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## Under the Dome

This has been a week of gridlock in negotiating the issues that will bring the 81<sup>st</sup> session of Iowa's General Assembly to a close. Late Thursday, an agreement was reached on the FY 07 state budget of approximately 5.29 billion dollars. We have no additional information on the FY 07 department appropriation (HF 2734) or the likely Senate amendment to the bill. Therefore, the figure of 1.3 million in funding for the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE) remains as the most current figure we have (of the 3 million dollars requested in the Governor's budget). As previously stated, we believe the caps in the bill have been removed and that the FTE requested remains unfunded. The information we currently have also indicates "Winning Compliance" related to consumer education of long-term care options remains unfunded (\$62,500). The Standings bill (in which the state salary bill is being included) is currently in sub-committee. It is possible the details can be worked out next week and adjournment may become a reality – stay tuned.

## Social Security and Pension Taxes:

The tax cut for seniors is proposed to be phased in over eight years. The plan will phase out remaining taxes on social security income and will increase the state exemption on all

income for Iowa taxpayers age 65 and over to \$15,000 for singles and \$20,000 for couples in FY 2007 and 2008. Beginning in FY 2009, this exemption moves to \$18,000 for singles and \$24,000 for couples.

## Government Oversight Bill

[SSB 3271](#) and a companion bill in the House, [HSB 779](#) were introduced on Monday. The legislation applies to organizations when an individual service contract or a series of service contracts exceeds \$500,000 or when a grant or contract together with other grants or contracts awarded to the organization by an oversight agencies fiscal year exceeds \$500,000 in the aggregate.

The proposed legislation does the following:

- Strengthens accountability in service contracts
- Increases the State Auditors investigative authority
- Strengthens whistleblower protection laws
- Increases the transparency in intergovernmental agencies



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## Dependant Abuse Forums

The [2006 Dependent Adult Abuse Forums: Enhancing Iowa's Service Delivery System Brochure](#) is now on the Department's website. These sessions are sponsored by the Departments of Human Services and Elder Affairs and are a continuation of the 1998 Dependent Adult Abuse Forums and the 2003 Survey sent to professionals concerning Iowa's Dependent Adult Abuse System.

These sessions will include:

- Review of 1998 Dependent Adult Abuse Forums & 2003 Dependent Adult Protection

- Advisory Council Survey
- Review of Current Service Delivery System
- Gather Feedback from Participants on:
  - o What's Working
  - o What's Not Working
  - o What Needs to Occur to Create Iowa's Ideal System

There is **NO CHARGE** for Attending the Forums, however registration is required as there will be a limit of 60 participants per location due to accommodations.

## In the Legislature

*The following is a listing of the bills the department is 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's online bill book.*

[HF 2022](#) **Cigarette Taxes** By: Tomenga and Olson R.

[HF 2026](#) **Non-Profit Tax Exemption**  
By: Paulsen

[HF 2045](#) **SS-Pension Income Phase Out**  
By: Ways and Means (Successor to [HSB 502](#)) Passed House to Senate

[HF 2049](#) **Senior Property Tax Freeze**  
By: Butka

[HF 2055](#) **Long Term Care Deduction**  
By: Frevert

[HF 2147](#) **Temporary Conservators** By: Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and Petersen  
**Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2171](#) **Elder Fishers** By: Committee on Natural Resources (Successor to [HF 2039](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2186](#) **Health Related Appropriations** By: Wendt (Companion to [SF 2119](#))

[HF 2215](#) **Rule Regulatory Analysis** By: Eichhorn **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business**

## New this week:

[HSB 779](#) **Government Accountability Act** By: Government Oversight (Companion to [SSB 3271](#))

[SSB 3271](#) **Government Accountability Act** By: Government Oversight Committee (Companion to [HSB 779](#))

## From Previous Issues of the Update:

### House Files

[HF 590](#) **Senior Crossbow Hunting** By: Committee on Natural Resources  
**Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2002](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** By: Raecker and Kuhn



[HF 2238](#) **Federal Block Grants** By: Committee on Appropriations (Formerly [HSB 563](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2270](#) **Domestic Violence Brochure** By: Ford

[HF 2319](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HF 2057](#)) **Passed Senate to Governor**

[HF 2347](#) **Health Care Transformation Act** By: Committee on Human Resources Successor to [HF 2042](#), Sub for [SF 2051](#) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2363](#) **Veterans at Health Care Facilities** By: Committee on Veterans Affairs (Successor to [HSB 574](#)) **Passed Senate and Sent to the Governor**

[HF 2383](#) **Rent Reimbursement** By: Struyk, Huser, Dandekar, & Mertz

[HF 2424](#) **Emergency Rule Making** By: Administrative Rules Committee **Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2334](#)**

[HF 2464](#) **Nursing Student Background Checks** By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HSB 656](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2492](#) **MR Case Payments** By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HF 2021](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2501](#) **Apartment Assessment** By: Struyk, Huser, & McCarthy

[HF 2506](#) **Identity Theft Passports** By: Commerce, Regulations & Labor (Successor to [HF 2247](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2540](#) **Food Policy Council** By: Committee on Appropriations **Passed House, Amended, Passed Senate - Back to House**

[HF 2553](#) **Senior Property Assessments** By: May

[HF 2588](#) **Health Facility Employee**

**Checks** By: Committee on Human Resources (Formerly [HSB 677](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2593](#) **Executive Lobbist Rules** By: Committee on State Government (Formerly [HSB 534](#)) **Passed Senate to Governor**

[HF 2630](#) **State Spending** By: Eichhorn et al.

[HF 2652](#) **No Contact Orders** By: Committee on Judiciary (Successor to [HSB 718](#)) **Passed Senate to Governor**

[HF 2698](#) **Customer Council Decisions** By: Committee on State Government (Successor to [HSB 624](#)) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business**

[HF 2706](#) **Private Donor Records** By: Committee on State Government (Successor to [HSB 687](#)) **Passed House to Senate, Sub for [SF 2270](#)**

[HF 2716](#) **Malpractice** By: Committee on Judiciary (Successor to [HSB 676](#)) **Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2356](#)**

[HF 2734](#) **House Appropriations Bill** By: Committee on Appropriations (Successor to [HSB 764](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2742](#) **Probate and Trust Codes** By: Committee on Judiciary (Successor to [HSB 720](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[HF 2746](#) **State Employee Vehicles** By: Committee on Government Oversight (Successor to [HF 849](#))

[HF 2752](#) **State Bidding Requirements** By: Committee on Government Oversight (Successor to [HSB 508](#)) **Placed on Calendar**

[HF 2772](#) **Brain Injury Services** By: Committee on Appropriations (Formerly [HF 2561](#)) (Formerly [HF 2325](#)) **Passed Senate to Governor**

[HF 2780](#) **MH/MR/DD/BI Services** By:

*Committee on Appropriations (Formerly [HF 2616](#)) (Formerly [HF 2338](#)) Passed House to Senate*

[HF 2787](#) **Child and Dependent Credit**  
By: *Committee on Ways and Means*  
(Successor to [HSB 774](#))

#### Senate Files

[SF 341](#) **Long-term Living System** By:  
*Human Resources (Formerly [SSB 1272](#))*  
**Senate Defers (4/28/05)**

[SF 355](#) **Medicare Part D Task Force**  
By: *Human Resources (Formerly [SSB 1204](#))*

[SF 416](#) **Cigarette Tax and Property Tax** By: *Ways and Means (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))*

[SF 2034](#) **Suicide Prevention Office** By:  
*Ragan & Bolkcom*

[SF 2037](#) **Military Pension Exemption**  
By: *Miller*

[SF 2038](#) **Disabled Veterans Homestead**  
By: *Lamberti*

[SF 2040](#) **Long-term Care Credit** By:  
*Miller*

[SF 2044](#) **Pension Income Phase Out** By:  
*Tinsman et al. (Companion to [HF 2045](#))*

[SF 2062](#) **Senior Living Trust Appropriations** By: *Bolkcom et al.*

[SF 2070](#) **LIHEAP Supplemental** By:  
*Hatch et al.*

[SF 2081](#) **Veterans Cemetary** By:  
*Stewert*

[SF 2082](#) **Veterans Home** By: *Ragan*

[SF 2113](#) **Property Tax Reform** By:  
*Angelo et al.*

[SF 2119](#) **Health Related Appropriations** By: *Warnstadt*

[SF 2124](#) **Nutrition and Grant Exercise Grant Program** By: *Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [SSB 3012](#)) Signed by the Governor*

[SF 2202](#) **Nursing Facility Tax Assessments** By: *Beall*

[SF 2231](#) **State Employees Sick Leave**  
By: *Committee on State Government*  
(Successor to [SSB 3138](#)) **Signed by the Governor**

[SF 2239](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** By:  
*Committee on Human Resources*  
(Successor to [SF 2048](#))

[SF 2316](#) **Administrative Rules Filings**  
By: *Committee on State Government*  
(Successor to [SSB 3083](#), and [SF 2216](#))  
**Signed by the Governor**

[SF 2327](#) **Arrest Warrant Information**  
By: *Committee on Judiciary (Successor to [SSB 3152](#)) Passed House to Governor*

[SF 2332](#) **Iowa Food Policy Council** By:  
*Committee on State Government*  
(Successor to [SSB 3246](#)) **Passed Senate to House**

[SF 2334](#) **Governor Emergency Rules**  
By: *Committee on State Government*  
(Successor to [SF 2230](#)) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, FM: Kibbie**

[SF 2338](#) **Indirect Costs** By: *Committee on Government Oversight (Successor to [SSB 3118](#)) Passed House to the Governor*

[SF 2367](#) **Prosthetic Device Coverage**  
By: *Committee on Commerce (Successor to [SSB 1281](#)) Referred back to Committee*

[SSB 3041](#) **Governor Senior Living Trust** By: *Governor's Budget Bill*

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### Mark Your Calendars...

#### Annual Governor's Conference on Aging & Photo Contest

May 22 and 23, 2006

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#GCOA](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#GCOA)

#### Connecting with Experience: Iowa Governor's Conference on 50+ Workers

May 24, 2006

Information available at:

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#CESC](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#CESC)

Register online: [www.cishrm.org/](http://www.cishrm.org/)

#### Iowa Senior Olympics

June 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

<http://iowaseniorolympics.com/>

#### Elder Rights Conference

October 9 and 10, 2006

[www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#ERC](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#ERC)

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To provide advocacy, educational, and prevention services to older Iowans so they can find Iowa a healthy, safe, productive, and enjoyable place to live and work.