

FISCAL UPDATE

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STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

As of March 14, 2008

Appropriations Subcommittee Bills		
Subcommittee	LSB/File#	Status
Administration & Regulation	SSB 3264	Passed Joint Subcom – 2/28
Agriculture & Natural Resources	HSB 784	Passed Joint Subcom – 3/12
Judicial Branch	HF 2647	Passed House Approps – 3/11
Justice System	HSB 773	Passed Joint Subcom – 2/28
Transportation	SF 2394	Passed Senate Approps – 3/11
Other Appropriations Bills		
Federal Block Grant	SF 2286	Passed Senate – 3/10
Optical Scan Voting System	SF 2347	Passed Senate – 3/11
Optical Scan Voting System	HF 2630	Passed House Approps – 3/11
Judicial Branch Fees	SF 2331	Passed Sen Judiciary – 3/5
Charities Oversight Fund	SF 2194	Passed Sen State Govt – 2/18
Long-Term Care Insurance	SF 2306	Passed Sen Commerce – 3/3

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SENATE PASSES THE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM BILL – SF 2347

Optical Scan Requirement

The Senate passed SF 2347 (Optical Scan Voting System Bill) requiring counties to purchase optical scan voting systems for elections held on or after November 4, 2008. The Bill creates the Optical Scan Voting System Fund and appropriates \$4.9 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) to the Fund. In addition, the Bill transfers \$2.0 million from the Voting Machine Reimbursement Fund to the Optical Scan Voting System Fund.

Deappropriations

The Bill also deappropriates a total of \$4.6 million from FY 2008 RIIF appropriations, including \$3.6 million for the purchase of a new State office building and \$1.0 million for a feasibility study for improvements to the Workforce Development Building.

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AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE PASSES FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS BILL – HSB 784

Appropriations Bill

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee passed HSB 784 (FY 2009 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill) on March 12. The Bill appropriates a total of \$43.4 million from the General Fund and 1,632.7 positions, a decrease of \$235,000 and no change in positions compared to estimated FY 2008. The Bill also appropriates \$82.7 million in other funds. This is no change compared to estimated FY 2008. Significant changes are outlined below.

REAP

An Environment First Fund increase of \$500,000 to the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund.

District Commissioners	A General Fund increase of \$150,000 to the Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners for expenditure reimbursement.
Natural Resources	A General Fund decrease of \$250,000 to the Department of Natural Resources operations for a general reduction.
Administration	Increases the percentage from 5.0% to 7.0% for the amount of program funding DALS can use for administrative expenditures for the Conservation Reserve and Enhancement Program, Watershed Protection Fund, Farm Demonstration Management Program, Conservation Reserve Program, and Agriculture Drainage Wells Program. The fiscal impact is an increase of \$158,000 for administrative expenses.
More Information	Copies of agendas 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=33

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Recently Published	The Fiscal Services Division has recently published the following documents:
Fiscal Notes	HF 2212 —Smoking Ban in Public Places – Mary Beth Mellick (1-8223) SF 2384 —Child Welfare Services Reimbursement – Sue Lerdal (1-7794) SF 2312 —School Board and Other Election Law Changes – Dave Reynolds (1-6934) HF 2367 —Absentee Ballot Reporting – Dave Reynolds (1-6934) HF 2538 —Housing Enterprise Zone Green Development – Ron Robinson (1-6256) SF 2319 —Wellness Proposal – Sue Lerdal (1-7794) SF 2251 —Kids’ Eye Exams – Sue Lerdal (1-7794) SF 2329 —Categorical Programs in School Funding Formula – Shawn Snyder (1-7799) SF 2358 —Veterans Educational Assistance – Dwayne Ferguson (1-6561) HF 2269 —Real Estate Broker Trust Account Transfer – Ron Robinson (1-6256) HF 2379 —Senior Administrative Law Judge – Deb Helsen (1-6764) HF 2539 —Health Care Reform – Jess Benson (1-4611) and Sue Lerdal (1-7794) HF 2400 —Watershed Quality Task Force Policy Bill – Deb Kozel (1-6767)
NOBAs	SF 2286 – Block Grant Appropriations – Deb Helsen (1-6764) and Sue Lerdal (1-7794) HF 2647 – Judicial Branch Appropriations – Jen Acton (1-7846) SF 2347 – Optical Scan Voting System – Dave Reynolds (1-6934) HF 2630 – Optical Scan Voting System – Dave Reynolds (1-6934) SF 2331 – Judicial Branch Fees – Jen Acton (1-7846) SF 2194 – Charities Oversight Fund – Beth Lenstra (1-6301) SF 2306 – Long-Term Care Insurance – Deb Helsen (1-6764)

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MEETINGS MONITORED

Meetings Monitored	Following is a list of meetings attended and monitored by Fiscal Services staff since the last Fiscal Update was published. Please contact the staff listed for more information.
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Meeting	Date	Staff Contact
IPERS Benefit Advisory Committee	3-10-2008	Jen Acton (1-7846) Deb Helsen (1-6764)
Iowa Power Fund Board	3-12-2008	Deb Helsen (1-6764)

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