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Under the Dome

First Funnel:

Friday, March 3rd is the first funnel date. This means that all House Files must be reported out of House Committees and Senate Files must be reported out of Senate Committees by the end of the day on March 3rd. Keep in mind that Appropriation, Ways and Means and Legislative Oversight bills are exempt from the funnel deadlines. It is also possible for bills that did not make the funnel date to be amended into other proposed legislation. However, for the most part, bills that do not make the first funnel will no longer receive the attention of the General Assembly as the workload is winnowed in order to make the adjournment deadline of April 18th.

Cigarette Tax:

In his FY 07 budget, Governor Vilsack included a .80 increase to the state's Cigarette tax. Iowa's tax is currently 36 cents a pack, which is one of the lowest in the nation (only eight states have a lower cigarette tax). Last year, the Senate voted out a cigarette tax, but was blocked by House Republicans. This week, there seemed to be a movement on the part of House Republicans to consider the tax at 64 cents a pack. On Wednesday, Representative Walt Tomenga said that "we have to meet our obligations to Iowa seniors and raising a cigarette tax is a great way to do it. The Senior Living Trust

Fund is dedicated to helping maintain the independence of older Iowans and we must repay the millions from that fund that have been used for other purposes." The department has not yet seen the House Health and Human Resources appropriation bill and continues to be concerned that adequate revenue is available to support the Governor's requested increase of three million dollars (which would draw down an additional six million dollars) Case Management Program for Frail Elders. [HF 2022](#) is the current bill related to the proposed Cigarette Tax.

Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE):

The House Health and Human Services Appropriations bill will likely be out in the next few weeks. We continue to encourage older Iowans and other stakeholders in the CMPFE system to contact their legislators regarding this issue, (to find out who your legislator is in the House of Representatives, go to www.legis.state.ia.us). We are attaching an updated "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) regarding CMPFE. CMPFE is the gateway to the coordination and access to services for thousands of older Iowans.

Continuing Our Mission of Accessibility for All

By Lieutenant Governor Pederson

The recent emergency evacuation at the State Capitol Building has drawn attention to the critical issue of a citizen's right to equal access. When an important public figure using a wheel chair is unable to evacuate during a fire alarm, it's frontpage news.

Fortunately, there was no fire and no one's life was at risk.

But, in fact, everyday thousands of Iowans with disabilities face barriers and challenges of which most of us are unaware. These situations may not be life-threatening, but they seriously affect quality of life for these Iowans and their families.

I have no doubt that we will make the needed improvements to our building evacuation plans so that people with disabilities will not be at risk in the event of an emergency, but if the only thing we do as a result of the failed evacuation incident is to install new equipment in the Capitol building, we will miss the real opportunity we have been given. Our present heightened awareness of the challenges facing citizens with disabilities presents a perfect teachable moment for all of us.

The intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed in 1990, was to require through federal law that citizens with disabilities be afforded equal access to housing, employment, public buildings and public information. Yet, sixteen years later, we find ourselves still working to fulfill that promise.

There is much to do. But this is also an opportunity to review what Iowa has already accomplished in this great effort.

In our first few months in office, Governor Vilsack and I requested a review of all state government buildings for ADA compliance and directed the department of administrative services to speed up renovations required to make buildings and offices accessible to citizens with disabilities. The sidewalk on the east side of the Capitol building designed for wheel chair use was too steep and did not meet standards. It was replaced. Elevators were installed to areas of the capitol previously inaccessible to people in wheelchairs; parking spaces were identified and signage installed; rampways, doors and restrooms were remodeled; flashing emergency alarm systems for the deaf were installed; and evacuation equipment for those using wheel chairs were purchased.

In that first year, we appointed a task force made up of Iowans with disabilities, contractors, architects and building inspectors to recommend a statewide building code that would comply with the standards of the ADA and eliminate the inconsistencies in state and local building codes that often caused confusion and delays. Those recommendations were adopted in 2003 and took effect in January 2004.

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Upcoming Events:

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

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/

In 1999 the US Supreme Court handed down the Olmstead Decision affirming that people with disabilities and the elderly must have meaningful choices about living in the community. Governor Vilsack responded with a strong commitment to implement Olmstead and called upon the Department of Human Services to develop a working plan for Iowa. This was followed by Executive Order 27 in February 2003 directing state agencies to “reshape the structure and nature of community-based services.”

Working with the guidance of the Olmstead Real Choices Consumer Task Force, state agencies have taken substantial steps to identify and remove barriers to community living for people with disabilities.

The recently enacted IowaCare Act is perhaps the most powerful example of setting public policy in the direction of making community living the first option for people who need long-term supports. It allows us to target resources to home and community-based services, which is a cost effective way to allow older Iowans and persons with disabilities to live in their own homes and communities.

In 2002, our administration set a goal of creating 1000 new units of housing for low-income people with disabilities in communities across the state by 2007. We began the effort with a Disability Housing Summit that brought together consumers, advocates, housing developers, builders, architects, and human service providers to talk about what was needed to support people with

disabilities living in communities. Iowa is the first state to bring public, non-profits and private sector stakeholders together and the result has been remarkable. To date, we have built or renovated 824 new housing units including apartments and universal design homes with appropriate community supports.

These measures are the result of much collaboration and citizen advocacy. But we can't rest in our efforts if all our citizens are to have the opportunity to live, work and participate in our communities.

So what next?

We now have an opportunity to pass important legislation to substantially improve the lives of people with disabilities by removing barriers that people face every day. Hundreds of Iowa citizens have been working on ways to transform the system of support services for adults with disabilities to improve quality and increase positive results. A summary of the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities and Brain Injury Commission's legislative proposals can be obtained from the Department of Human Services and at www.governor.state.ia.us.

The Governor and I look forward to working with Representative Mark Kuhn, and other committed and dedicated legislators and advocates to take up the recommendations of the Commission. Let's make this the year we take action, not just to protect, but to improve the lives of citizens with disabilities.

LifeLong Links

Iowa's Aging and Disability Resource Center Project

Iowa is one of 43 states that receive Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) funds from the Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Dept. of Elder Affairs received the 3-year award for Iowa in 2004. Unlike most other states that chose to set up physical centers where aging consumers and consumers with disabilities work with long-term care counselors to learn about and access services, Iowa chose a different route. Iowa's ADRC, now known as **LifeLong Links**, will soon become an Internet web portal that will facilitate access to information, decision-making, and services for every Iowan through Internet access, through providers, and through toll-free telephone service for consumers who do not use a computer or do not have access to the Internet. The project will coordinate existing information and referral resources for older adults and persons with disabilities, provide information for all consumers seeking information about long-term care options and planning, and link consumers to services.

Iowa chose to design a resource that will be used by persons 60 and older and all persons of all ages with disabilities including parents of children with disabilities, caregivers, providers, and the public. Since the resource will provide information and options to persons who are just beginning to think about their long-term care needs, virtually all Iowans may choose the **LifeLong Links** web portal as their initial source of information about long-term care options and planning.

The **LifeLong Links** web portal was created in collaboration with other state agencies and entities involved in programming and policy development for elder Iowans and all persons of all ages with disabilities. The Aging and Disability Resource Center Project Work Group, made up of representatives of all populations served by **LifeLong Links**, guides the work of the project. The web portal **LifeLongLinks.org** will open later this spring.

Iowa's ADRC builds on existing information and referral resources, Iowa COMPASS (disability information and referral,) the Iowa Family Caregiver Program (elder and caregiver information and assistance,) and Iowa 211 (health and human services information and referral,) and other systems development initiatives in Iowa including the Real Choices Systems Transformation Grant (another CMS grant staffed by the Iowa Dept. of Human Services) and the Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities/Brain Injury (MHRDDBI) child and adult systems redesign efforts. The goals of the project are closely coordinated with the goals of these initiatives, resulting in collaborative decision-making about funding resources.

The **LifeLong Links** web portal will provide a connection between informed consumers and service providers facilitating access to long-term care support services. This connection to services will first be modeled in the aging service system where informed consumers will be linked electronically with Area

Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the appropriate resources available through each AAA.

Project funds have contributed to improvements in the Iowa COMPASS website and database that will soon make it easier for consumers, caregivers, and providers to find and access services, and for facilitation of consumer focus groups

to help project planners better understand current and future consumer needs regarding information and referral and access to services. The project contracts with Iowa State University Research Institute for Studies in Education for evaluation services and Iowa State University Extension Educational Materials and Marketing Services for project branding and marketing.

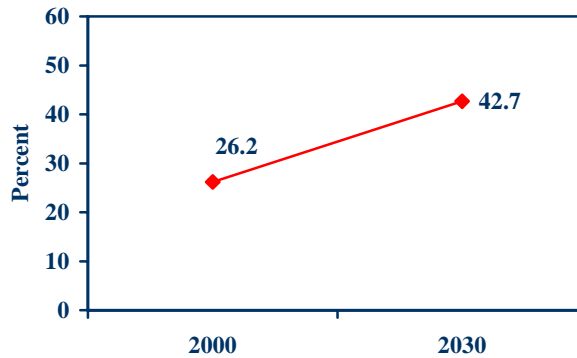
Aging In Iowa – A Look at the Stat Book

Source: Presentation to DEA Commission, October, 2005

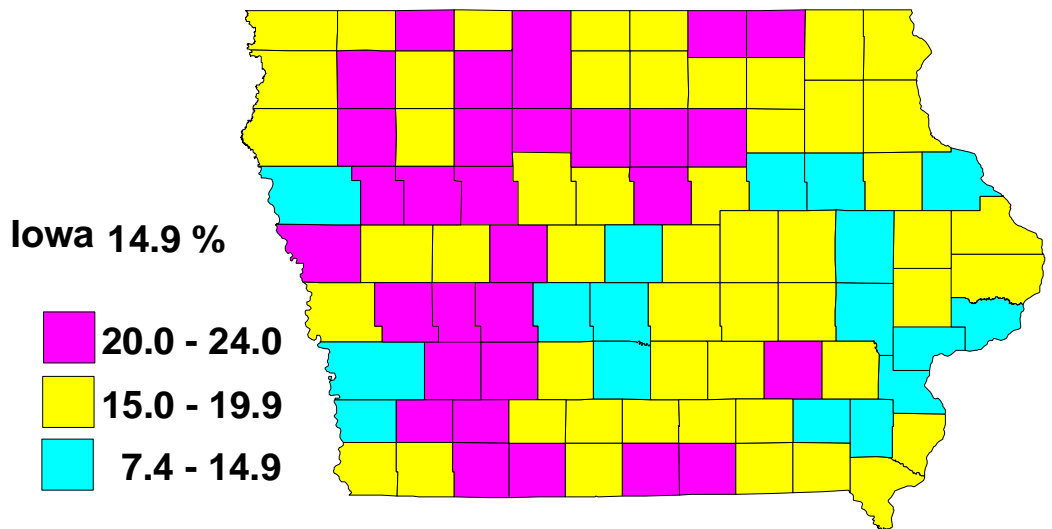
By Dr. Peter Martin, Gerontology Program Director, Iowa State University

Old Age Dependency Ratio in Iowa

Old age dependency ratio = Age 65 and over / Age 20 - 64 X100



Percent 65 or Over 2000



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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 2424](#) **Emergency Rule Making**

An Act relating to the approval of emergency rulemaking by the governor. *By: Administrative Rules Committee (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga*

[HF 2436](#) **Mandatory Reporters Adult Abuse**

An Act requiring certain employees or operators of a licensed substance abuse program or facility to be mandatory reporters of dependant adult abuse and making a penalty applicable. *By: Whitaker et al. (House Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Hutter, Smith, Upmeyer*

[HF 2464](#) **Nursing Student**

Background Checks A bill for an act authorizing an approved nursing education program to initiate criminal and child and dependent adult abuse record checks of students and prospective students regarding the students' involvement with the clinical education component of the program. *By: Committee on Human Resources (House Human Resources) Successor to [HSB 656](#) Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Hutter*

[HF 2481](#) **Housing Council** A bill for an act creating an Iowa housing council and making appropriations. *By:*

Reichert et al. (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2484](#) **Identity Theft** A bill for an act relating to identity theft including providing for the notification of a breach in the security of computerized data of personal information, allowing a security alert or block on a consumer report, allowing the issuance of an identity theft passport, requiring the deletion of certain records relating to dishonored checks, prohibiting the collection of certain unauthorized debt obligations, requiring the protection and destruction of customer records containing personal information, and providing for civil remedies and penalties. *By: Pettengill et al. (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)*

[HF 2506](#) **Identity Theft Passports A** bill for an act relating to the issuance of identity theft passports by the attorney general. *By: Commerce, Regulations & Labor Successor to [HF 2247](#) Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Sands*

[HSB 720](#) **Probate Changes** An Act relating to the probate and trust codes. *By: Committee on Judiciary (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Eichhorn, Swaim*

[HSB 744](#) **Final Funeral Arrangements** An Act identifying and prioritizing persons authorized to provide instructions and approval regarding final funeral arrangements. *By: Committee on Human Resources (House Human Resources)*

Senate Files

[SF 2239](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** An Act relating to the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities. *By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [SF 2048](#))*

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the Iowa Legislature
General Assembly
homepage is
www.legis.state.ia.us

[SF 2250](#) **Mortality Study** An Act providing for the release of certain morbidity and mortality study information to the Iowa healthcare collaborative. *By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [SSB 3051](#))*

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 (*See Successor [HF 2492](#)*) **Floor Manager: Carroll**

[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: 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 (*Successor Bill is [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)



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[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) (*Successor is 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](#))* **Passed House to Senate**
- [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 (Formerly [HSB 563](#))* **Passed Senate to the Governor**
- [HF 2260](#) **Public Moter 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 2302](#) **Job Sharing** *By: Mascher* (House State Government)
- [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**
- [HF 2325](#) **Brain Injury Services** *By: Carroll and Kurtenbach* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Foege, Heddens, Kurtenbach, and Tymeson **Passed out of sub-committee, FM: Carroll**
- [HF 2338](#) **MH/MR/DD/BI Services**
By: Carroll & Heddens (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, Heddens, Lukan, and Wendt
- [HF 2339](#) **Food Reinspection Fees** *By: Petersen* (House Human Resources)
- [HF 2349](#) **Landlord Retaliation** *By: Ford* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2353](#) **Medicaid Modifications** *By: Struyk, Dandekar, and Huser* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, and Wendt

[HF 2355](#) **Medicaid Medical Equipment** *By: Struyk & Huser* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Berry, and Heaton

[HF 2358](#) **Agency Audits** *By: Jacobs* (House State Government) Committee members: Jacobs, Jochum, and Kurtenbach

[HF 2360](#) **Utility Information from Landlords** *By: Petersen* (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

[HF 2363](#) **Veterans at Health Care Facilities** *By: Committee on Veterans Affairs (Successor to [HSB 574](#))* **Passed House to Senate** (Senate State Government)

[HF 2373](#) **Food Code Transfer** *By: Upmeyer* (House Human Resources)

[HF 2380](#) **Whistleblowers** *By: Pettengill et al.* (House State Government)

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

[HF 2393](#) **MH/MR/DD/BI Confidentiality** *By: Admin. Rules Review Committee* (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Carroll, and Heddens

[HF 2394](#) **Administrative Rules Filings** *By: Admin. Rules Review Committee* (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

[HF 2411](#) **Medical Review Committee** *By: Hutter* (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Jochum, Tymeson

[HF 2425](#) **Death with Dignity** *By: Mascher* (House Human Resources)

[HSB 559](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse** *By: DHS* (House Human Resources) 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* **Passed out of Committee to 2nd Committee** (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Alons (C), Freeman, Whitead

[HSB 584](#) **Medicaid Issues** *By: DHS* (House Human Resources) 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 **Deferred**

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

[SF 2036](#) Veterans Programs

Appropriations *By: Appropriations* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: ([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 (*Successor to [SF 2239](#)*) **Passed out of committee, FM: Johnson**

[SF 2051](#) Medicaid Transformation *By:*

Committee on 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 & Quimbach (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 Cemetary *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](#)*)
Passed Senate to House

[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

[SF 2198 State Safety Standards](#) *By: Bolkcom* (House State Government) Committee members: Black, Kettering, Brunkhorst, and Horn

[SF 2202 Nursing Facility Tax Assessments](#) *By: Beall* (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Quirnbach, Zieman, Bolkcom, and Miller

[SF 2208 Cemetary Access](#) *By: Committee on Local Government* Committee members: (*Successor to [SF 2008](#)*) **Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Kreiman**

[SF 2214 MH/MR/DD/BI Services](#) *By: Hatch and Tinsman* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser, Tinsman, Bolkcom, and Hatch

[SF 2215 Health Care Insurance](#) *By: Wieck* (Senate Commerce) Committee members: Rielly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun

[SF 2216 Administrative Rules Filings](#) *By: Admin. Rules Review Committee* (Senate State Government) Committee members: Kibbie, Ward, Brunkhorst, and Danielson

[SF 2217 MH/MR/DD/BI Confidentiality](#) *By: Admin Rules Review Committee* (Senate Human Resources)

[SF 2218 Medical Malpractice Caps](#) *By: Brunkhorst et al.* (Senate Judiciary) Committee members: Brunkhorst & Dvorsky (C), Horn, McKibben

[SF 2230 Emergency Rule](#) *By: Admin Rules Review Committee* (House State Government) Committee members: Kibbie & Ward (C), Connolly, Miller

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

[SSB 3010 Medicaid Issues](#) *By: DHS* (Human Resources) Committee members: Seymour & Hatch (C), Behn, Woods

[SSB 3014 Dependant Adults](#) *By: DHS* (Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Houser (C), Bolkcom, Tinsman

[SSB 3019 Identity Theft](#) *By: Attorney General* (Senate Judiciary) Committee members: Ward, Quirnbach, Boettger, Kreiman

[SSB 3035 DHS Tachnical Bill](#) *By: DHS* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch, Dotzler, Houser

[SSB 3038 Consumer Choice](#) *By: Governor Bill* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Boettger, Quirnbach, Seymour

[SSB 3041 Governor Senior Living Trust](#) *By: Governor's Budget Bill* (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

[SSB 3072 Nursing Facilities Reserve Beds](#) *By: Committee on Human Resources* (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C), Boettger, Hatch

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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.

[SSB 3081 Public Health Bill](#) By: Proposed by IDPH (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Gaskill & Wood (C), Tinsman, Dotzler

[SSB 3082 MI/MR/DD/BI Support](#) By: Proposed IDHS Bill (Senate Human

Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch (C), Gaskill, Bolkcom

[SSB 3083 Nursing Education Record Checks](#) By: Proposed by IDPH/Board of Nursing (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser & Wood, Johnson, Ragan

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/#CWERegistration

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