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SESSION ENDS – SINE DIE!

Iowa's legislative session came to an end on Sunday, April 26 at 5:55 a.m. on the 105th day of session. Depending on your math, the session either ended five days early (it was originally scheduled for 110 days) or five days late (leaders shortened session to 100 days to save money).

The end of session was brutal, and legislators didn't feel much like going out for brunch after a two-day marathon that included a 20-hour day on Friday, and a 21-hour day on Saturday. Legislators survived on vending machine food and stale coffee during those late hours, and had only one five-hour break to run home for a quick nap and (hopefully) shower before resuming.

The day-after headlines focused on legislators passing Iowa's largest budget ever. That may be confusing to many, since budgets were cut an average of 11% in human services. The reality is much of the additional money that makes this the largest budget ever is federal dollars intended to help the effects of unemployment and stimulate the economy. Another chunk of those funds are borrowed dollars to help repair infrastructure and put Iowans back to work.

The issue of how much money was spent, and how it was spent, will probably be a big issue as legislators return home this summer and begin looking at re-election in 2010.

CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS

Finding the Names of Your Legislators:

- ✓ It's on your mailing label (unless you have a PO box or business address, or are a new subscriber)
- ✓ Call the Legislative Information Office (515-281-5129) – you need to know your street address
- ✓ Enter your street address online www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/

Your Legislators' Emails can be found at:
www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Legislators/LegislatorInfo.aspx

Calls to your legislators must now be made to their home addresses. This information is available from one of the above sources.

Letters to your legislators must now be sent their home addresses – they are no longer at the Capitol. This information is available from one of the above sources.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE ad·journ·ment si·ne di·e

Noun. Ending of the Legislature for the year, taking place on the last day of a session.

This will be the last update of the legislative session. The Governor has 30 days now to sign or veto all the bills sent to him by the legislature. We will send out another update at the end of this 30-day period, around the end of May. The issue will be brief, list the bills signed or vetoed, and focus on activities to do over the summer to improve your advocacy skills. While much was accomplished this year, there is much still to be done, and you can make a difference!

infoNET will return to its interim (summer/fall) schedule, sent out every other month. We will include our new schedule in the next issue, so you know when to expect it.

THE FINAL WORD ON THE SESSION

Legislators introduced 2,043 bills this session – about 13 bills for each legislator. Only 171 of those bills are making their way to Governor Culver, who gets to decide whether they become law (sign them) or not (veto or line-item veto them). As you can see, the odds of getting to the Governor's desk are pretty small (just 8%). What makes the difference? Active citizens - like you!

- **Locally delivered Mental Health/Disability Services (MH/DS) got a big surprise in the final days of session - an additional \$10 million!** Counties were bracing for another very tough year of increased demand on capped budgets after the Health/Human Services Budget ([HF 811](#)) passed with no additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2010). To balance the budget, legislators had to cut all allowed growth (about \$8 million). Lawmakers decided locally delivered MH/DS services was a priority, so they put \$10 million of the state's federal stimulus dollars into the county MH/DS Risk Pool. Dates were moved up so counties could get money quicker (applications are due July 1, awards are made August 15, and money is sent out to counties on September 15).

- **Unfortunately, the \$10 million is one-time funds, and the legislature did not factor it in when they passed the FY 2011 allowed growth funds ([SF 478](#)).** The FY 2011 budget year will see only 3% growth (about \$8 million) - basically skipping a year of growth and starting the state off \$8 million behind when the 2010 legislative session convenes.
- **Yet another group will be working over the summer to figure out the future of the state-county mental health/disability services funding partnership ([HF 811](#)).** The Health/Human Services Budget Chairs will appoint a group of stakeholders to informally review options. This may be the fifth or sixth group tasked with this responsibility - every time group has concluded the problem is one of resources (not enough money).
- **Lawmakers strengthened Iowa's laws that oversee employers who pay less than minimum wage to workers with disabilities, and more closely review boarding house living situations ([SF 484](#)).** Legislators passed a bill recommended by the task force investigating the Atalissa boarding house situation, but were quick to say it is only the beginning.
- **Legislators failed to end insurance discrimination against persons with mental illness or substance abuse.** Mental health parity ([HF 234](#) & [SF 418](#)) laws fell one vote short of the 51 needed to pass. Six Democratic House lawmakers killed the bill - Rep. Mike Reasoner, Rep. Geri Huser, Rep. Doris Kelley, Rep. McKinley Bailey, Rep. Roger Thomas, and Rep. Brian Quirk. No House Republicans would support the bill. The bill would have required state-regulated health insurance plans to pay for the treatment of mental illness and substance abuse just as they do for any other illness.

- **While legislators failed to pass mental health parity, they did pass other insurance mandates that addressed other inequities in coverage.** Insurance plans will now be required to pay for cancer treatment whether the medications are administered intravenously or by mouth ([SF 478](#)), pay for up to ten hours of outpatient diabetes self-management training for people diagnosed with any type of diabetes ([HF 478](#)), cover costs of prosthetic devices prescribed by a doctor and determined to be medically necessary ([HF 311](#)), and cover the first 30-days of a child's stay in a Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children (PMIC) ([SF 478](#)).
- **Health care reforms continued this year ([SF 389](#)),** most notably extending state-supported health care coverage to nearly every Iowa child starting in 2010. Parents will be required to report whether their children are insured when filing their state taxes (and parents who qualify for state assistance would be required to apply for it within 90 days of receiving notice). Legislators also passed a resolution ([HR 6](#)) that urges the adoption of disability-friendly principles for Iowa's health care system.
- **A tax credit for businesses that purchase assistive technology or make adaptations in the workplace to accommodate employees with disabilities was repealed this year ([SF 478](#)).** The tax credit will no longer be available beginning tax year 2009. Despite increased efforts to market the tax credit, only one business has applied for it since 2000. This could mean several things - either people aren't hiring people with disabilities, worksites are already adapted, or they are making accommodations because it is the right thing to do not because they save on taxes. Let's hope for the latter!
- **Despite a work group and lots of discussions, legislators did not move forward in closing a State Resource Center (Woodward or Glenwood) or one of the four State Mental Health Institutes.** Legislators did pass language in the Health/Human Services budget ([HF 811](#)) requiring DHS make a recommendation on closing an MHI, working with a Governor-appointed task force of stakeholders.
- **Budget cutbacks may mean reductions at DHS that could lead to service disruptions or delays, including leaving many positions unfilled.** However, because of a late decision to add funding, DHS will likely avoid the serious layoffs they were facing earlier in the session (early reports were between 300-500 people being laid off). Despite budget cutbacks, DHS is being asked to do a lot this summer, including adding behavior programming, crisis intervention and mental health outreach services to waiver programs; reviewing options for implementing an HCBS waiver program for individuals under age 21 with autism; and requiring a state plan amendment that would allow DHS to cover Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy in the Remedial Services Program. And that is just a few of the things they were asked to do.
- **In the final hours of session, legislators agreed to the Governor's plan to borrow \$765 million to pay for the construction and repair of Iowa's infrastructure (roads, bridges, trails, public transit, trains, buildings).** The plan will help fund things like the construction of a new Czech & Slovak Museum and Public Library in Cedar Rapids (both of which were destroyed in the 2008 flood) and \$25 million in grants for the deployment of high-speed broadband (Internet) access throughout the state. This proposal, called I-Jobs, is intended to put people back to work and stimulate the economy while repairing Iowa's infrastructure.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW DHS DIRECTOR

The people Governor Culver appoints to run his state departments are required by law to be confirmed by 2/3 of the Iowa Senate.

Gene Gessow, the Director of the Department of Human Services, did not receive Senate confirmation this year. Senate Republicans refused to support him, saying he was not open enough about the Atalissa controversy. He needed two Republicans in order to be confirmed.

Governor Culver announced on April 30 that his current Chief of Staff and former Department of Management Director Charlie Krogmeier would take over as the head of DHS starting immediately. You can read the press release from the Governor at: www.governor.iowa.gov/news/2009/04/30_1.php.

BILL TRACKER

The infoNET Bill Tracker will be updated as the Governor signs legislation. You can find it in two places:

- www.infonetiowa.com/current_issue/active_bills.php
- www.ialobby.com/CPCBillTracker/tabid/59/Default.aspx?cid=INFONET#.

The following bills were passed by the Iowa Legislature this year, and have either been signed by the Governor, or are waiting for a signature. The Governor has 30 days to sign or veto these bills.

If you see something in this list that you would like to see signed (become law), vetoed (not become law), or line item vetoed (part of a budget bill you'd like to see taken out before the bill is signed) - you can still take action!

Contacting the Governor

The ball is now in the Governor's court. The Legislature has done its work, and now it is the Governor's decision as to whether the bills passed by the Legislature will become law.

The Governor listens to Iowans and welcomes your thoughts and concerns about these bills. You can contact the Governor's office in three ways:

Write Governor Culver and Lt. Governor Judge a letter:

Office of The Governor and Lt. Governor
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Call the Office of The Governor:

515.281.5211

Send Governor Culver and Lt. Governor Judge an email:

www.governor.iowa.gov/administration/contact/

BILL TRACKER – SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

HF 64 - Rebuild Iowa Disaster Recovery (Signed) -

This bill contains disaster assistance through the rebuild Iowa office and makes appropriations. Division I of the bill requires the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) to establish and administer a jumpstart housing assistance program to provide grants to local government participants for eligible residents for eligible purposes relating to disaster-affected homes. The bill includes eligibility requirements and appropriates \$24 million from the Iowa economic emergency fund for the program. Division II of the bill appropriates \$10 million from the Iowa economic emergency fund to the department of human services for providing disaster aid individual assistance grants. Division III of the bill appropriates from the Iowa economic emergency fund \$22 million for community disaster grants to cities and counties, awarded based on their pro rata share of the total statewide damage costs associated with natural disasters occurring after May 24, 2008, and before August 14, 2008, as calculated by the federal

emergency management agency as of January 1, 2009. Division IV of the bill creates a Rebuild Iowa Office for purposes of coordinating the state activities associated with the rebuilding efforts. Effective 2/2/2009; Retroactive to 6/28/2009.

HF 311 - Prosthetic Device Insurance Coverage

(Signed) - Requires all health insurance plans to cover the costs of prosthetic devices prescribed by a doctor. In order for the device to be covered by the insurance, it must be "medically necessary" as defined by federal law for health insurance for Americans with disabilities. Allows Medicare Part B (prescription drug) coverage to apply same deductibles and out-of-pocket limits. Effective 7/1/2009.

HF 414 - 2009 Budget Cuts & Restorations (Signed) -

Enacts the Governor's 1.5% across the board cut to the current year's budget (fiscal year 2009), but does it in a more selected manner by increasing cuts in some areas and reinstating funding for "priority" programs. Codifies the Governor's flood recovery actions, including the creation of the Jumpstart Housing Initiative and the Small Business Disaster Recovery program. Transfers \$37 million of infrastructure funds to the general fund to balance the budget. Reduces state agency administrative funding by \$25.6 million for the current fiscal year. FY 2009 FUNDING RESTORATIONS: Restores the 1.5% across the board cut to various programs, including mental health and substance abuse treatment for persons in prisons and all county mental health and disability services funding (\$1,326,000 to county property tax relief, \$203,372 to state cases, \$272,318 to community services, and \$811,220 to county allowed growth). Fiscal year 2009 began on July 1, 2008 and runs until June 30, 2009.

SF 82 - Iowa Workforce Development Board

Expansion (Signed) - Companion to HF 267. Adds four non-voting members to the Iowa Workforce Development Board - a representative from the vocational rehabilitation community (appointed by the State Rehabilitation Council of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), representatives from the Department of Education and the Department of Economic Development, and someone appointed by the US Department of Labor (Office of Apprenticeship). Requested by Iowa Workforce Development

SF 137 - Wage Discrimination (Signed) - Makes it illegal to discriminate against employees (and pay them less) because of age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion or disability. Allows the Civil Rights Commission to award damages to a person subject to wage discrimination. Effective 7/1/2009.

SF 187 - Special Deer Hunting Licenses/Non-Ambulatory Persons (Signed) - Allows a non-

ambulatory person to get one any sex deer hunting license valid during any deer hunting season. This person is not required to pay the wildlife habitat fee, but must still buy the deer hunting license and hunting license, be otherwise qualified to hunt, and pay the \$1 fee for deer herd management. A "non-ambulatory person" means someone with paralysis of the lower half of the body, including spinal cord injuries. Effective 7/1/2009.

BILL TRACKER – SENT TO GOVERNOR

HF 478 - Diabetes Insurance Coverage (Sent to Governor) - Requires insurance plans to cover outpatient diabetes self-management training (10 hours/year) for any individual diagnosed with any type of diabetes. Current law requires only 10 hours of initial training for certain types of diabetes. Applies to individual, group, and public employer plans. Effective upon enactment to plans started or renewed on or after 7/1/2009.

HF 488 - Service Animals/HCBS Waiver Eligibility

(Sent to Governor) - Successor to HF 106. Directs DHS to apply for a waiver to add the purchase and maintenance of a service animal to the list of eligible services under the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. Sponsored by Rep. Heaton

HF 708 - Absentee Ballot Delivery/Health Care

Facilities (Sent to Governor) - Requires absentee ballots requested by a hospital or health care facility resident be delivered sometime during the 14 days leading up to an election or on election day (current law requires delivery in the ten days before the election). Successor to HF 274.

HF 712 - Private Cause of Action (Sent to Governor) -

Iowa is the only state in the nation without a law that allows a person to sue a company for consumer fraud. Only the Iowa Attorney General (AG) can file an action under Iowa's Consumer Fraud Act. The AG's Office receive more than 6,000 complaints each year, and cannot prosecute all of them. Passing this bill would mean Iowans who are the victims of consumer fraud, often vulnerable people, could take court action. This is very important now after the floods and tornadoes, as many of these frauds happen when people pay a contractor to fix their homes, and the person never does the work. Right now, the person who was the victim of that fraud would not be able to take action. This law would let that person take the contractor to court. The law does not apply to insurance companies, attorneys, banks and credit unions, public utilities, hospitals, health care facilities, hospice programs, health care and mental health providers, public accountants, engineers, funeral directors, architects, realtors, cable companies, and landscape architects. Requested by the Iowa Attorney General.

HF 805 - Transportation Budget (Sent to Governor) - Appropriates funds from road funds to pay for the

operations of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Since no general fund dollars are used to pay for DOT operations, no across-the-board cuts were made in 2009 and none are recommended in 2010. Spends a total of \$352.4 million from the Road Use Tax Fund and Primary Road Fund (an increase of \$15.6 million, or .04%). Increases are due to increased facility leases, upgraded permitting systems, road salt cost increases, fuel costs, and identity theft protection in driver's licenses and REAL ID compliance. There is no change in funding for public transportation or rail service, although these may receive additional funding through the federal stimulus package.

HF 809 – Administration & Regulation Budget (Sent to Governor) - Appropriates \$85.9 million in FY 2010 on various state agencies (a decrease of \$11.6 million, or 14%). Spends \$378,792 on the Deaf Services Division (\$46,067 cut) and \$208,231 on the Persons with Disabilities Division (\$25,234 cut). Eliminates funding for the Capitol shuttle services (\$120,000, which should be covered now by the City of Des Moines Transit System). Also changes inspections related to state-licensed health care facilities not certified under Medicare/Medicaid programs by requiring inspections only upon complaint (instead of every 30 months). Requires the Department of Inspections & Appeals to make the following information available to the public in a timely manner (including on the DIA website) beginning 7/1/2009: # of inspections conducted annually by type of service provider and type of inspection; total annual operational budget for the health facilities division (including general fund and federal contract dollars) by type of service provider inspected; total # of employees including supervisors, surveyors, inspectors & monitors by type of service provider inspected; and identification of state/federal survey trends, cited regulations, scope and severity of deficiencies, & federal/state fines assessed and collected in nursing home and assisted living facilities and programs. States legislative intent for DIA to continually solicit input from regulated facilities to assess and improve collaboration.

HF 811 - Health & Human Services Budget (Sent to Governor) - Appropriates \$1.3 billion for FY 2010 to various aging, health, child welfare and human services programs, an increase of \$25.1 million (but not enough of an increase to fully fund demand for services). Nearly all items (except Medicaid) receive a standard 11% cut, which is on top of last year's 1.5% across-the-board reduction. Only Medicaid, county mental health services, and select other services did not receive the 1.5% cut. The amounts of the FY 2010 cuts are shown below. **AGING:** Cuts funding for the Department on Aging by \$316,214 (6.4% cut), for a total of \$4,958,230. This decrease includes a cut of \$30,000 for the Office of Substitute Decision Maker and \$20,237 cut in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Uses the remaining \$220,000 appropriated to the Office of Substitute Decision Maker to provide for "elder unmet home and community-based

services needs as identified in the reports submitted by the Area Agencies on Aging." Provides \$200,000 to implement the recommendations of the direct care worker task force (an increase of \$125,000) and \$150,000 (an increase of \$10,000) for the Iowa Caregivers Association for education, outreach, leadership development, mentoring and training to help with recruitment and retention of health and long-term care direct care workers. The bill eliminates the Long-Term Care Public Awareness Campaign (\$75,000) and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (\$200,000). **PUBLIC HEALTH:** Cuts the Department of Public Health funding by 11.3%. Adds \$161,349 in new funding to implement the Public Health Modernization Act (\$61,349 was previously used to fund modernization planning efforts). Maintains funding for dental homes for children (\$1 million). Cuts Department of Public Health (DPH) programs – substance abuse prevention and treatment programs (8.7% cut, or about \$163,393); Phenylketonuria (PKU) Assistance Program (\$21,958 cut); Epilepsy Education Program (\$11,062 cut); Brain Injury resource facilitators and training services (\$54,482 cut); Child Vision Screening (\$8,503 cut); Mental Health Workforce Initiative at the University of Iowa and Cherokee Mental Health Institute (\$26,399 cut); childhood lead testing (\$61,084 cut); and health promotion partnership activities (\$300,000 cut, leaving \$600,000). Cuts additional home health care and public health nursing funding in half (\$1,054,060 appropriation is a \$1,455,900 cut). **HUMAN SERVICES/CHILD WELFARE:** Decreases state childcare assistance by \$2.8 million (\$66.3 million total) and continues level funding (\$350,000) for Day Care for Exceptional Children (a program in Polk County that keeps children with serious disabilities in their own homes and avoids costly institutional placement). **HUMAN SERVICES/MEDICAID:** Increases Medicaid by \$32.7 million for a total FY 2010 appropriation of \$678.04 million, and reduces FY 2009 appropriation by \$5.4 million to reflect additional anticipated stimulus dollars. The FY 2010 appropriation reflects a \$53.4 million increase for increased enrollment and utilization; \$9 million increase to replace lost federal funding for the state's Mental Health Institutes; \$6.04 million increase to annualize the HCBS waiver programs (keeping service level); \$988,923 increase for Targeted Case Management; \$95 million increase to replace funding no longer available from the Senior Living Trust Fund; and \$85.1 million decrease to reflect expanded federal matching payments from the federal stimulus bill. Maintains current funding for nursing home, ICF/MR and ICF/MI personal needs allowances (\$50/month). Also maintains provider reimbursements at current levels (no nursing home rebasing this year in this bill, but there is \$6 million in the federal block grant/stimulus package bill, HF 820), except non-institutional providers are increased by 1% for FY 2010. Requests an interim study on improper use of prescription medications and strategies/solutions to the problem (members include nurses, pharmacists, doctors, insurers, and many others), and review use of medication therapy management and other collaborative

models of care. Requires the Executive Committee of the Electronic Health Information Advisory Council to review the electronic exchange of individually identifiable health information by health care providers in facilitating informed treatment decisions and providing higher quality and safer care (while protecting patient privacy). The review will include proposed changes in law, and is due by 12/15/2009. HUMAN SERVICES/MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITY SERVICES: Increases funding for State Supplementary Assistance (SSA) by \$80,432 (\$18.4 million total). Maintains funding for MH/DD community services (\$4.9 million) and the Child at Home Program (\$433,312). Reduces funding for the following programs by 11.3%: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant state match (\$14,283 cut); Four Oaks Autism Spectrum Disorder Services Program (\$1,208 cut, for total \$23,792); Prevention of Disabilities Council (\$8,444 cut); Iowa Compass (\$3,840 cut); Woodward State Resource Center (\$1.3 million cut); all Mental Health Institutes; State Cases (\$1.6 million cut); Mental Health Community Services (\$2.2 million cut); culturally competent substance abuse treatment pilot projects (\$55,987 cut for the three programs); tobacco use prevention, cessation, and treatment program (\$249,946 cut, leaving \$1.6 million but capping administration at \$148,262); audiological services and hearing aids to children (\$46,944 cut, leaving \$190,328); child health specialty clinics (leaving \$845,103); psychologist internship program (\$9,100, leaving \$40,900); and psychiatrist residency program (\$36,400, leaving \$163,600). Reduces funding for the Family Support Subsidy Program by 7% (\$130,175, with \$1.8 million total funding). Cuts county MH/MR/DD Allowed Growth by \$15.9 million, or 12.8%. Cuts \$450,000 from a tuition assistance pilot program in Mason City for persons serving individuals with disabilities (leaving \$50,000). Eliminates the mobile Alzheimer's unit at the Clarinda Mental Health Institute (\$266,940) and cuts funding to and Glenwood State Resource Center by 4.8% (\$1.3 million cut). Makes the current appropriation for emergency mental health and children's mental health grants for two years (\$1.5 million will carry forward and be used by Black Hawk and Polk counties for two-year grants – but the amount will be \$500,000 short). Specifically states that continuation of mobile crisis units is a reason for priority funding in the MH/MR/DD Risk Pool. Requires coordination between the MH/MR/DD/BI Commission and the Mental Health Planning Council, and requires the Chairs of the Health/Human Services Budget Subcommittee to appoint a task force of stakeholders to review and make recommendations for the county MH/MR/DD services system, with action to be taken in the 2010 session. Allows Medicaid to bill counties for a lower amount (to reflect additional federal stimulus dollars in State Resource Center match). Requires DHS to staff a task force appointed by the Governor to review the four State Mental Health Institutes, including public benefits and economic effects to communities where MHIs are located (report due 12/15/2009). Requires DHS to submit

proposal to close one state MHI and consolidate services provided without reducing the total number of beds currently available (the proposal is to be developed in coordination with the task force reviewing the benefits of the MHIs). Requires the State Resource Centers to report quarterly on the number of employees, new units or expansions, and implementation of new services. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE: Requires DHS use the most current population factors in mental health funding formulas and continues to allow counties to implement waiting lists if state cases funds are insufficient. Requires DHS to add behavior programming, crisis intervention and mental health outreach services to waiver programs. Requires DHS to review options for implementing an HCBS waiver program for individuals under age 21 with autism. Requires DHS to submit a state plan amendment to cover Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy in the Remedial Services Program. Continues to require the Behavioral Health Managed Care Contract to submit all interest earned on state funds to be given back to the state. Requires all departments to maximize efficiencies and reduce budgets by an additional 5% in FY 2011 (reports on this are due to the Legislature by 12/15/2009). Requires DHS to transfer the Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children Waiver to a 1915(c) HCBS waiver. Effective 7/1/2009.

HF 820 - Federal Block Grant Bill (Sent to Governor) - Authorizes expenditure of \$5 billion in federal block grant funds, an increase of \$400 million compared to the previous year. DISASTER RECOVERY: \$201.8 million to the Department of Public Defense (an increase of \$57.6 million due to disaster-related expenses). MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE: \$13.5 million from the substance abuse block grant to the Department of Public Health (\$206,382 cut); requires \$1.4 million of the substance abuse dollars be used for pregnant women or women with dependent children (no change); \$3.5 million for community mental health services, of which 95% goes to community mental health centers for evidence-based practices (no change); \$7.5 million for local purchase of MH/MR/DD/BI services (\$69,000 cut); \$7.4 million for grants to the Department for the Blind (\$720,366 cut); \$500,000 increase for vocational rehabilitation cost-of-living adjustments; \$300,000 increase for vocational rehabilitation SSA reimbursement for services; and \$3.2 million increase in disability determination services. Requires the DHS to administer the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness and outlines the requirements for projects receiving funds for the transition from homelessness from the federal Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration funding. SOCIAL SERVICES: \$7 million for Community Action Agencies (no change); \$36.8 million for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (\$31 million cut, returning the program to normal levels after the previous year's supplemental appropriation; this also includes \$4.6 million in additional funding for home weatherization). It should be noted that any cuts (or increases) to programs

is not a decision of the Legislature - they are simply appropriating the money that was decided on last year by Congress. The cuts reflect a federal decision. This bill merely distributes the money appropriated by Congress to the appropriate departments and agencies. FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS: Allocates funds from the federal stimulus package, including \$40 million for schools, \$2.6 billion for the school aid foundation, \$202.5 million for allowable growth, \$80.3 million for state universities, and \$23.1 million for AEAs. Adds \$5.5 million for road construction and repair (half goes to cities, half goes to counties, must be used in two years). Allocates an additional \$21.6 million to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties (4% administrative cap). Appropriates \$125.3 million in CDBG Disaster Relief grants. Allocates \$25 million for technology grants to assist in the deployment of high speed broadband (Internet) access throughout Iowa. Gives \$400,000 to the Department of Inspections & Appeals to pay for nursing home and dependent-adult related investigations. Rebases nursing homes (increases reimbursements) with an additional \$6 million appropriation. Adds \$237,173 to Medicaid and \$6,263,231 to the children's health insurance program (hawk-i, of which \$510,249 is to be used for expanded dental services). Adds \$10,480,000 to the Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Property Tax Relief Fund, and reduces the general fund appropriation to this fund by \$2,964,543 (but takes all of that cut out of the amount of money in this fund going to DHS). Makes a \$10 million appropriation to the MH/MR/DD Risk Pool, to help counties reduce waiting lists and preserve services (since the \$8 million in expected allowed growth was eliminated for FY 2010, these funds are expected to stabilize and keep the system afloat). Adds \$325,430 for county MH/MR/DD state cases. Appropriates \$400,000 for a pilot project to provide health insurance premium subsidies for direct care workers who have access to employer health plans, but cannot afford it. Adds funding for Glenwood (\$2.3 million for FY09, \$2.5 million in FY10) and Woodward (\$1.35 million in FY09, \$642,029 in FY10), and \$2.9 million in additional funding for the four state MHIs. Designates \$315,000 for use by the Legislative Services Agency in doing all the activities required in the health care reform bill (SF 389). Effective 7/1/2009, with federal stimulus dollars retroactive to 10/1/2008.

HF 822 - Infrastructure (RIIF) Budget (Sent to Governor) - This bill spends the state's gambling revenues (which are placed in the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund, or RIIF). Funds are to be used for infrastructure, usually buildings and roads although sometimes for technology. Appropriates \$83.5 million in FY 2010 - \$69 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF), \$14.3 million from the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF), and \$196,000 from the Restricted Capitals Fund (RCF). PUBLIC TRANSIT:

Appropriates \$1.25 million for public transit vertical infrastructure (new appropriation), \$200,000 for the Capitol shuttle service in FY 2010 (\$12,000 increase), \$13,000 supplemental appropriation for the Capitol shuttle service in FY 2009, and \$3 million to study expanded passenger rail service in Iowa (new appropriation that is being used to match \$12 million in federal funds to initially look at establishing rail links in Dubuque and between Iowa City and Quad Cities). OTHER: Appropriates \$5 million for continued Capitol restoration, including ADA and building code compliance. Delays the \$10 million in funding for the Institute for Biomedical Discovery for a year (to FY 2011). Appropriates \$1 million for local public libraries (no change), \$200,000 for the Independence Mental Health Institute (new appropriation to improve safety and emergency systems at the facility) and \$130,000 for the second year of a grant to Prevent Blindness Iowa for screening of children for early detection of vision problems and distribute information to build public awareness (no change). TECHNOLOGY REINVESTMENT FUND (TRF): Appropriates \$14.3 million in FY 2010, including \$250,000 for the 211 call center (24/7 call center operated by United Way to provide free health, human services, and community support information).

SF 151 - Iowa Railway Finance Authority Repeal (Sent to Governor) - Successor to SSB 1167. This bill would repeal the Iowa Railway Finance Authority and transfers those duties and responsibilities to the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT), including administration of the passenger rail service revolving fund. The bill also expands the authority of the Director of IDOT to enter into agreements for developing passenger rail service serving Iowa.

SF 236 - PMIC Reimbursements (Sent to Governor) - Directs DHS to work with Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMICs) to develop a new reimbursement methodology that is acuity (need) based. The new methodology is to be in place by 7/1/2011. For FY2010 and FY2011, DHS is required to set the new maximum daily rate for PMIC providers at \$182.27 (based on 103% of the patient-day weighted state average cost. Requires DHS apply for federal approval to pay a cost-based rate to the PMIC located at the Independence Mental Health Institute (total cost to operate PMIC at Independence is \$320.23/day, but federal government only matches up to \$167.19/day). Fiscal note expects \$810,000 in additional costs to the state in FY 2010 and FY 2011, but the increased rate is offset by a savings in \$780,000 of additional federal matching funds and \$30,000 in out-of-state placement avoidance (so no fiscal impact). Requires the DHS review of out-of-state PMIC placements and develop utilization review procedures that continue to take into consideration the best interest of the child and the child's family. Effective upon enactment. Requested by Governor Culver.

SF 376 – Bonding Part 3 (Sent to Governor) - Authorizes \$545 Million in bonding for certain infrastructure projects and for purposes of the Iowa jobs program. The bill creates the Iowa jobs board consisting of eleven members located for administrative purposes within the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). The executive director of IFA shall provide staff assistance and necessary supplies and equipment for the board. The bill creates an Iowa jobs restricted capitals fund consisting of \$165 Million to be allocated as follows: \$118.5 Million for competitive grants for local infrastructure projects relating to disaster rebuilding, reconstruction and replacement of local buildings, flood control and flood protection, and future flood prevention public projects. \$46.5 Million for disaster relief and mitigation and local infrastructure grants for the following renovation and construction projects: \$10M for the construction of a shared facility between nonprofit human service organizations serving the public, \$5M for a facility for a county-funded workshop program serving the public and particularly persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities, \$5M for an economic redevelopment project improving energy efficiency and the development of alternative and renewable energy technologies, \$10M for the Cedar Rapids Czech Museum, \$5M for a theater, \$5M for the Cedar Rapids Public Library, \$5M for a public works building, and several other purposes. The bill includes several other allocations to state departments, including but not limited to the following: \$5M for the Iowa Energy Center, \$55M to the IFA for water quality and wastewater improvement projects, \$25M for public broadband technology grants for the deployment and sustainability of high-speed broadband access, \$50M for functionally obsolete and structurally deficient bridges, \$10M each year for 3 years to the river enhancement community attraction and tourism (RECAT) fund, \$12M for the community attraction and tourism fund, and \$5.5M for accelerated career education program capital projects at community colleges.

SF 389 - Health Care Reform (Sent to Governor) - Expands on last year's health care reform initiative. Highlights include allowing small businesses, non-profit organizations, and local governments/schools to buy the state employees' health insurance plans for their employees, with the same premiums given to state employees. Requires a minimum of three years participation in the program and requires the insurance plans offered to meet minimum standards of quality and affordability established by the Iowa Choice Insurance Exchange. Allows parents whose insurance includes coverage of an adult child up to age 25 or enrolled in school to deduct the value of that coverage from their state taxes. Requires parents to declare on their taxes whether their children are insured (beginning 2010). Requires the Department of Revenue to send information about public programs if they find a person's income meets Medicaid/hawki guidelines and they have

uninsured children. Requires the taxpayer who qualifies for these health care programs to enroll their child within 90 days of receiving the information. Allows Medicaid to average three years of income for self-employed families to establish eligibility. Allows private providers giving free care to be covered under the state's liability insurance, and establishes a health care workforce shortage initiative to support a medical residency training grant program, health care professional loan repayment program, and nurse educator forgivable loan and nursing faculty fellowship program (no money appropriated). Mandates all non-ERISA insurance plans cover medication therapy management. Prohibits drug manufacturers from giving health care providers gifts, with some exceptions. Protects the privacy of patients receiving prescription drugs (bans data mining by pharmaceutical companies).

SF 438 - Dependent Adult Abuse (Sent to Governor) - Make changes in Iowa law related to dependent adult abuse and care of nursing facility residents. Clarifies the definition of "sexual exploitation" of a dependent adult by a caregiver to include sending or showing sexually explicit photos/videos of the dependent adult. Excludes the element of sexual arousal or desire from the definition of sexual exploitation. If a dependent adult's caretaker refuses to allow protective services, the courts are allowed to require protective services (issue a protective order). Adds a new penalty level for dependent adult abuse by a caretaker - a caretaker who intentionally or knowingly commits dependent adult abuse is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. Successor to SSB 1206.

SF 470 - Education Budget (Sent to Governor) - Spends \$909.8 million on educational programs and services for FY 2010 (\$361 million decrease over current year spending). This is nearly a 40% cut, which legislators hope will be mostly made up with federal stimulus funds. The following receives a 7.9% cut: Child Health Specialty Clinics (\$60,450 cut). The following receive a standard 8.3% cut: Department of the Blind (\$205,242 cut); Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division (\$468,599 cut); VR's Independent Living Program (\$4,642 cut); and Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Program (\$16,410 cut). The following receive a 9% cut: State School for the Deaf (\$831,071 cut); Iowa Braille & Sight Saving School (\$469,928 cut); and Tuition & Transportation costs for these schools (\$1,233 cut). Finally, funding for the Centers for Independent Living Grants (\$250,000) and Community College Interpreters for the Deaf (\$197,000) were eliminated.

SF 474 – Bonding – Part 1 (Sent to Governor) - Authorizes a total of \$115 Million of bonding to be carried out by the Board of Regents. \$100 Million would be authorized to repair, restore, and replace flood damaged buildings and facilities and to undertake other flood recovery and mitigation projects on the campus at the state University of Iowa. \$15 Million would be authorized

for phase II of the construction and renovation of the veterinary medical facilities at Iowa State University of science and technology, specifically the renovation and modernization of the area formerly occupied by the large animal area of the teaching hospital for expanded clinical services in a small animal hospital.

SF 475 - Justice Budget (Sent to Governor) -

Appropriates a total of \$515.4 million for various law enforcement, corrections, and justice programs in FY 2010 (an \$18.4 million cut from current year funding). This is a 3.6% spending cut. Spends \$24,799 for offender mental health and substance abuse treatment in prisons (\$195 cut) and \$1,533,179 on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission (\$12,053 cut). The Civil Rights Commission has been looked at to help with the recommendations coming out of the Governor's Task Force on Dependent Adults with Mental Retardation.

SF 476 - Nursing Home Quality Assurance (Sent to Governor) -

Successor to SF 422. Charges a "quality assurance assessment" fee to nursing homes that is used to draw down and match additional federal dollars. The fee is paid quarterly into a state fund, which is matched with federal dollars and used as a supplemental reimbursement to nursing homes. The bill requires that at least 35% of the funds received by nursing homes through the assessment be used to increase direct care worker salaries, and at least 60% be used to increase all nursing facility staff salaries and compensation. The new methodology will build in nursing home rebasing, so there will no longer be a need for separate rebasing. Effective upon enactment (or upon approval by the federal government).

SF 477 - Bonding – Part 2 (Sent to Governor) -

Authorizes \$105 Million of bonding for Alternative Energy and Vertical Infrastructure Projects.

SF 478 - Standings Bill (Sent to Governor) The

"Standings Bill" is a catch-all for everything they didn't get done the traditional way, which includes the pre-appropriation for mental health allowed growth (FY 2011), property tax credit reimbursements to local governments, and funding for state employee salaries. This year the bill spends an additional \$159.2 million on various programs and services, an increase \$47.5 million. Spends another \$305.5 million (an increase of \$133.3 million) from funds other than the state's general fund. Sets the Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MH/MR/DD) Allowed Growth factor for Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011) at 3% (\$8 million) - for a total appropriation of \$62.2 million. This does not reflect a reinstatement or adding back of the \$8 million in growth cut for FY 2010, so the fund is basically one year behind in growth. Shifts funding for the University of Iowa's Center for Disabilities and Development so that the appropriation can be matched by federal Disproportionate Share Hospital funds (saving the state \$2 million while

maintaining the \$6.3 million appropriation to the Center). Appropriates \$22.2 million for the elderly/disabled tax credit which cuts property taxes for people with disabilities and older Iowans (\$400,000 decrease, which fully funds expected demand). Eliminates the Assistive Device Tax Credit (allowing businesses that make adaptations for employees with disabilities to receive a tax credit for those expenses) - the tax credit was used by only one business since 2000 despite attempts to increase marketing. Adds \$399,000 to the School for the Deaf and \$225,602 for the Braille & Sight Saving School. Reinstates funding for interpreters for the deaf at Iowa Western Community College (and adds \$3,000 - for a total of \$200,000). Provides \$50,000 for the Centers for Independent Living (\$196,000 reduction compared to the current fiscal year). Requires all state-regulated health insurance plans to pay for admission to a Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children (PMIC) in the same way they pay for acute inpatient hospitalization if a child meets the Medicaid criteria for PMIC admission (this "PMIC Parity" insurance mandate is expected to save the state \$234,000, since private insurance would now be required to pick up the first 30 days of admission). Includes another insurance mandate, requiring insurance plans cover cancer treatment whether medications are orally or intravenously administered. Transfers archeologically significant portions of Glenwood State Resource Center to the Department of Natural Resources, which will make recommendations on establishing a Glenwood State Preserve. Cuts the legislative budget by \$4.4 million and uses about \$86.6 million of cash reserves to pay for services. Requires Area Education Agencies (AEAs) to report annually (by 10/1) on contracted salaries (including bonuses and benefits and lobbying activity costs) to AEA administrators, lobbyists, and governmental affairs contracts.

SF 484 - Board Homes for Dependent

Adults/Regulations (Sent to Governor) - This bill came out of the recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on Dependent Adults with Mental Retardation (Atalissa report). SPECIAL CERTIFICATES: The bill requires the State Labor Commissioner to work with the US Department of Labor to develop and maintain a database of employers in Iowa that use the special certificates allowing them to pay workers with disabilities below minimum wage. BOARDING HOME REGULATION: Requires the Department of Inspections & Appeals (DIA) to regulate boarding homes (where rooms are rented to three or more unrelated people needing supervision or assistance with daily activities). Waiver homes and facilities/homes otherwise regulated by the state or federal government are exempt. Requires boarding home owners to register with DIA and submit occupancy information (\$500 penalty for failing to do so). Allows DIA to reduce or waive this penalty, but requires they work with DHS and the Department of Public Safety in setting this up. Requires DIA develop an interagency approach to address complaints involving boarding

homes (keeps the name of the person filing complaint confidential). Allows the courts to order access to boarding homes if there is probable cause that dependent adult abuse is occurring in the boarding home, or if there is some other type of violation occurring. If any department inspecting a facility or home housing dependent adults finds labor or employment issues (or discrimination), the department is to notify the Labor Commissioner (or Civil Rights Commission if discrimination is involved). DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE: Increases the period of time DHS keeps unfounded dependent adult abuse information from one year to five years, and requires rejected reports to be removed after three years. Requires the Dependent Adult Protective Advisory Council to recommend a uniform assessment instrument and process for use by DHS and other agencies assessing a dependent adult's degree of dependency and whether dependent adult abuse has occurred (by July 1, 2010). The assessment is to evaluate compliance with federal law by those employing, housing or providing services to the individual, health and safety risk assessment, and the degree assistance in daily activities is needed. If the assessment determines the person is at risk, the development of a safety plan (with protective services) is required. If a person's caregiver refuses to assist, the courts can prohibit the caregiver from interfering. Protective services can be ordered if the courts find a person is not capable of agreeing to needed protective services. Requires DHS to help train other department personnel on dependent adult abuse procedures and build awareness about dependent adult abuse reporting. FUNDING: Funding sufficient to meet the federal match for necessary Medicaid fraud activities is appropriated; creates a Medicaid Fraud Account to pay for this effort. REPORTING: Requires annual reporting and requires final findings of any boarding home inspection or investigation be made available to the public.

BILL TRACKER – ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

The Governor does not sign resolutions. They express the intent of the Legislature, but are not "law." These resolutions were adopted by the Legislature this year.

HR 6 - Disability-Friendly Health Care Coverage

(Adopted) - Urges the adoption of disability-friendly principles for Iowa's health care coverage system. States that a higher proportion of working adults with disabilities do not have health care coverage, and it is difficult for people with disabilities to take their health insurance from job to job. These principles include: 1) health insurance is not based on job and does not limit the ability of the person to save money or have assets; 2) health insurance is affordable; 3) individual cost sharing is based on the ability to pay; 4) health insurance is made both physically and cognitively accessible for all Iowans and the use of preexisting condition exclusions is limited; 5)

health insurance covers a broad range of benefits including mental health treatment, medications, preventive services, personal health items and special equipment; 6) public health care programs no longer require a person to remain in poverty in order to keep their benefits (buy-in offered with sliding fee scale); and 7) transitions between health care for children with disabilities and adults with disabilities is coordinated to prevent gaps in care. Sponsored by Rep. Whitehead, Smith, Whitaker, Bukta, Lykam, Ford, Frevert, Reichert, Thede, Cohoon, Berry & Heddens

SR 13 - Health Care for All (Encouraging

Federal/State Collaboration) (Adopted) - Encourages federal-state collaboration to achieve quality, affordable health care for all. States principles to follow in reforming our health care system - stabilize financing through payment reform; implement patient-centered medical home; prioritize payments for primary and preventive care; support value-based purchasing efforts; restructure national financing for long-term care; improve cost-containment policies; establish national electronic medical record standards and provide financial and technical assistance for compliance; facilitate confidential sharing of patient data within and across state borders; increase access to affordable health insurance coverage; expand coverage to everyone using private market and publicly-financed plans; allow greater flexibility in state regulation of federal ERISA plans; eliminate pre-existing condition exemptions and require guaranteed issuance of insurance; strengthen the health care safety net by increasing investments to programs like Medicaid, community health centers and children's health insurance program; support state innovation; invest in increasing the number of primary care providers, midlevel practitioners, direct care workers, and laboratory and community health workers; monitor specialty supply; increase quality by developing evidence-based standards; require the use of informed and shared decision-making between provider and patient; eliminate disparities and inequities; invest in proven prevention programs and health promotion activities; reduce unwarranted variation of care; and demand effective public quality reporting by all providers. Sponsored by Sen. Hatch and all Senate Democrats (32 sponsors)

BILL TRACKER – INACTIVE (DEAD) BILLS

The following bills did not pass the Legislature this year. They will live again when the Legislature comes back for the 2010 legislative session (beginning January 11, 2010). If you see something you want to pass in 2010, make sure you talk to your legislators about it this summer!

A complete list of “dead bills” with summaries is available online at:

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HF 18 - Vehicle Registration Fee Exemption/Veterans with Disabilities (House Transportation Committee) - *Subcommittee: Quirk (Chair), Bell, and Wagner*

HF 39 - Precinct Polling Place Closing Hours (House State Government Committee) - *Subcommittee: Rep. Gaskill (Chair), Isenhart & Roberts*

HF 45 - Medicaid Suspension During Confinement (Senate Floor) - *Sen. Bolkom (Floor Manager)*

HF 52 - HCBS Waiver/Specialized Medical Equipment (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Petersen (Chair), Koester & Thede*

HF 56 - Early Childhood Immunizations/Mercury (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Wendt (Chair), Koester & Steckman*

HF 68 - Veterans Mental Health Parity (House Veterans Affairs Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bukta (Chair), Alons, and Kearns*

HF 121 - MHI & Resource Center Resident Prosecution (House Ways & Means Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bukta (Chair), Bell & Sands*

HF 145 - Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption (House Ways & Means Committee) - *Subcommittee: T. Olson, Thomas & Windschitl*

HF 234 & SF 418 - Mental Health & Substance Abuse Parity (House & Senate Floors) - *Rep. Wessel-Kroeschell (Floor Manager); Sen. Schmitz (Floor Manager)*

HF 236 - Anti-Epileptic Drug Substitutions (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: T. Olson (Chair), L. Miller, & Wessel-Kroeschell*

HF 239 - Absentee Ballot Delivery/Health Care Facility Residents (House State Government Committee) - *Subcommittee: Willems (Chair), Gaskill & Roberts*

HF 247 - State Health Insurance Mandates Commission (House Commerce Committee) - *Subcommittee: T. Olson (Chair), Jacoby, Petersen, Pettengill & Sorenson*

HF 255 - Mandatory Infant Eye Exams (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Hunter (Chair), Mascher & L. Miller*

HF 286 - Public Transit Vehicle Fund (House Transportation Committee) - *Subcommittee: Wagner (Chair), Gaskill & Wenthe*

HF 307 - Health Care Whistleblower Protection (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Mascher (Chair), T. Taylor & Tymeson*

HF 316 - Disabled Veteran Homestead (House Veterans Affairs Committee) - *Subcommittee: Zirkelbach (Chair), Whitead & Windschitl*

HF 320 - Voters in Primaries (17-1/2 year olds) (House Floor) - *Rep. Isenhart (Floor Manager)*

HF 337 - Experimental Treatment/Insurance Mandate (House Commerce Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 347 - Regional Transit Systems/Used Vehicles (House State Government Committee) - *Subcommittee: Lensing (Chair), Isenhart & Pettengill*

HF 363 - Medicaid Copayments (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 369 - Silver Alert (House Public Safety Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 454 - Special Education Services/Juvenile Detention, Shelter & Foster Care (House Education Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 514 - Psychiatric Residency Programs (House Appropriations Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 534 - Lead Registry (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

HF 646 - County MH/DS Services Funding (House Appropriations Committee) - *Subcommittee: Heddens (Chair), Heaton & Oldson*

HF 683 - Break Time for Medications (House Floor) - *Rep. Abdul-Samad (Floor Manager)*

HF 734 & SF 444 - Uniform Adult Guardianship & Protective Proceedings Act (Senate Floor) - *Passed House, 54-44; Sen. Jochum (Floor Manager)*

HF 768 - Cancer Clinical Trials Insurance Mandate (House Floor) - *Rep. T. Olson (Floor Manager)*

HF 771 - Autism Waiver Request (House Floor) - *Rep. Thede (Floor Manager)*

HF 773 - Psychiatric Medical Institution for Children (PMIC) Insurance Mandate (House Floor) - *Rep. Smith (Floor Manager)*

HF 801 - Searchable Budget and Tax Information (Senate State Government Committee) - *Passed House 96-3; Subcommittee: Danielson (Chair), Feenstra & Jochum*

HSB 116 - Iowa Railway Finance Authority Repeal (House Transportation Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bell (Chair), Roberts and Wendt*

HSB 223 - Audiological Services Mandate (House Commerce Committee) - *Subcommittee: T. Olson (Chair), Petersen & Pettengill*

HSB 226 - MHI Asset Correction (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Smith (Chair), Heddens & Schulte*

HSB 228 - MHI Admissions/CPC Process (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Smith (Chair), Heddens & Soderberg*

SF 1 & HF 1 - Autism Insurance Coverage (Senate Commerce Committee) - *Subcommittees: Rielly (Chair), Heckroth & Hartsuch; Wessel-Kroeschell (Chair), Hunter & Forristall*

SF 26 - Hospital Discounts to Uninsured (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bolkcom (Chair), Hatch, and Seymour*

SF 58 & HF 355 - Long-Term Care Insurance Policy Standardization (Senate Commerce Committee) - *Subcommittees: Heckroth (Chair), Dandekar, and Hartsuch; House Commerce Committee has not yet assigned a subcommittee*

SF 100 - Juvenile Court/Children with MI and MR (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Quirnbach (Chair, Bartz & Schmitz)*

SF 132 - Medicaid Reimbursement/Interpreter Services (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Hatch (Chair), Johnson & Quirnbach*

SF 134 - MH/MR/DD Redesign (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bolkcom (Chair), Bartz & Ragan*

SF 144 - MH/MR/DD Redesign II (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Hatch (Chair), Bolkcom & Johnson*

SF 202 - ICF/MR Medicaid Reimbursement (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Not yet assigned*

SF 213 & HF 448 - Lead Abatement & Testing (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Hatch (Chair), Bolkcom & Bartz; Berry (Chair), Koester & Petersen*

SF 261 & HF 540 - Pilot PA Mental Health Fellowship (Senate Appropriations Committee) - *Subcommittee: Dvorsky (Chair) & Kettering; House Human Resources Subcommittee: Wessel-Kroeschell, Heddens & Schulte*

SF 264 - Local Board Gender Balance II (Senate Floor) - *Sen. Quirnbach (Floor Manager)*

SF 296 & HF 548 - Resources for Families with Premature Infants (House Human Resources Committee) - *Subcommittee: Bolkcom (Chair), Boettger & Wilhelm; House Human Resources Subcommittee not yet assigned*

SF 297 - Disabled Veteran Homestead Property Tax Freeze (Senate Ways & Means Committee) - *Subcommittee: Sen. Schmitz (Chair), Seng & Ward*

SF 341 - Personal Assistants/Service Animals (House Human Resources Committee) - *Passed Senate 50-0; Subcommittee: Rep. Wendt (Chair), Heaton & Steckman*

SF 396 - Health Care Mandate Review (Senate Floor) - *Sen. Rielly (Floor Manager)*

SF 421 - MS Support Fund/Lottery (Senate Floor) - *Sen. Courtney (Floor Manager)*

SF 424 & HF 675 - Presidential Caucus/Time off Work (House Floor) - *Passed Senate 35-13; Rep. Gaskill (Floor Manager)*

SSB 1038 - Educational Grant for Children of Veterans with Service-Connected Disabilities (Senate Veterans Affairs Committee) - *Subcommittee: Ragan (Chair), Black, & Hartsuch*

SSB 1136 & HSB 119 - Immediate Hospital Admission (Senate Judiciary Committee) - *Subcommittees: Kreiman (Chair), Hancock & Ward; Kressig (Chair), Olson, S. & Reichert*

SSB 1142 - Nursing Home Violations (Senate Human Resources Committee) - *Sen. Dotzler (Floor Manager); bill will be renumbered soon; bill was amended heavily by the committee, but the amendment was not available; new description will be coming soon.*

SSB 1303 - MH/DS Property Tax Relief (Senate Ways & Means Committee) - *Subcommittee: Seng (Chair), Hamerlinck & Quirnbach*



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