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Under the Dome

First Funnel in Two Weeks

March 3rd is the first funnel date and sub-committee meetings are in full swing. Next week will be much of the same. The appropriation request for the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE) continues to percolate in the House as does the Department's request for the development of consumer information related to assisted living, adult day services and elder group homes (Winning Compliance).

House Republicans Propose Provider Increases

On Thursday of this week, House Republicans announced a 3% (or 17.9 million dollar) increase to Medicaid provider reimbursement rates. This rate will bring in an estimated additional \$36 million dollars in federal matching funds. Keep in mind... ***Iowa is one of two states that does not access federal match for case management for the coordination of senior services.*** The CMPFE program is the vital link in the ability of older Iowans to access and coordinate home and community based services for challenged older Iowans. The concept of increasing Medicaid

rates for HCBS providers is of merit, however, without stabilizing the CMPFE program with the additional requested three million dollars (which will leverage an additional six million dollars in federal matching funds), frail and vulnerable seniors may have difficulty accessing and coordinating the services that will keep them in their own homes and communities.

DHS Comments on the Elderly Waiver Cap and Reimbursement for CMPFE

DHS has provided clarification on the issue of the current monthly cap of \$1052 for individuals on the elderly waiver and payment for case management services. The \$1052 is a statewide aggregate cap, which may be exceeded on an individual basis as long as the statewide average is maintained. This would allow consumers who are currently at the cap (for example those using services such as assisted living or adult day services) to receive the same level of services and also allow for payment for case management.

Democrats Propose Senior Protections & Support of Case Management

On Thursday, House and Senate Democrats stated that legislators should create additional protections for seniors related to identity fraud and elder abuse. Democrats are proposing the legislature create an Elder Fraud Protection Bureau in the Attorney General's Office to focus on prosecuting financial fraud, telemarketing scams, and consumer fraud against senior citizens. Democrats stated that this will also help other institutions, especially banks, identify such victimization. In 2004, DEA was successful in proposing legislation that stated financial institutions may report dependent adult abuse on a voluntary basis.

An office of Elder Fraud Protection Bureau would further enhance the protection and service delivery system which includes the 19 county Elder Abuse Initiative Demonstration Projects and the proposed Office of Substitute Decision Maker. The Department successfully sought both legislation and a federal grant to develop the Office of Substitute Decision Making in 2005. However, no appropriation was made in 2005. Representative Mark Smith has introduced legislation in 2006 to fund this office, see [HF 2010](#). The Office of Substitute Decision Maker would help prevent abuse, exploitation, and scams for adults unable to make their own decisions. If you would like more information

related to a recent survey outlining the need for the Office of Substitute Decision Maker, please access the Departments reports on our website www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/ under "What's New at DEA" (available after Monday, February 20th).

Democrats also stated that more workers should have direct care responsibilities for seniors, such as those in assisted living programs. Democrats are proposing that direct care workers should have pre-employment checks and that there should be random checks of current employees. DEA supports this concept.

Senate Democrats also support appropriating additional dollars to fund the Case Management Program for Frail Elders.

Death with Dignity Act

[House File 2425](#) allows an adult suffering from a terminal illness to request in writing, medication for ending their life. The bill establishes the form of the written request, the duties of the attending physician, the confirmation by a consulting physician, counseling, family notification, the right to rescind, waiting periods, medical documentation, residency and reporting requirements, the effect on construction of wills, contracts, and statutes, the effect on insurance or annuity policies, immunities, and criminal penalties. The bill repeals the current prohibition on assisting suicide.

Upcoming Events:

Here's a listing of upcoming events. Please email erin.haafke@iowa.gov if you have an event to add.

February 22nd
Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging Legislative Advocacy Day at the Capitol

March 8th
Heritage Area Agency on Aging Legislative Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Caring for an Older Iowan? Bookmark the Iowa Family Caregiver website: www.iowafamilycaregiver.org/

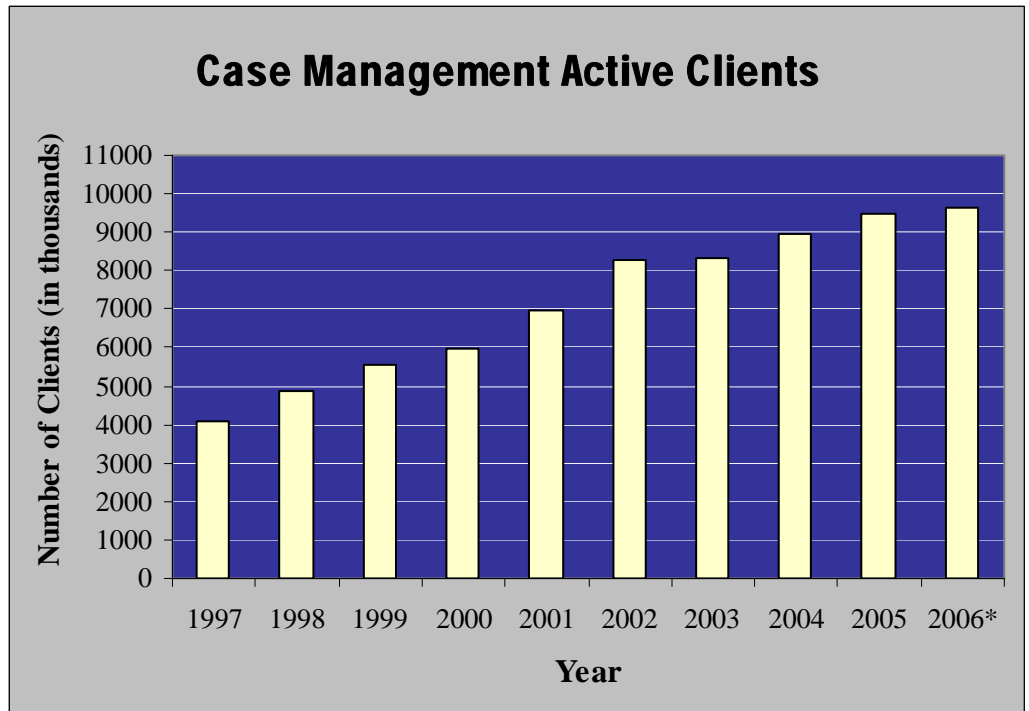
Death with Dignity Act continued...

This proposed legislation is germane to the Department’s fall conference in mid-November related to final decision making. Watch our web site for additional details on the conference.

Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs

DEA thanks our two commission members, Representative Pettengill and Representative Upmeyer who submitted [House Resolution 120](#), which honors the Department of Elder Affairs on its 40th anniversary.

Average Number of Case Management (CMPFE) Clients per Month by Year



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Opportunity for Input: The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Wants to Hear from YOU About Changing Long Term Care

Thank you to Campbell-Patterson Consulting for allowing us to reprint this article from InfoNET.

The IowaCare Act of 2005 may be best known as the law extending limited Medicaid coverage to adults who earn up to 200% of poverty level. But the Act also calls for some major planning and action steps to expand choices for people who need long term care. By July 1, 2007, the Department of Human Services is required to submit a plan to the Legislature to reduce the number of people receiving care in ICF/MRs and to increase the number of people receiving home and community based services.

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has also secured a large federal grant which will support implementation of these and other “rebalancing” provisions, and which fund programs that further the purposes of the Act, in such areas as improving people’s access to information about long term supports, improving access to affordable and accessible housing, and strengthening transportation services. All Medicaid members, including older Iowans, are expected to benefit. In fact, IME wants to include older Iowans in its overall plan to expand home and community based services.

Work is underway on strategic

planning for all of these initiatives. Monthly IowaCare Advisory Work Group meetings are held in Des Moines to provide updates on progress and to get input from anyone who is interested in how the Act is implemented. IME posts the schedule and agendas at www.ime.state.ia.us/Iowacare/index.html

You can also e-mail your comments directly to IME. Click on the link where it says ‘Tell us what you think about health care and long term care in Iowa at our monthly IowaCare Advisory Group Meetings.’ Scroll to the issue you are most interested in, such as ‘Rebalancing LTC’ and click on view documents. That will give you Public Comments links you can use to provide your input on long-term care issues.

IME recognizes that not everyone can attend these meetings, and has asked the Center for Disabilities and Development (CDD) to conduct outreach to as many long term care stakeholders as possible, including consumers and family members. CDD has been asking consumers what services they need now or will need in the future in order to remain independent and productive, whether those services are available in their community, and how easy it is to get access to them. Participants in these discussions are eligible for a \$25 per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses. Several Iowa centers for independent living are planning input sessions for



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Opportunity for Input continued...

consumers and family members. A session has been scheduled at the Evert Conner Center for Independent Living in Iowa City on February 24th. Call Keith Ruff at (319) 338 3870 for more information.

CDD invites other disability or aging organizations and associations to collaborate in this outreach effort.

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.

New this week:

These are bills that are new to the update this week, for which we have included a brief description.

House Files

[HF 2302](#) Job Sharing A bill for an act providing that the department of administrative services adopt rules promoting state employment job sharing and flex-time policies. *By: Mascher* (House State Government)

[HF 2325](#) Brain Injury Services A bill for an act creating a county-based brain injury services program and providing for allocation of a previously enacted appropriation. *By: Carroll and Kurtenbach* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Foege, Heddens, Kurtenbach, and Tymeson

CDD staff will meet with governing boards and organizational or consumer members who want to share experiences or opinions. To schedule a listening event, call Linda Murray at (319) 356 – 1523 or e-mail her at linda-murray@uiowa.edu

[HF 2338](#) MH/MR/DD/BI Services

A bill for an act relating to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, or brain injury by addressing purposes and quality standards for services and other support available for such persons, establishing basic financial eligibility standards, addressing state and county financial responsibility for the cost of the services and other support, and providing effective and applicability dates. *By: Carroll & Heddens* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, Heddens, Lukan, and Wendt

[HF 2339](#) Food Reinspection Fees

A bill for an act relating to the establishment and level of fees for the licensing and inspection of hotels, home food establishments, and food establishments. *By: Petersen* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2349](#) Landlord Retaliation A

bill for an act relating to landlords and tenants by prohibiting a

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landlord from retaliating against a tenant for summoning or receiving police or emergency assistance in response to a family violence or domestic abuse situation and requiring a landlord to have good cause to terminate a mobile home space rental agreement. *By: Ford* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2353](#) **Medicaid Modifications**

A bill for an act relating to assistance limitations for home and vehicle modification applied under certain medical assistance home and community-based services waivers. *By: Struyk, Dandekar, and Huser* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, and Wendt

[HF 2355](#) **Medicaid Medical Equipment**

A bill for an act relating to the coverage of specialized medical equipment under medical assistance home and community-based services waivers. *By: Struyk & Huser* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Berry, and Heaton

[HF 2358](#) **Agency Audits** An Act requiring complete financial audits of state departments by the auditor. *By: Jacobs* (House State Government) Committee members: Jacobs, Jochum, and Kurtenbach

[HF 2360](#) **Utility Information from Landlords** A bill for an act to require landlords of residential property to provide prospective tenants the monthly budget billing amount and highest monthly bill

from the utility that provides heat to the premises. *By: Petersen* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2363](#) **Veterans at Health Care Facilities** A bill for an act relating to the process utilized in assessing residents of health care facilities for veterans program benefits. *By: Committee on Veterans Affairs* Committee members: *Formerly HSB 574* **Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Alons**

[HF 2373](#) **Food Code Transfer** An Act relating to regulation of food safety, providing for a transfer of administrative authority to the Iowa department of public health to administer the regulation of hotel sanitation code, home food establishments, the Iowa food code, and the regulation of egg handlers, and providing for adoption of the 2005 edition of the United States food and drug administration food code. *By: Upmeyer* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2380](#) **Whistleblowers** An Act concerning disclosures of information by state employees to a member or employee of the general assembly *By: Pettengill et al.* (House State Government)

[HF 2383](#) **Rent Reimbursement** A bill for an act relating to rent reimbursement claims filed for rent paid for residing in property tax exempt buildings and including an effective date. *By: Struyk, Huser, Dandekar, & Mertz* (House Ways and Means)

[HF 2393](#) MH/MR/DD/BI

Confidentiality A bill for an act requiring the department of human services to maintain compliance with privacy laws applicable to mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury services data. *By: Admin. Rules Review Committee* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Carroll, and Heddens

[HF 2394](#) Administrative Rules

Filings A bill for an act relating to the procedures for filing administrative rules. *By: Admin. Rules Review Committee* (House State Government)

[HF 2411](#) Medical Review

Committee A bill for an act relating to creation of a medical review panel and the admissibility of the panel's opinion in a medical malpractice action. *By: Hutter* (House Judiciary)

[HF 2425](#) Death with Dignity A bill for an act relating to the creation of the death with dignity Act, providing penalties, and providing a repeal. *By: Mascher* (House Human Resources)

Senate Files

[SF 2198](#) State Safety Standards A bill for an act establishing safety standards for contractors wishing to bid on state contracts. *By: Bolkcom* (House State Government) Committee members: Black, Kettering, Brunkhorst, and Horn

[SF 2202](#) Nursing Facility Tax

Assessments A bill for an act relating to assessment of certain nursing facilities for purposes of property

taxation and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. *By: Beall* (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Quirnbach, Zieman, Bolkcom, and Miller

[SF 2208](#) Cemetary Access An Act relating to access to certain burial sites located on private property. *By: Committee on Local Government* () Committee members: (*Successor to [SF 2008](#)*)

Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Kreiman

[SF 2214](#) MH/MR/DD/BI Services

A bill for an act relating to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, or brain injury by addressing purposes and quality standards for services and other support available for such persons, establishing basic financial eligibility standards, addressing state and county financial responsibility for the cost of the services and other support, and providing an applicability date. *By: Hatch and Tinsman* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser, Tinsman, Bolkcom, and Hatch

[SF 2215](#) Health Care Insurance

An Act creating a healthy Iowa individual health care insurance and reinsurance program for certain uninsured Iowans. *By: Wieck* (Senate Commerce)

[SF 2216](#) Administrative Rules

Filings A bill for an act relating to the procedures for filing administrative rules. *By: Admin.*

Rules Review Committee (Senate State Government) Committee members: Kibbie, Ward, Brunkhorst, and Danielson

[SF 2217](#) **MH/MR/DD/BI**

Confidentiality A bill for an act requiring the department of human services to maintain compliance with privacy laws applicable to mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury services data. *By: Admin Rules Review Committee* (Senate Human Resources)

[SF 2218](#) **Medical Malpractice Caps**

A bill for an act relating to an award of noneconomic damages in a medical malpractice action. *By: Brunkhorst et al.* (Senate Judiciary)

[SF 2230](#) **Emergency Rule** A bill for an act relating to the approval of emergency rulemaking by the governor. *By: Admin Rules Review Committee* (House State Government)

[SF 2231](#) **State Employees Sick**

Leave A bill for an act concerning accrued sick leave and the conversion of sick leave for state employees. *By: Committee on State Government* () Committee members: (Successor to [SSB 3138](#)) **Placed on the Calendar**

From Previous Issues of the Update:

These are bills the department continues to monitor. In an effort to decrease the size of the update, we have removed the brief description from this listing.

House Files

[HF 116](#) **Senior Deer Hunters** *By: Struyk, Mertz, Dandekar, Lukan* (House Natural Resources Committee) Committee members: Van Engelenhoven (C), Whitead, Wilderdyke

[HF 833](#) **Pharmacy Bill** *By: Ways and Means* (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Danielson and Larson (C), McCoy, and Zaun

[HF 851](#) **Death Certificates** *By: Ways and Means* (Ways & Means) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Boal, Davitt (Successor to [HF 455](#))

[HF 852](#) **Inheritance Tax Credit** *By: Ways and Means* (Ways and Means) Committee members: Soderberg (C), Lalk, Schueller (Formerly [HF 795](#)) (Formerly [HF 297](#))

[HF 2002](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** *By: Raecker and Kuhn* (House Appropriations) Committee members: Heaton, Kuhn, and Raecker (Senate Appropriations) Angelo and Dvorsky

[HF 2010](#) **Substitute Decision Makers** *By: Smith* (Human Resources)

[HF 2018](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Gaskill and Swaim* (Human Resources)

[HF 2021](#) **MR Case Payments** *By: Heddens* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Freeman, Heddens

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

[HF 2026](#) **Non-Profit Tax Exemption** *By: Paulsen* (Ways and Means) Committee members: Paulson, Kaufmann, Huser

[HF 2028](#) **Veteran Status** *By: D Olson* (Veteran Affairs) Committee members: May (C), Tymeson, Wendt

[HF 2039](#) **Elder Fishers** *By: Bell and Huser* (Natural Resources) Committee members: Lukan, Bell, and May (*Now [HF 2171](#)*) **Inactive**

[HF 2040](#) **Medicaid Inflation Factor** *By: Swaim and Gaskill* (Human Resources)

[HF 2045](#) **SS-Pension Income Phase Out** *By: House Ways and Means (Successor to [HSB 502](#))* **Passed House to Senate** (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Connelly & Wieck, Miller, Quirnbach

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

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

[HF 2057](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Kaufmann et al.* (Human Resources) Committee members: Granzow (C), Tomenga, Wendt (see *Successor Bill [HF 2319](#)*) **Inactive**

[HF 2060](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Huser et al.* (Human Resources) (*Companion to LSB 5740SS*)

[HF 2062](#) **Medicaid Inflation Factor** *By: Huser et al.* (Human Resources)

[HF 2063](#) **Fundraising** *By: Ford* (State Government) Committee members: Hutter, Boal, and Ford

[HF 2064](#) **Long Term Care** *By: Huser & Peters* (Commerce, Regulations & Labor) (*Companion to LSB 5741SS*)

[HF 2066](#) **Involuntary Commitments** *By: Petersen* (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Foege, Hutter

[HF 2068](#) **Senior Living Trust Fund** *By: Huser et al.* (Human Resources)

[HF 2071](#) **Burial Sites** *By: Swaim* (Local Government)

[HF 2081](#) **Military Property Tax Credit** *By: Dix et al.* (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Hutter, and Whitead (*Companion to [SF 2008](#)*) **Passed out of Sub Committee**

[HF 2087](#) **Electronic Prescriptions** *By: Heaton* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Jacoby, and Wilderdyke

[HF 2088](#) **Income Exemption** *By: Kurtenbach et al.* (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Kaufmann, Paulsen, and D. Taylor **Passed out of Sub Committee**

[HF 2089](#) Mobile Treatment Team

By: Heaton (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton (C), Roberts, and Smith

[HF 2106](#) MHMRDD Services

By: Carroll (House Human Resources) (See Successor [HF 2330](#)) **Inactive**

[HF 2111](#) Dependant Adult Abuse

Investigation *By: Bell* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Carroll, Winckler

[HF 2113](#) Long Term Care

Standards *By: Swaim & Gaskill* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2115](#) Suicide Prevention

By: Lensing (House Human Resources) (*Companion to* [SF 2034](#))

[HF 2126](#) Health Insurance Policies

By: Foege (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2128](#) Public Record

Information *By: Gaskill et al.* (House State Government)

[HF 2130](#) State Records Destruction

By: Hutter (House State Government)

[HF 2139](#) Legislative Council Rule

Review *By: Struyk, Huser, & Dandekar* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

[HF 2145](#) Food Establishment

Reinspection Fees *By: Upmeyer* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Carroll, Ford

[HF 2146](#) Preadmission Screening

By: Upmeyer (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer, Carroll, Foege

[HF 2147](#) Temporary

Conservators *By: Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and Petersen* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Heaton, Anderson, Foege

[HF 2148](#) Directed Attendant

Skills *By: Upmeyer* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach, Granzow, Peterson

[HF 2149](#) Expert Medical Witness

By: Upmeyer (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Jochum, Tymeson

[HF 2159](#) State Budget Calendar

By: Heaton (House Government Oversight)

[HF 2162](#) Rule Making Authority

Credit *By: Upmeyer et al.* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

[HF 2166](#) Dependent Adult Abuse

By: Pettengill et al. (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Winckler, Carroll

[HF 2168](#) Involuntary

Commitments *By: Jacobs* (House Judiciary) Committee members: J.R. Van Fossen, Foege, and Heaton

[HF 2171](#) Elder Fishers

By: Committee on Natural Resources (*Successor to* [HF 2039](#)) **Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Lukan**

[HF 2185](#) **Food Inspections** *By: Upmeyer* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer, Carroll, Jacoby

[HF 2186](#) **Health Related**

Appropriations *By: Wendt* (House Appropriations) (*Companion to* [SF 2119](#))

[HF 2193](#) **Hate Crimes** *By: Mascher* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Lensing, Paulsen

[HF 2195](#) **County Mental Health Services** *By: Wendt* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2198](#) **Explaining Medicaid Benefits** *By: Berry & Kressig* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2210](#) **Domestic Abuse Recommendation** *By: Mascher* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Carroll, and Lensing

[HF 2211](#) **Medicaid Estate Recovery** *By: Cohoon*

[HF 2215](#) **Rule Regulatory Analysis** *By: Eichhorn* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

[HF 2219](#) **Cemetery Access** *By: Kaufmann and Lalk* (House Local Government) Committee members: Rasmussen, Arnold, and Huser

[HF 2223](#) **Legislative Review of Administrative Rules** *By: Upmeyer* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, and Tomenga.

[HF 2225](#) **Involuntary Commitment Hearing** *By: McCarthy* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Anderson, Foege, and J.R. Van Fossen.

[HF 2238](#) **Federal Block Grants** *By: Committee on Appropriations* (House Appropriations) (*Formerly* [HSB 563](#)) **Passed House to Senate, Passed Senate Sub Committee** (Senate Appropriations)

[HF 2260](#) **Public Motor Vehical Identification** *By: Jacobs* (House Transportation) Committee members: Lukan, Mertz, and S. Olson

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

[HF 2277](#) **Human Corpse Abuse** *By: Schueller et al.* (House Judiciary) Committee members: J.R. Van Fossen, Carroll, and Smith

[HF 2319](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Committee on Human Resources* (*Successor to* [HF 2057](#)) **Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Granzow**

[HF 2321](#) **Nutrition and Exercise Grant Program** *By: Committee on Human Resources* (*Successor to* [HSB 583](#)) **Placed on Calendar, fiscal note, Floor Manager: Upmeyer**

[HSB 559](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse** *By: DHS* Committee members: Wilderduke, Berry, Hutter, Smith, Upmeyer

[HSB 573](#) **Veterans Cemetary** *By: Dept. of Veterans Affairs* Committee members: Hutter, Quirk, Watts

[HSB 574 Veterans Health Care Facility](#) *By: Dept. of Veterans Affairs*
Committee members: **Passed out of Committee to 2nd Committee** (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Alons (C), Freeman, Whitead

[HSB 583 Nutrition and Exercise Grant Program](#) *By: DPH*
Committee members: (Successor is [HF 2321](#)) **Inactive**

[HSB 584 Medicaid Issues](#) *By: DHS*
Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, Petersen, Upmeyer, Wendt

Senate Files

[SF 341 Long-term Living System](#) *By: Human Resources (Formerly [SSB 1272](#))*

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

[SF 416 Cigarette Tax and Property Tax](#) *By: Ways and Means (House Ways and Means) Committee members: Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))*

[SF 2008 Cemetary Access](#) *By: Kreiman (Local Government) Committee members: Kreiman & Mulder (C), Stewart, and Zaun Successor is [SF 2208](#)* **Inactive**

[SF 2031 Grandparent Visitation](#) *By: Ragan et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Seymour (C), Ragan, and Tinsman*

[SF 2034 Suicide Prevention Office](#) *By: Ragan & Bolkcom (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky*

[SF 2036 Veterans Programs Appropriations](#) *By: Appropriations (Senate Appropriations) ([HF 2080](#) substituted) withdrawn*

[SF 2037 Military Pension Exemption](#) *By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Danielson & Zaun (C), Dotzler, Zieman*

[SF 2038 Disabled Veterans Homestead](#) *By: Lamberti (Ways & Means) Committee members: Dotzler & McKibben (C), Danielson, Zaun*

[SF 2040 Long-term Care Credit](#) *By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun*

[SF 2044 Pension Income Phase Out](#) *By: Tinsman et al. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & McKibben (C), Bolkcom, Zieman (Companion to [HF 2045](#))*

[SF 2048 Personal Needs Allowance](#) *By: Bolkcom et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Ragan, and Seymour*

[SF 2051 Medicaid Transformation](#) *By: Committee on Appropriations (Senate Appropriations) (Formerly [SSB 3016](#))*

[SF 2058 Long Term Care Insurance](#) *By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom, Wieck, McKinkey, Rielly*

[SF 2059 Health Care Whistle](#)

Blower *By: Bolkcom et al.* (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Quirnbach (C), Bolkcom, and Houser

[SF 2062 Senior Living Trust](#)

Appropriations *By: Bolkcom et al.* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2067 Minimum Wage](#) *By:*

Dotzler et al. (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: Behn & Dotzler (C), Courtney, and Seymour

[SF 2068 Medicaid Reimbursement](#)

By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Quirnbach & Seymour (C), Bolkcom, and Houser (*Companion to LSB 5742HH*)

[SF 2070 LIHEAP Supplemental](#) *By:*

Hatch et al. (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky

[SF 2073 Temporary Conservator](#)

By: Bolkcom (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Behn & Quirnbach (C), Boettger, and Wood

[SF 2074 Medicaid and Medicare](#)

Services Waiver *By: Miller* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Seymour (C), Gaskill, and Quirnbach

[SF 2081 Veterans Cemetery](#) *By:*

Stewart (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Stewart, Kettering, Warnstadt

[SF 2082 Veterans Home](#) *By: Ragan* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2099 Workforce Training](#)

Vouchers *By: Hatch* (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: McKibben & Seng (C), Behn, and Horn

[SF 2113 Property Tax Reform](#) *By:*

Angelo et al. (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Connolly & Miller, Quirnbach, Zieman

[SF 2119 Health Related](#)

Appropriations *By: Warnstadt* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SF 2124 Nutrition and Grant](#)

Exercise Grant Program *By: Committee on Human Resources* (Senate Human Resources) (*Successor to [SSB 3012](#)*) **Placed on Calendar, Fiscal Note**

[SF 2144 MHI Beds](#) *By: Warnstadt*

(Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Dotzler, Seymour, Johnson, and Wood

[SF 2159 Official License Plates](#) *By:*

Ward (Senate Transportation) Committee members: Ward, Warnstadt, Beall, and Kettering

[SF 2170 Senior Home Retrofit](#) *By:*

Hatch (Senate Economic Growth) Committee members: Beall & Hahn (C), Ragan, Zaun

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Connecting with Experience State Conference on Iowa's 50+ Workforce Set for May 24 in West Des Moines

Governor Vilsack, the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs and AARP are sponsoring the one-day, information-packed event aimed at addressing the myths and truths about mature workers, and provide resources and tactics employers can use to prepare for the demographic changes their companies will face in the coming decade. Legislators are encouraged to attend

The conference is a key element in the State of Iowa pilot program on the mature workforce, which was created in partnership with the AARP to focus attention on the issues and

opportunities facing mature workers. Cost of the conference is \$30 per person by advance registration, or \$40 the day of the event.

For more information on the Connecting with Experience Conference, contact Phyllis Anderson at the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs at 515/725-3323 or Ann Black at the AARP Iowa State Office at 515/697-1003, or visit the Department of Elder Affairs website at:

www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/#CWERregistration

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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.

The Great Iowa Centenarian Search

You don't expect to live to be 100? Neither did most centenarians, but they have reached a remarkable milestone--they have turned 100 years of age.

Do you know anyone who has reached this milestone? Individuals aged 100 years of age or older, or who will be 100 years of age by the end of May, 2006, are asked to contact the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, 515/725-3333 or 1-800/532-3213 to be included in the Iowa Centenarian Registry. This registry, which is in the process of being updated, currently reports 551 Iowans aged 100 years and older. Of these, there are 99 aged 105 and older. Ninety percent of Iowa's centenarians are female and usually reside in facilities.

If you know of someone who is just reaching his or her 100th birthday, or a person 100 years of age or greater who has not previously been registered, please notify us. They will be invited to be our guest at the 2006 Governor's Conference on Aging Awards Luncheon on May 22 in West Des Moines. Governor Tom Vilsack has been invited to present certificates to those Centenarians in attendance. Centenarians unable to attend will also receive a certificate signed by the Governor.

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