Governor is recommending funding of \$1.0 million from the General Fund for FY 2008.

Mary Jane Olney, DALs, provided an update on the Dairy Products Control Bureau.

More Information

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittee Meetings

The Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

February 6

On February 6, an overview of the operation, function, and Governor's FY 2008 budget recommendation for the Department of Workforce Development was provided. Presenters included Dave Neil, Interim Director; Steve Slater; Chris Godfrey; Kerry Koonce; Tony Dietsch; Lori Adams; LeLoie Dutemple; and Marty Frederickson.



The Department indicated the Field Offices do not conduct labor shed studies due to the federal government not providing salary increases. The Department would need approximately \$3.3 million to maintain the current operations. The current operations are short approximately seven inspectors according to the Department's 1978 agreement with the federal government. The Department stated that even with the additional \$1.0 million requested by the Department, Field Offices would still need to be closed and inspectors reduced due to the lack of salary increases. The Department agreed to provide the number of VISAs issued and in what fields.

February 8

John Brighton, Iowa State University, provided an overview of the operation, function, and Governor's FY 2008 budget recommendation for the Board of Regents' economic development activities at the University.

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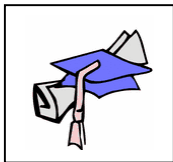
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EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittee Meetings

The Education Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

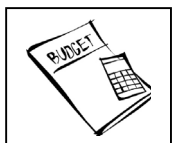
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Representatives of the community colleges presented budget and program information. Gene Gardner, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, introduced Dan Kinney, President, Iowa Western Community College; Mike Morrison, President, North Iowa Area Community College; and Pat Keir, Chancellor, Eastern Iowa Community College District.

The presenters discussed the Governor's recommendation for a \$12.4 million increase in FY 2008 for general aid to community colleges. This represents a 7.8% increase compared to FY 2007. The presenters also discussed community college programming for high school students.

February 7



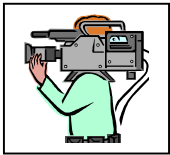
Mary Shipman and Robin Madison, LSA, Fiscal Services Division, reviewed the Governor's recommendations for FY 2008 for the Education Appropriations budget.

The Subcommittee also reviewed a 2006 *Issue Review* regarding enrollment of high school students in community college courses and discussed the

status of data collection required in HF 2527 (FY 2007 Education Appropriations Act).

February 8

Director Allen Harris and Bruce Snethen, Department for the Blind, reviewed the Department's FY 2008 budget request and the Governor's recommendation. Director Harris addressed the Department's handling of federal and State funding reductions in recent years and recent reductions in staff. He discussed the impact on services and the need for additional funding.



Dan Miller, Executive Director, Iowa Public Television (IPTV), reviewed IPTV's FY 2008 budget request and the Governor's recommendations for funding. He highlighted IPTV's request for \$1.0 million for a mobile unit to broadcast community events and provide practical experience for communications students at Iowa's colleges and universities. The Governor is recommending the appropriation from the General Fund. Because it is a capitals request, it is being considered by the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee.

Tentative Schedule



The tentative schedule for the week of February 12 includes:

- Tuesday, February 13 – Area Education Agencies
- Wednesday, February 14 – Early Childhood – Community Empowerment, Shared Visions, and Preschool Funding
- Thursday, February 15 – Teacher Quality and Administrator Quality

More Information

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GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Subcommittee Meetings

The Government Oversight Committee met on February 8.

Director Mollie Anderson, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) discussed the Department's proposal to manage information technology staff augmentation efforts across State Government. The proposal specifies that DAS will contract with Computer Aid, Inc. (CAI), to manage the process of hiring outside contractors when departments need additional support in the information technology area.



The Department estimates a minimum of \$154,000 will be saved across State government through the utilization of CAI services. The Department agreed to a request from the Committee to develop a reporting mechanism that will specify which departments utilize the service, the number of staff and hours contracted for, the costs of the contract, and the estimated saving. Where possible, the report will include a comparison to the number of staff, hours, and costs for the departments for the previous fiscal year.

William Angrick, Citizens' Aide Ombudsman, provided an overview of cases handled by the Ombudsman's Office in Calendar Year 2006. Additionally,

the Ombudsman discussed possible topics the Oversight Committee may want to consider pursuing.

Tentative Schedule

The tentative schedule for the week of February 12 includes:

- Tuesday, February 13 – Presentation by the Civil Rights Commission, Department of Human Rights, and Auditor of State
- Thursday, February 15 – Presentation by the Department of Corrections

More Information

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Subcommittee Meetings

The Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

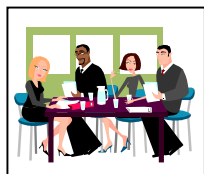
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The Subcommittee received testimony on Division VI of the proposed Comprehensive Affordable Health Care for Families and Small Businesses Bill, which involves mental health parity. Comments were provided by Margaret Stout, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The Subcommittee also received testimony on Division X of the Bill, which involves uncompensated care. Comments were provided by Pete Damiano, University of Iowa.

In addition, the Subcommittee received testimony on Divisions II, III, IV, and IX of the Bill. Comments were provided by Thomas Temple, Iowa Pharmacy Association; Larry Carl, Iowa Dental Association; Nancy Adriane, Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association; David Johnson, University of Iowa; Pete Damiano, University of Iowa; Dr. Stacey Cyphert, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics; Mikki Steir, Broadlawns Medical Center; Greg Boattenhamer, Iowa Hospital Association; and Frank Chaloupke, University of Illinois.

February 7



The Subcommittee received testimony related to Division I of the Bill, which involves the establishment of a health care commission. Comments were provided by John Aschenbrenner, Principal Financial Group; Dave Roederer, Iowa Chamber Alliance; Janet Griffin, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield; Richard Barsch, United Health Care; Sabra Rosena, Iowa Health Systems; Bob Skow, Independent Insurance Agents of Iowa; Paula Dierenfeld, Federation of Iowa Insurers; Ted Williams, African American Business Coalition; and David Lind, National Federation of Independent Business and Iowa Association of Business and Industry.

February 8

The Subcommittee discussed and amended LSB 1043JA, the Comprehensive Affordable Health Care for Families and Small Businesses Bill. The Senate members passed the Bill as amended.

Tentative Schedule

The tentative schedule for the week of February 12 includes:

- Tuesday, February 13 – Discussion of Medicaid issues

- Wednesday, February 14 – Discussion of aging services and veterans issues
- Thursday, February 15 – Discussion of mental health issues

More Information

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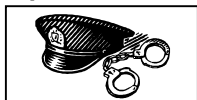
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JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittee Meetings

The Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

Department of Public Safety

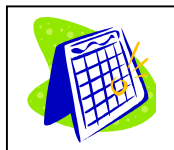


On February 6 and 7, Commissioner Gene Meyer presented information on the Department of Public Safety budget, including the Divisions of Administration, Criminal Investigation, and Narcotics Enforcement, the State Fire Marshal, and the Iowa State Patrol.

Dept. of Public Defense

On February 8, the Subcommittee received a budget briefing and bus tour of Camp Dodge by the Department of Public Defense, Military Division, and Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

Tentative Schedule



The tentative schedule for the week of February 12 includes:

- Tuesday, February 13 – Judge Bower
- Wednesday, February 14 – Department of Corrections
- Thursday, February 15 – Department of Corrections and Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA)

More Information

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TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittee Meetings

The Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee met the week of February 5.

February 6



The Department of Cultural Affairs presented information relating to the FY 2008 Governor's recommendations for the Iowa Great Places Program (\$3.0 million), the Historic Site Preservation Grant Program (\$800,000), and the stabilization of Iowa's battle flags (\$220,000).

The Department of Human Rights, Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning, provided information on the Governor's \$2.9 million recommendation for the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). This

recommendation represents one-third of funding for a five-year implementation plan. The total cost to complete the project is between \$3.5 and \$9.0 million.

The Department of Public Defense, Military Division, presented the Governor's recommendations for infrastructure and technology projects totaling \$7.1 million. The State funds would be matched with an estimated \$69.7 million in federal funds.

February 7



The Department of Transportation presented the Governor's FY 2008 recommendations for aviation programs totaling \$3.9 million, and a recommendation of \$2.0 million for the Recreational Trails Program.

The Department of Workforce Development presented the Governor's recommendations for technology projects totaling \$1.1 million.

More Information

Copies of agendas, minutes, and selected handouts distributed to the Subcommittee are available on the General Assembly web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/ga/committee.do?id=40>.

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UNITED STATES SENATE PASSES MINIMUM WAGE BILL – H.R. 2

Federal Legislation



The U.S. Senate passed H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Bill) on February 2.

The Bill increases the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$5.85 per hour within 60 days of enactment, to \$6.55 per hour after one year, and to \$7.25 per hour in 2009. The Bill also includes an \$8.3 billion package of small business tax incentives and revenue offsets. The U.S. House passed a minimum wage bill last month without any tax provisions.

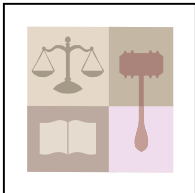
More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARRC Meeting



The Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) met on February 2. The Committee referred the following rules to the General Assembly:

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) rule relating to the transition of the Adult Rehabilitative Option (ARO) to the Rehabilitative Services Program (RSP).
- The DHS rule relating to dependent adult abuse assessments and evaluations.
- The Department of Economic Development rule relating to waivers for renewable fuel requirements.

More Information

The ARRC Bulletins are available on the web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Rules/Current/Bulletin/> . The fiscal impact

summary of the rules is available on the web site at:
http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb/docs/Admin_Rules/arfiscal_notes.htm.

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ISSUE REVIEW - INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Issue Review



The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA recently published an **Issue Review** on Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), which are matched savings accounts that can typically be used only for purchasing a first home, capitalizing a small business, or for educational or job training expenses to enable low-income families to save, build assets, enter the financial mainstream, and develop financial independence.

Summary

The **Issue Review** examines how IDAs operate and perform in selected states.

More Information

Copies of the **Issue Review** may be accessed on the LSA web site at:
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Fiscal/ireview/>.

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ISSUE REVIEW - SHELTER CARE

Issue Review

The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA recently published an **Issue Review** on Shelter Care, which is a child welfare and juvenile justice service provided under the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Summary



The **Issue Review** examines the service of shelter care and recent initiatives to manage utilization and ensure access and availability across the State. One of these initiatives involves contracting with shelter care providers for a certain number of guaranteed payment beds that would be paid for daily regardless of use.

Guaranteed Costs

In FY 2006, the State spent \$1.1 million on guaranteed, unfilled shelter care beds. For FY 2007, a total of \$422,000 was spent through November 2006. It is anticipated that a total of approximately \$972,000 will be spent on unfilled beds in FY 2007, which is approximately 30 empty beds per day.

DHS Report



House File 2734 (FY 2007 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act) required the DHS to submit an emergency service plan to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by December 15, 2006, to identify crisis intervention and emergency service alternatives to shelter care, and the number of guaranteed and non-guaranteed beds deemed necessary as determined by the DHS. The **Issue Review** provides a summary of these recommendations, and the entire report may be accessed on the DHS web site: <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/docs/>.

More Information

Copies of the **Issue Review** may be accessed on the LSA web site at:
<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Fiscal/ireview/>.

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ISSUE REVIEW - SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Issue Review

The Fiscal Services Division of the LSA recently published an *Issue Review* on special license plates issued in Iowa and the cost and distribution of fees collected from the sale of plates.

Revenues



The total fees collected from special license plates, including initial issuance and annual renewal fees, are deposited into the Road Use Tax Fund. For special plates that are sponsored by a State agency and for which fees are designated for a specific fund, prior to crediting the fees to the Road Use Tax Fund, the State Treasurer credits the amount of special plate fees collected in the previous month to the special fund. In FY 2006, approximately \$1.5 million was credited to special funds, which includes initial issuances and annual validation fees.

Cost to Manufacture

Of the estimated \$4.0 million paid from the off-the-top Road Use Tax Fund allocation for manufacturing license plates, an estimated \$112,000 was expended for the manufacture of special plates in FY 2006.

More Information

Copies of the *Issue Review* may be accessed on the LSA web site at: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Fiscal/ireview/>.

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FISCAL SERVICES DIVISION STAFF CHANGES

Staff Changes



Kerri Johannsen, who currently staffs the Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, will be leaving the LSA this week to assume a position with the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry in Washington, D.C. We wish Kerri the best in her new position.

Jess Benson, who currently staffs the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, will assume Kerri's assignment and join Sue Lerdal and Lisa Burk in staffing the Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee. Sam Leto and Doug Wulf will continue to staff the Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Oversight Committee.

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