

# Legislative Update

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**“And in the end,  
it’s not the years in  
your life that count.  
It’s the life in your  
years.”**

**–President  
Abraham Lincoln**

With the looming funnel date of March 11th, sub-committee meetings are being held at a rapid rate as legislators make every effort to consider bills and get bills of interest or priority through at least one standing committee.

The number of bills currently being considered related to dependent adult abuse clearly indicates this continues to be a top concern. However, with the complexities of the issues involved, the desire by the legislature to focus on developing alternate choices in long-term care and the reality of limited time, dependent adult abuse may be an issue that the legislature decides to focus on next year. During the past two years, the legislature has made a number of changes to strengthen Iowa’s dependent adult abuse laws and there continues to be strong support for continuing to review the issue.

Study Bills related to long term care in Iowa and to the concept of a universal assessment have been introduced in the senate. These bills are [SSB 1201](#) and [SSB 1210](#). Also of interest as a study bill is [SSB 1204](#), the Medicare Task Force. This proposed bill directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to convene a task force implementing the Medicare drug benefit created under the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The bill assigns four legislators, two older Iowans, and the directors of DHS, Department of Public Health (DPH) and Department of Elder Affairs (DEA) as members of the task force.

The concept of mental health parity continues to move forward (many advocates tell me the proposal has been a topic of concern since 1994). To that end, [HF 420](#) will move to the full house for debate.

Two pieces of legislation propose the food code will move to the DPH versus its current location within the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) ([SSB 1211](#) and [HSB 176](#)). The department is monitoring this bill and is reviewing a number of issues related to the food code that may be able to be addressed during these discussions.

The fun bill introduced this week, by Representative Lukan, was [HF 416](#). This bill creates a special antlerless crossbow season for Iowans who are 70 or older. Having recently had a personal rendezvous with a deer on I-35, I will be taking a personal interest in the progress of this bill.

**Monday:** The Senate Human Resources Committee discussed the departments proposed language related to the Medical Assistance Advisory Council ([SSB 1042](#)). There were no objections to the addition of members,

however, Senator Tinsman did ask that the bill be deferred in order for her to offer an amendment related to the timing of when MAAC members receive proposed budgets. The bill was deferred, but will likely be taken up again early next week.

**Tuesday:** Rob McCommons, of Integrated Care Strategies Inc., briefed both the House and Senate Human Resources standing committees about the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). This [presentation](#) can be accessed at the department's website, along with the [feasibility study](#) conducted in Iowa in 2004 by the National PACE organization and CMS. The report suggests that [PACE](#) is feasible in Iowa. In addition to the demographic areas studied in the PACE document, there is strong support to establish PACE programs in Sioux City and in Mason City. Representatives from Sioux City and Mason City also met with the Governor's Health Policy Advisor.

**Wednesday:** The department's legislation related to the Medical Assistance Advisory Council ([HSB 100](#)), Assisted Living ([HSB 95](#)) and adult day services ([HSB 102](#)) were discussed amended and passed to the full House Human Resources Standing Committee. Also passed out of the House Ways and Means Committee was [HF 26](#), the Pension Income Phase Out. [HF 26](#) will now move to the full house for consideration.

**Thursday:** The department's technical bill related to the Elder Iowans Act ([HSB 157](#)) passed out of the House Human Resources Standing Committee, along with [HSB 103](#), related to the establishment of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism. [HSB 103](#) will move the Retired Senior Volunteer Program from the Department of Elder Affairs to the Governor's Volunteer Commission. A sub-committee meeting was also held related to the Medicaid reimbursement of Assisted Living ([HSB 154](#)).

### About Next Week:

- The department's proposed language relating to establishing an office of substitute decision making will be discussed in sub-committee at 9:00 a.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senate Lounge. It is also likely this bill will be scheduled for sub-committee in the house ([HSB 96](#) and [HF 120](#)).
- A sub-committee meeting related to Iowa's food code is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, in the house lounge.
- It is likely the department's bill related to elder group homes will be discussed.
- A number of department bills also have the potential to move out of standing committee

Regards,

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## ■-□-■ ELDER AFFAIRS FEATURE PROGRAM ■-□-■ Elderly Nutrition Program

This program is most noted for the congregate and home delivered meal program. These programs are under the Older Americans Act (OAA), administered by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging (AoA) and coordinated at the state level by the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs (DEA). A nutritious meal and socialization are provided for individuals 60 years of age and older. The meals along with nutrition screening, education and counseling provided by the program are important in keeping older adults as healthy as possible so that they can continue living independently in their own homes and community.

The nutrition programs are multi-funded with public funding (federal, state, local) and private (contributions from older adults, fund-raising, foundations, etc.). Total nutrition program resources for SFY 2004 were \$25,429,399. The federal funding provides 49% of the cost of a congregate meal and 41% of the cost of a home-delivered meal. Federal funding has remained flat for the past several years and has not reflected the increase in program costs. The state of Iowa contribution is negligible (<1%). Financial considerations are leading to limitations in the number of meals available.

To put the program in a context with other programs that serve older adults, the OAA Nutrition Program serves more older adults and provides greater benefits to participating older adults than the Food Stamp Program, CACFP, CSFP, TEFAP, etc. However, vulnerable older adults must cobble together assistance from multiple sources to help ensure adequate food intake, so that every single one of these programs helps meet the various needs of older adults.

The National Pilot Survey found that OAA Nutrition Programs serve very vulnerable older adults, and that despite participation in the programs about 11% of congregate and 25% of home-delivered participants indicated that they did not have enough money or food stamps to buy food. Approximately 83% of the Iowa congregate meal participants at below the 185% poverty level. The Elderly Nutrition Program is reaching the targeted audience. Adequate funding is needed to ensure this continues.

## ■-□-■ IN THE LEGISLATURE ■-□-■

*The following is a listing of the bills the department is supporting or monitoring. If you would like more information on a particular bill, click on its number and you will be directed to the Iowa General Assembly online bill book.*

### Supported Bills

[SF 159](#) **Long Term Care Decisions** A bill for an act relating to the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Tinsman (C), Bolkcom, and Seymour.

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the Iowa Legislature  
General Assembly  
homepage is  
[www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us)

[HSB 95](#) **Assisted Living Programs** An Act relating to assisted living programs, providing for application of a penalty, and providing for a fee. (SSB 1079) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer(C), Jacoby, Wilderdyke

[HSB 96](#) **Substitute Decision Making** An Act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (SSB 1078, HF 120) (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Kurtenbach, Smith

[HSB 100](#) **Medical Assistance Advisory Council** An Act relating to the membership of the council with which the director of human services consults regarding the medical assistance program. (SSB 1042) (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Heaton, Wendt

[HSB 101](#) **Elder Group Homes** An Act relating to the regulation of elder group homes and providing penalties. (SSB 1077) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Freeman, Hunter

[HSB 102](#) **Adult Day Care** An Act relating to adult day services regulation and providing penalties. (SSB 1076) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Hunter, Roberts

[HSB 157](#) **Elder Iowans Act** An Act relating to the provisions of the elder Iowans Act. (SSB 1140) (Human Resources) Committee members: Roberts (C), Freeman, Jacoby

[SSB 1042](#) **Medical Assistance Advisory Committee** An Act relating to the membership of the council with which the director of human services consults regarding the medical assistance program. (HSB 100) (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Bolkcom (C); Gaskill, Quirmbach

[SSB 1076](#) **Adult Day Services** An Act relating to adult day services regulation and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Gaskill, Wood

[SSB 1077](#) **Elder Group Homes** An Act relating to the regulation of elder group homes and providing penalties. (HSB 101) (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Seymour (C), Dotzler, Huser

[SSB 1078](#) **Substitute Decision Making** An Act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (HSB 96) (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Wood (C), Johnson, Ragan

[SSB 1079](#) **Assisted Living Programs** An Act relating to assisted living programs, providing for application of a penalty, and providing for a fee. (HSB 95) (Human Resources) Committee members: Quirmbach & Tinsman (C), Bolkcom, Seymour

[SSB 1140](#) **Elder Iowans Act** An Act relating to the provisions of the elder Iowans Act. (HSB 157) (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Bolkcom (C), Johnson, Quirmbach



## Monitored Bills

### House Files

[HF 2](#) **Pension Income Phase Out** An Act relating to the phase out of state income tax on pension income and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee Members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg and Struyk.

[HF 12](#) **Elderly Care Reimbursement Rate** A bill for an act relating to the reimbursement for services provided under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Heddens

[HF 20](#) **Personal Need Allowance** A bill for an act relating to the amount of personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Petersen, Wilderdyke

[HF 22](#) **Long Term Care Insurance** A bill for an act relating to establishing standardized requirements for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce)

[HF 24](#) **SS Income Phase Out** A bill for an act relating to a phase-out of the state income taxation of social security benefits and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg, Struyk

[HF 26](#) **SS Pension Income Phase Out** A bill for an act phasing out the state income tax on social security benefits and on pension and retirement income and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg, Struyk **Amended and Passed out of Ways and Mean Committee** Floor Manager: Boal

[HF 39](#) **Senior Citizen Crimes** A bill for an act relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for offenses against a person sixty-five years of age or older. (Public Safety) Committee members: Rayhons (C), R. Olson, Van Engelenhoven

[HF 46](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** A bill for an act increasing the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Peterson

[HF 59](#) **Partisan Balance** An Act providing for the determination of partisan balance on boards and commissions and including an applicability provision. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Jochum, Raecker

[HF 64](#) **Mental Health Coverage** An Act relating to mandated coverage for mental health conditions, including substance abuse treatment services. (Human Resources)

[HF 69](#) **Social Security Exclusion** An Act relating to the calculation of the amount of social security benefits received that are subject to individual income tax and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways & Means)

## House Files *continued*

[HF 87](#) **Veterans Preference** A bill for an act relating to veterans, concerning employment preference and other related benefits. (State Government) Committee members: Jones, Greiner, Paulsen, Quirk and Whitead.

[HF 89](#) **MH Substance Abuse Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, including alcohol or substance abuse treatment services. (Commerce)

[HF 109](#) **Partisan Balance** A bill for an act concerning the determination of partisan balance on boards and commissions. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Jochum and Raecker

[HF 112](#) **Unfilled State Jobs** An Act concerning the use of moneys appropriated but unexpended for certain vacant state employee positions. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Raecker, T. Taylor, Tomenga

[HF 119](#) **Older Iowans Legislature** A bill for an act providing an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations) Committee members: Watts, Horbach, and Smith

[HF 120](#) **Guardians and Conservators** A bill for an act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Kurtenbach and Smith

[HF 140](#) **Senior Living Trust** A bill for an act relating to the senior living trust fund, providing for appropriation of the moneys in the fund, and providing for a repeal. (Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton (C), Carroll, Foege (also see [SF 29](#))

[HF 152](#) **Fair Market Drug Pricing** A bill for an act relating to fair market drug pricing. (Human Resources)

[HF 154](#) **No Contact Orders** An Act relating to the issuance of a no contact order against the biological parent of an adopted person whose presence or contact with the adopted person poses a threat to the health or safety of the adopted person. (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Carroll, Winkler

[HF 156](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse I** An Act relating to dependent adult abuse and providing criminal penalties. (Public Safety) Committee members: De Boef (C), Heddens and Rayhons

[HF 157](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse II** An Act relating to dependent adult abuse and providing penalties. (Public Safety) Committee members: De Boef (C), Heddens and Rayhons

[HF 177](#) **Legislative Appointment Terms** An Act providing for the length of term for legislative appointments to appointed boards and commissions and providing an effective and applicability date. (Administration and Rules) Committee members: Jacobs, Boal, Bukta, Carroll, Dolecheck, Gipp, Heddens, Miller, Murphy, S. Olson, Rants, Reasoner, Roberts, Whitaker

## House Files *continued*

[HF 191](#) **Retired IPERS Employees** A bill for an act limiting earning restrictions for Iowa public employees' retirement system retirees. (State Government)

[HF 201](#) **Senior Living Trust Grants** A bill for an act relating to the types of grants awarded under the senior living trust fund. (Human Resources)

[HF 208](#) **IPERS Earnings** A bill for an act reducing earning restrictions for Iowa public employees' retirement system retirees. (State Government)

[HF 210](#) **Nursing Licensing Fund** A bill for an act providing for the retention of licensing and renewal fees received by the board of nursing, and providing an effective date. (Appropriations) Committee members: Jacobs, Heaton, Mascher

[HF 215](#) **Tobacco Tax** A bill for an act increasing the taxes imposed on cigarettes and tobacco products and providing for appropriation of the increased revenue generated to the medical assistance program and for tobacco control and prevention, and providing an effective date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 217](#) **Volunteer Healthcare** A bill for an act relating to services and providers included under the volunteer health care provider program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Foege, Freeman

[HF 221](#) **Health Insurance Study** A bill for an act providing for a feasibility study on creating a statewide public employee health insurance system. (State Government)

[HF 225](#) **Elder Auto Insurance** A bill for an act providing for reduced automobile insurance premiums for older adults who complete a certified driver safety education course. (Commerce, Regulations & Labor)

[HF 227](#) **Code Editor Bill** A bill for an act relating to statutory corrections which may adjust language to reflect current practices, insert earlier omissions, delete redundancies and inaccuracies, delete temporary language, resolve inconsistencies and conflicts, update ongoing provisions, or remove ambiguities, and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 118](#)) (Judiciary) Committee members: Boettger, Fraise, Schoenjahn, and Zaun **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 235](#) **Insurance Consumer Advocate** A bill for an act relating to the appointment of a consumer advocate on insurance. (Commerce, Regulations & Labor)

[HF 237](#) **Cigarette Taxes** A bill for an act increasing the taxes imposed on cigarettes and providing for appropriation of the revenue generated to the medical assistance program and for tobacco control and prevention, and providing an effective date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 242](#) **Dual State Employment** A bill for an act relating to governmental employment by executive branch officials, state employees, and members of the general assembly. (State Government)



## House Files *continued*

[HF 245](#) **Cancer Drug Donations** A bill for an act providing for the establishment of a cancer drug repository program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach (C), Ford, Tymeson

[HF 247](#) **Negotiated Rules Making** A bill for an act providing for negotiated rulemaking. (Formerly [HSB 33](#)) (State Government) Floor Manager: Roberts

[HF 248](#) **Regulatory Analysis** A bill for an act relating to the request for a regulatory analysis. (Formerly [HSB 34](#)) (State Government) Floor Manager: Roberts **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 259](#) **Dependant Adults** A bill for an act relating to dependent adults and at-risk older adults. (Human Resources)

[HF 280](#) **MH/MR/DD Services** A bill for an act relating to mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services by revising involuntary hospitalization procedures involving the county central point of coordination process and patient advocates and authorizing counties to create a special program fund for these services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Hutter, Smith

[HF 281](#) **Inheritance** A bill for an act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits and the time for examining and determining a correct return under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of property that may be transferred to minors under certain conditions and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Formerly [HSB 10](#)) (Judiciary) **Passed House to Senate** Committee members: Hancock, McKibben, Horn, and Zaun

[HF 283](#) **Health Facility Staffing II** A bill for an act relating to health facility staffing standards and providing penalties. (Human Resources)

[HF 297](#) **Inheritance Tax Credit** A bill for an act relating to an inheritance tax credit for transferring a portion of an inheritance to an entity for capital investment, programming, including education, performance, and access, in arts and culture. (Economic Growth) Committee members: Jenkins (C), Schueller, Wilderdyke

[HF 302](#) **HMO Agreement** A bill for an act prohibiting certain financial incentives for health care providers by group managed care health plans. (Commerce)

[HF 306](#) **Health Facility Staffing** A bill for an act relating to staffing standards in health facilities, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) (See SF 118)

[HF 314](#) **Contract Requirements** A bill for an act establishing requirements for persons contracting with the state to provide services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke, Ford and Granzow

[HF 324](#) **Patient Advocates** A bill for an act providing for employment and compensation by the judicial branch of patient advocates for persons involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Alons and R. Olson.



## House Files *continued*

[HF 325](#) **Prescription Drug Donations** A bill for an act creating a prescription drug donation and redispensing pilot program, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach (C), Freeman and Wendt

[HF 326](#) **Improper Government Influence** A bill for an act relating to the improper influence of executive branch officials, executive branch employees, members of the general assembly, and legislative employees, and making penalties applicable. (State Government) Committee members: Raecker, Roberts and Wendt

[HF 333](#) **Organ Transplant Tax Credit** A bill for an act relating to an individual income tax credit for certain organ transplants and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 338](#) **Code Editors Bill** A bill for an act relating to nonsubstantive Code corrections and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 115](#) – Companion to [SF 113](#)) (Judiciary) Floor manager: Kaufmann

[HF 339](#) **Tobacco Retailers** A bill for an act relating to the regulation of tobacco product retailers, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly [HF 167](#)) (successor to HF 167) (Public Safety) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 342](#) **Prescription Drug Assistance** A bill for an act relating to the establishment of a prescription drug assistance program by the commissioner of insurance, and providing for a contingent appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Carroll and Ford

[HF 348](#) **Food Code to DPH** A bill for an act providing for the Iowa department of public health to administer the Iowa food code in place of the department of inspections and appeals. (Human Resources)

[HF 353](#) **Asset Disregard** A bill for an act relating to asset disregard under the medical assistance program for the purchase of a certified long-term care insurance policy, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (Commerce) Committee members: Sands, Hoffman and Oldson

[HF 361](#) **Tenant Rights** A bill for an act prohibiting a landlord under Iowa's residential landlord-tenant law from retaliating against a tenant for summoning or receiving police or emergency assistance in response to a family violence or domestic abuse situation. (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Berry and Boal

[HF 372](#) **Open Meetings** A bill for an act relating to meetings of governmental bodies. (Formerly [HSB 59](#)) (State Government) Floor manager: Boal

[HF 379](#) **Brain Injury Fund** A bill for an act relating to the assessment of a brain injury surcharge, creating a brain injury surcharge fund, and making appropriations to the fund. (see SF 173) (Judiciary) Committee members: Heaton, Alons and Foege

## House Files *continued*

[HF 384](#) **Nurse Recruitment** A bill for an act making an appropriation to the college student aid commission for the registered nurse recruitment program. (Education) Committee members: Chambers, Ford and Granzow

[HF 386](#) **Fair Market Drug Pricing** A bill for an act relating to fair market drug pricing including the establishment of a prescription drug card program. (Human Resources)

[HF 388](#) **Health Center Programs** A bill for an act relating to health care access and providing appropriations. (Human Resources)

[HF 389](#) **Small Business Coverage** A bill for an act relating to small employer voluntary health care purchasing pools. (Commerce)

[HF 393](#) **Increased Health Care Access** A bill for an act relating to health care by providing for increased health care access, developing a lay health workers network, and providing appropriations. (Human Resources)

[HF 395](#) **Prescription Drug Purchasing CO-OP** A bill for an act relating to the establishment of a task force to develop a prescription drug purchasing cooperative. (Human Resources)

[HF 404](#) **Medicaid Drug Co-Payments** A bill for an act relating to copayments for prescription drugs under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources)

[HF 416](#) **Senior Crossbow Hunting** A bill for an act providing for special senior crossbow deer hunting licenses. (Natural Resources) Committee members: Lukan, Arnold and D. Taylor.

[HF 420](#) **Biological Mental Illness Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Formerly [HSB 117](#)) (Human Resources)

[HF 427](#) **Nonprofit Fees** A bill for an act providing for the establishment of certain fees relating to nonprofit corporations. (Commerce)

## Senate Files

[SF 3](#) **Mental Health Coverage** An Act relating to payment of health care coverage costs for state employees for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Commerce) Bolkcom and Iverson (C); McCoy and Wieck

[SF 5](#) **Electronic Comments** An Act to require state agencies to accept public comments on proposed rulemaking in an electronic format. (State Government) Committee members: Connolly and Ward (C); Black and Kettering.

[SF 15](#) **Personal Need Allowance** A bill for an act relating to the amount of personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) (See HF 20) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Behn, Kreiman

## Senate Files *continued*

[SF 16](#) **Elderly Care Reimbursement Rate** A bill for an act relating to the reimbursement for services provided under a medical assistance home and community based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) (See HF 12) Committee members: Boettger & Bolkcom (C), Johnson, Kreiman

[SF 19](#) **Long Term Care Insurance** A bill for an act relating to establishing standardized requirements for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce) (See HF 22) Committee members: Bolkcom and Wieck (C); Courtney and McKinley.

[SF 29](#) **Long Term Care Alternatives** A bill for an act relating to the senior living trust fund, providing for appropriation of the moneys in the fund, and providing for a repeal. (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky (C)

[SF 34](#) **Older Iowans Legislature** An Act providing an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky (C)

[SF 48](#) **Mental Health Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, and including substance and alcohol abuse treatment services. (Commerce) Committee members: Beall & Iverson (C), Bolkcom, McKinley

[SF 61](#) **Cost/Benefit of Medicaid** A bill for an act requiring the department of human services to report annually concerning the costs and benefits of various contracted services under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Hatch & Tinsman (C), Johnson, Wood

[SF 64](#) **Medical Marijuana** A bill for an act relating to the use of marijuana for therapeutic purposes and establishing a marijuana therapeutic research program. (Judiciary) Committee members: Kreiman & Tinsman (C), Dvorsky, Ward

[SF 66](#) **Rule Review** A bill for an act requiring periodic review of administrative rules by administrative agencies. (State Government) Committee members: Brunkhorst, Kibbie (C), Connolly, and Kettering

[SF 67](#) **Regulatory Analysis** A bill for an act relating to requests for a regulatory analysis of administrative rules. (HSB 34) (State Government) Committee members: Brunkhorst, Kibbie (C), Connolly, and Kettering

[SF 69](#) **Wage Discrimination** A bill for an act relating to wage discrimination by providing for the determination of wage discrimination, applicable remedies, and providing an effective date. (Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: Behn & Dotzler (C), Courtney, McKibben

[SF 75](#) **Veterans Benefits** A bill for an act allocating funding appropriated to assist individuals assigned to active duty military service and providing effective and applicability date provisions. (Formerly [SF 30](#).) (Appropriations) Committee members: Chambers (C), Alons, Zirkelbach **Passed Senate to House**

## Senate Files *continued*

[SF 77](#) **Enterprise Zones** A bill for an act allowing cities and counties to create enterprise zones near modes of transportation. (Economic Growth) Committee members: Stewart, Beall, Behn, Brunkhorst, Rielly, Seymour.

[SF 86](#) **Negotiated Rules Making** An Act providing for negotiated rulemaking. (State Government) Kibbie and Ward (C), Connolly, Kettering

[SF 93](#) **Pensions and SS Exclusions** An Act reducing the amounts of pension income and social security benefits that are taxable by the state and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways and Means) Committee members McKibben & Quirnbach (C), Connolly, Zaun

[SF 102](#) **Prescription Drug Assistance** A bill for an act relating to the establishment of a prescription drug assistance program by the commissioner of insurance, and providing for a contingent appropriation. (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom, Wieck, Rielly, and Zaun

[SF 109](#) **Long Term Care Incentive** A bill for an act relating to the Iowa long-term care asset disregard incentive program, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Wood (C), Behn, and Ragan

[SF 112](#) **Medicare Task Force** A bill for an act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for the implementation of Medicare Part D, providing an appropriation, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Houser (C), Boettger, and Kreiman

[SF 113](#) **Editor Code Bill** A bill for an act relating to non substantive Code corrections and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Judiciary) (SSB 1088)

[SF 118](#) **Health Facility Staffing** A bill for an act relating to staffing standards in health facilities, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Seymour (C), Hatch, Johnson

[SF 124](#) **Grandparent Visitation** A bill for an act relating to the granting of visitation to grandparents and great-grandparents. (Judiciary) Committee members: Boettger, Kreiman, Tinsman, and Warnstadt

[SF 126](#) **Sexual Orientation Discrimination** A bill for an act prohibiting discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation or gender identity under the Iowa civil rights Act. (State Government) Committee members: Connolly & Miller (C), Wood, Zieman

[SF 130](#) **Tobacco Tax** A bill for an act relating to an increase in the taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products, creating a medical assistance and health promotion fund, providing for appropriations, and providing an effective date. (See HF 215) (Ways & Means) Committee members: Bolkcom & Zieman (C), Connolly, Zaun

*Senate Files continued*

[SF 131 Patient Advocates](#) A bill for an act providing for judicial branch employment and compensation of patient advocates for persons involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. (Judiciary) Committee members: Quirnbach & Tinsman (C), Horn, Larson

[SF 134 Joint Account Notification](#) A bill for an act relating to inheritance tax by eliminating the requirement that the department of revenue receive notice of withdrawal of funds from a joint account by a surviving joint owner. (Formerly SSB 1002) (Commerce) **Withdrawn** (see HF 197)

[SF 136 Child & Dependant Care Credit](#) A bill for an act increasing the child and dependent care credit under the individual income tax and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways and Means) Committee members: McKinley & Quirnbach (C), Connolly, Zaun

[SF 140 Long Term Care Incentive](#) A bill for an act relating to the establishment of an Iowa long-term care asset disregard incentive program relative to the medical assistance program, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (See SF 109, SF 143, HSB 161) (Commerce) Committee members: Beall & Wieck (C), Bolkcom, Larson

[SF 143 Long Term Care Incentive](#) A bill for an act relating to the long-term living system in Iowa including the establishment of a vision for Iowa's long-term living system and the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program. (See SF 109, SF 140, HSB 161) (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Tinsman (C), Bolkcom, Seymour

[SF 153 Long Term Care Insurance Terms](#) A bill for an act relating to establishing standard provisions and formats for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom, Wieck, Rielly, and Zaun

[SF 156 Health Center Programs](#) A bill for an act relating to health care by providing for increased health care access, developing a lay health workers network, and providing appropriations. (Commerce) Committee members: Hatch, Tinsman, Angelo, and Dvorsky

[SF 157 Older Iowans Legislature](#) A bill for an act making an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 161 Prescription Drug Cards](#) A bill for an act relating to fair market drug pricing. (Human Resources) Committee members: Hatch, Seymour, Boettger, and Quirnbach

[SF 163 Health Care Info Tech](#) A bill for an act providing for the establishment of a health care information technology and infrastructure advisory committee, and making an appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Hatch, Houser, Johnson, and Kreiman

## Senate Bills *continued*

[SF 171](#) **County Powers** A bill for an act providing for certain human services programs and funding streams to be administered by counties in lieu of the department of human services and providing an effective date. (Human Resources)

[SF 173](#) **Brain Injury Surcharge** A bill for an act relating to the assessment of a brain injury surcharge, creating a brain injury surcharge fund, and making appropriations to the fund. (Judiciary) Committee members: Brunkhorst & Warnstadt (C), Miller, and Quirmbach

[SF 174](#) **Mental Health Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions including eating disorders, and for substance abuse treatment services. (**Commerce**) Committee members: Beall, Wieck, Courtney, and Larson

[SF 175](#) **Inheritance Tax & Gifts** A bill for an act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits and the time for examining and determining a correct return under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of property that may be transferred to minors under certain conditions and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Formerly [SSB 1004](#).) (Judiciary)

### [SF 181](#) **Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

A bill for an act requiring carbon monoxide detectors in certain multiple-unit residential buildings and making penalties applicable. (Commerce)

[SF 188](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** A bill for an act relating to the use of the moneys in the senior living trust fund, providing for appropriation of the moneys in the fund, and providing for a repeal. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom, Houser, Dotzler, and Gaskill

[SF 193](#) **Health Facility Business** A bill for an act relating to the providing of another business or activity in a health care facility. (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan, Tinsman, Hatch, and Johnson

[SF 199](#) **Uninsured Patient Reporting** A bill for an act relating to information required to be provided and reported relative to the provision of health care benefits, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources)

[SF 209](#) **Credit Reports** A bill for an act relating to consumer access to consumer credit reports, and providing a private right of action. (Commerce)

## Study Bills

[HSB 10](#) **Inheritance** → to [HF 281](#)

[HSB 22](#) **Podiatrists Insurance Coverage I** An Act relating to the compensation of podiatrists under group health insurance policies or health maintenance organization contracts. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Tomenga

[HSB 23](#) **Podiatrists Insurance Coverage II** An Act relating to provisions of an accident or health policy regarding equal compensation of certain providers of equivalent services and accessibility to certain providers, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Tomenga

[HSB 52](#) **Mandated Health Coverage** An Act allowing the exclusion of mandated health care benefit coverage in certain health insurance policies or contracts. (Commerce) Committee members: Hoffman (C), Horbach, Olson

[HSB 59](#) **Open Meetings** An Act relating to meetings of governmental bodies. (State Government) Committee members: Boal (C), Hutter, Whitead

[HSB 98](#) **Health Care Facility Violations** An Act relating to health care facility violations and penalties for such violations. (SSB 1043) (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Smith

[HSB 103](#) **Retired and Senior Volunteers** An Act relating to the Iowa commission on volunteer service. (Human Resources) Committee members: Freeman (C), Hunter, Roberts

[HSB 110](#) **Medicare Task Force** An Act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for the implementation of Medicare Part D and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Foege, Granzow, Heaton, Jacoby, Roberts, Smith

[HSB 115](#) **Code Editors Bill** → to [HF 338](#)

[HSB 117](#) **Biological Mental Illness Coverage** → to [HF 420](#)

[HSB 118](#) **Code Editors Bill** → to [HF 227](#)

[HSB 124](#) **Nursing Facility Quality** An Act relating to a nursing facility quality assurance assessment, providing a contingent effective date, providing for retroactive applicability, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Foege, Heaton, Smith, Upmeyer

[HSB 136](#) **Open Meetings Violations** An Act relating to violations of the open meetings and open records law by a member of a governmental body, the lawful custodian of a public record, or any other appropriate person. (State Government) Committee members: Raecker (C), Lensing, Roberts

[HSB 143](#) **IPERS Contributions** An Act providing for employer and employee contributions to the Iowa public employees' retirement system. (State Government) Committee members: Elgin (C), Tomenga, Wendt

[HSB 154](#) **Assisted Living Waivers** An Act relating to inclusion of assisted living services under the medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Heaton, Heddens, Upmeyer, Wendt

## Study Bills *continued*

[HSB 166](#) **Retirement Systems Changes** An Act relating to the Iowa public employees' retirement system and the judicial retirement system. (State Government) Committee members: Elgin (C), Drake, Jochum, Tomenga, Wendt

[HSB 176](#) **Food Code to DPH** An Act providing for the Iowa department of public health to administer the Iowa food code in place of the department of inspections and appeals. (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Carroll, Heddens

[HSB 183](#) **Consumer Fraud** An Act relating to consumer frauds and the advertisement of pressure treated wood products and making penalties applicable. (Judiciary)

[HSB 189](#) **Nursing Home Property Taxes** An Act relating to the property taxation of nursing facilities and including effective and applicability date provisions.

[HSB 191](#) **Charter Agencies/Reinvention Funds** An Act relating to state government financial matters concerning charter agencies, the state appeal board, and reinvention initiatives of the department of management, and making appropriations.

[HSB 193](#) **MH/DD/MRI/BI Services** An Act relating to mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury services and the services fund administered by counties by revising levy provisions applicable to that fund, providing for county administration of services on behalf of the state, and providing for development of assessment processes, and including an effective and applicability date.

[SSB 1004](#) **Inheritance Tax** → to [SF 175](#)

[SSB 1037](#) **Supplemental Appropriation** An Act relating to appropriation matters by making, increasing, and reducing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and providing effective and applicability date provisions. Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky (C), Hatch, Lamberti, Tinsman, Warnstadt

[SSB 1041](#) **Podiatrist Insurance Coverage** An Act relating to the provision under a group health insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract for compensation of podiatrists. (Human Resources) Dotzler and Seymour (C); Gaskill, Wood

[SSB 1043](#) **Health Care Facility Violations** An Act relating to health care facility violations and penalties for such violations. (Human Resources) Committee members: Dolzer & Johnson (C), Houser, Wood

[SSB 1044](#) **Biological Mental Illness Coverage** An Act relating to third party payment of health care coverage costs for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C); Dotzler, Tinsman  
Committee members: Horn & Beall (C), Courtney, Seymour



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[SSB 1045](#) **Mental Illness Coverage** An Act concerning third party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, and including substance abuse treatment services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Behn & Ragan (C); Dotzler, Seymour

[SSB 1051](#) **Adult Abuse Cases** An Act relating to access to dependent adult abuse information and unemployment compensation claims. (Business and Labor) Committee members: Horn & Beall (C), Courtney, Seymour

[SSB 1054](#) **Mandated Health Coverage** An Act allowing the exclusion of mandated health care benefit coverage in certain health insurance policies or contracts. (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom & Wieck (C), McCoy, Zaun

[SSB 1098](#) **Mental Illness Health Coverage** (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom & Iverson (C), Beall, Wieck

[SSB 1143](#) **Cemeteries Bill** An Act relating to cemeteries and cemetery regulation, providing administration and enforcement procedures, establishing requirements for interment rights agreements and reporting, establishing and appropriating fees, and providing penalties. (Commerce) Committee members: Wieck (C), Beall, Courtney, Zaun

[SSB 1168](#) **Nursing Homes Property Tax Exemption** An Act relating to the property taxation of nursing facilities and including effective and applicability date provisions.

[SSB 1181](#) **Long Term Care Decisions** An Act relating to the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program.

[SSB 1183](#) **Elder Abuse Cases** An Act relating to the evaluation and disposition of dependent adult abuse cases within assisted living programs, elder group homes, and adult day services programs.

[SSB 1186](#) **Charter Agencies/Reinvention Funds** An Act relating to state government financial matters concerning charter agencies, the state appeal board, and reinvention initiatives of the department of management, and making appropriations.

[SSB 1197](#) **IPERS Rate Increases** An Act providing for employer and employee contributions to the Iowa public employees' retirement system.

[SSB 1200](#) **Health Facility Fines** An Act relating to health care facility violations and penalties for such violations.

[SSB 1201](#) **Long Term Vision** An Act relating to the establishment of a state vision for the long term living system.

[SSB 1204](#) **Medicare Task Force** An Act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for the implementation of Medicare Part D and providing an effective date.



**Study Bills** *continued*

[SSB 1210](#) **Long Term Care Decisions** An Act relating to the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program.

[SSB 1211](#) **Food Code to IDPH** An Act providing for the Iowa department of public health to administer the Iowa food code in place of the department of inspections and appeals.

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