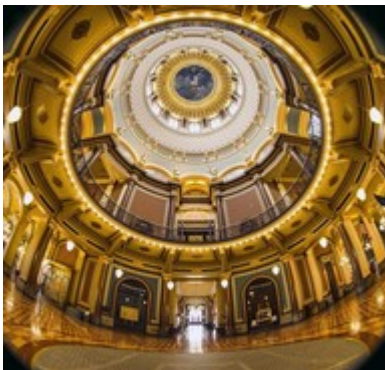




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2019 Legislative Session - Enacted Bills

Quick Overview:

- 166 bills sent to the Governor.
- Of the 166 bills, 164 were signed with no changes.
- The following bill was line-item vetoed: [SF615](#), Judicial Appropriations.
- The following bill was vetoed in its entirety: HF732, Medical Cannabidiol Act changes. [Veto letter](#).
- [Two joint resolutions](#) became law and were related to public safety and human services.
- More information: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/findLegislation>

A quick budget reminder for [HF766](#), the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill, which appropriated \$1.937 billion. Overall, this was a reduction of \$34.9 million from FY19. IDPH maintained a mostly status quo budget, with some reductions due to rounding, at a total of \$55.4 million. The bill included a number of funding and policy changes. You can [find more details in an earlier update here.](#)

What's Next

Now that the governor has taken action on bills, IDPH will continue its analysis of the enacted legislation.

That includes analyzing budget impacts, and evaluating whether policy or program changes, administrative rules and legislative reports are needed.

We'll also be scheduling meetings with partners and stakeholders on topics important to them and to legislators.

Finally, work is already beginning on next year's priorities including developing policy proposals and evaluating updates to current code for next session.



Get to Know Your Legislators

Do you want to know more about your local legislators?

Or, maybe you're interested in what leadership at the Capitol have to say? [Learn more](#) at the Legislature's website. You can:

- Look up who your legislator is, find out more about them and sign up for their newsletter (just click on your legislator's name, look for a newsletter link at the bottom of their page allowing you to subscribe)
- Find their contact information if you have thoughts or feedback you want to share
- Find out who leadership are at the Capitol and sign up for their newsletters

The interim period after session is a good time to connect with local legislators for updates on what happened during the previous session, and what's expected for next year.

Advocacy vs. Lobbying

When you reach out to legislators, it's important to know the difference between advocacy and lobbying.

The Legislative Services Agency has a guide called "[Lobbying: A Citizen's Guide](#)."

Lobbying tries to directly influence a legislator or legislative body, and is encouraging the passage, defeat or modification of legislation.

Advocacy informs, educates and communicates without urging specific action on a piece of legislation. Advocacy is important to public health and urges change on behalf of a particular health goal, program, interest or population.

Most companies and organizations have specific individuals who do lobbying or advocacy work. They coordinate with leadership teams to determine what specific legislation their organization may support or oppose - or lobby on. This helps organizations have a clear, cohesive message coming from one point-of-contact in the organization to policymakers.



The National Association of City and County Health Officials provides more tips with their [guide to "Building Your Advocacy Toolbox."](#)



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