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Under the Dome

Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill Passes House – Frail Elders Lose

On March 15th, the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill ([HF 2734](#)) passed the Iowa House of Representatives on a vote of 79 to 17. The soothsayer's warning to Julius Caesar "Beware the Ides of March," was somehow appropriate. The Department of Elder Affairs continues to believe that the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE) needs the full \$3,000,000 contained in the Governor's budget. The \$750,000 in [HF 2734](#) will not meet the obligations and opportunities of providing case management as an Elderly Waiver service. We also encourage the Senate to restore funds for educating consumers about assisted living, adult day, and elder group homes.

Representative Rob Hogg, (D – Cedar Rapids) submitted amendment [H-8286](#) to amendment [H-8268](#) to [HF 2734](#) which would have restored funding for the CMPFE from \$750,000 to the full \$3,000,000 included in the Governor's budget. The amendment was defeated.

The floor manager for [HF 2734](#), Representative Dave Heaton of Mt. Pleasant, resisted the amendment citing insufficient documentation of the need for \$114 per month per person. He also stated that when the legislature included establishing the CMPFE as a service under the

elderly waiver in 2005 as part of the Iowa Cares Act, that the legislature did not envision new dollars being spent but wished for the number of people served to be expanded with existing resources. The Department believes that sufficient and credible information has been provided to address these concerns. We encourage the Senate to enthusiastically support Governor's budget in order to have a quality case management program in Iowa.

A roll call vote on the amendment was requested by Representative Hogg of Linn County and Representative Smith of Marshall County. The vote occurred along party lines, with Democrats voting in favor (44) of the amendment and Republicans voting against the amendment (49). There were seven Representatives who were absent or did not vote.

To read the amendment and see how your representative voted, go to the house journal list at: www.legis.state.ia.us/pubs/pdfhjsort.asp and click on *March 15, 2006*. The amendment and voting record are on pages 720 and 721.

To view a full history of the bill, go to [HF 2734](#) and click on *Current Bill History* on the left side of the webpage. The bill now moves to the Senate.

Why won't the \$750,000 in the Current Appropriations Bill Meet the Needs of Older Iowans?

When the proposed \$750,000 and federal Medicaid drawdown are added to the existing dollars, the resulting budget would only cover the cost of case management

services for 6,833 clients per month - 2,865 fewer clients than were in the program on January 30, 2006. **This would roll the program back 5 years to SFY2001 levels!**

Isn't the \$750,000 in new dollars appropriated for the Case Management Program for Frail Elders a 150% increase in funding?

Perhaps, depending on how one views the numbers. Remember that since its inception 18 years ago, the CMPFE program has been grossly under funded, and dependent upon a patchwork of funding systems and donated services to make the system work. As both costs and the number of frail and vulnerable Iowans wishing to remain in their own homes and communities has increased, the system no longer works. In addition,

members of the General Assembly have voiced concern during the past few years regarding the continuity of the CMPFE program, conflict of interest issues, oversight an quality assurance. The Department is unable to appropriately address the issues associated with conflict of interest, continuity, oversight and quality assurance without adequate and appropriate funding for the CMPFE program.

I've heard the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) won't approve the \$114.00 average per person per month proposed reimbursement rate – is this true?

In the recent CMS to the Iowa Department of Human Services regarding the proposed state plan amendment, there was no mention of

the proposed average of \$114.00 per person per month being a concern by CMS.

What about the \$41.00 per person the Area Agencies on Aging now get for the CMPFE Program?

In order to make the CMPFE program work, the Area Agencies on Aging have chosen to make the state match of \$41.00 for the **assessment** related to case management. The \$41.00 that is drawn down for Medicaid is an annual reimbursement to complete

only the assessment portion. It does not provide service plan development nor ongoing case management services. These dollars would be eliminated if the new state plan amendment is approved.

I've heard some providers will provide case management services for the \$70.00 cap in the House bill – what's the problem?

No doubt, there may be providers who perceive \$70.00 to be an adequate rate of remuneration. However, based on the data provided to the department, we believe that providers who believe \$70.00 would be adequate are misinformed regarding federal

regulatory requirements, increased costs associated with eliminating conflict of interest issues and other added costs associated with the requirements Medicaid providers must meet.

Why are Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) rules needed by both the Departments of Elder Affairs and the Departments of Human Services?

In 2005, the Iowa Cares Act ([HF 841](#)) mandated that the Department of Elder Affairs serve both the Non-Medicaid and Medicaid population in its CMPFE program. The Iowa Department of Human Services is directly involved with the Medicaid enrollees and is responsible for administrative rules

governing the Elderly waiver. However, approximately 30% of the individuals in the CMPFE program are not Medicaid eligible. Also note, the CMPFE program, as designated by Iowa Code, is administered by the Department of Elder Affairs. Therefore, DEA has filed rules governing the CMPFE.

If the CMPFE saves taxpayers a projected \$22 million dollars a month in federal and state dollars, why is Iowa one of two states that does not draw down the federal match for case management as a service under the Title XIX HCBS Elderly Waiver?

Because the General Assembly has not adequately funded the program.

Why is \$62,500 needed for Consumer Education?

In 2003 and again in 2005, Iowa Code changed significantly related to adult day services, assisted living and elder group homes. Consumers share in the risks of long-term care to increase choice and to increase the variety of long-term care options available to them. It has been the experience of the Department of Elder Affairs that consumers are often unaware of how

these different long-term care options might meet their individual needs. In addition, consumers also need additional information related to contractual agreements, tenant landlord law, Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules. The \$62,000 needed has been included in the Governor's budget.



Contact your legislators

Go to <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/> to find the names of the legislators who represent you. Or for a complete listing of legislators and leadership, use the following link: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/Legislators/LegislatorInfo.aspx>

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515-281-3371

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515-281-3221

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Des Moines, IA
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515-281-5211

What can Iowa's Seniors and Senior Advocates Do?

If you agree or disagree with the how your elected official in the House of Representatives voted on this issue, we suggest you contact them.

It is also important to contact your State Senator and let him or her know where you are at on this issue.

Key legislators to contact in the Senate are:

Senate Human Resources Standing Committee

Senator James Seymour, Co-Chair
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Senator Amanda Ragan, Co-Chair
amanda.ragan@legis.state.ia.us

Senate Joint Health and Human Services Appropriations Sub-Committee

Senator Jack Hatch, Co-Chair
jack.hatch@legis.state.ia.us
Senator Maggie Tinsman, Co-Chair
maggie.tinsman@legis.state.ia.us

What will the Department Do?

We are including detailed information in this legislative update for your information related to the Case Management Program for Frail Elders. We will now work with members of the Senate to address the

needs of Iowa's most frail and vulnerable older adults. We encourage advocates to contact their legislators and the Senate Committee Chairs listed above.

Status of Budget Bills

- Health and Human Services ([HF 2734](#)) Passed the Full House on March 15th.
- Senior Living Trust Fund Repayment Bill ([HF 2002](#)) Passed the House on January 30th.

Iowa Food Policy Council

[SF 2332](#) provides legislative intent and establishes the Iowa Food Policy Council within the Office of the Governor. Senate Amendment 5078,

passed this week, adds the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs to the membership of the Iowa Food Policy Council.

Second Funnel

March 24th is the second funnel. Bills that haven't moved out of a standing committee in the opposing chamber

are dead. The exceptions are bills in appropriations, Ways and Means, and Government Oversight.

Case Management for the Frail Elderly

Navigating the array of services and requirements is especially difficult for older adults with physical and mental impairments. A profile of current CMPFE clients shows that:

- 62% have cognitive limitations such as problems with comprehension, concentration, or immediate memory.
- 59% live alone.
- 91% need help with bathing.
- 83% need help with walking.
- 69% need help with dressing.
- The average age is 79.



Information provided by the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, February 22, 2006.

It is reprinted from a previous issue of the Update.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Case Management Program for Frail Elders Budget Request February 22, 2006

The Department of Elder Affairs has requested an increase of \$3 million in state funding for the Case Management Program for the Frail Elderly (CMPFE). These additional dollars would draw down another \$6 million in federal Medicaid dollars, bringing the total

dollars for the program up to \$14.2 million from \$5.2 million.

Does it really cost \$9 million just to add 650 more people to CMPFE?

No, the cost of adding more clients is only a small part of the total request.

The largest portion of the additional dollars will be used to improve service to existing clients, fund services that are currently being donated, streamline paperwork processes, and cover more stringent operational procedures and costs.

It is important to remember that the current \$5.2 million is the amount of money that has been expended directly by AAAs to the program. It does NOT reflect the actual costs that the AAAs and the providers incur to operate the program. For years area agencies on aging have had to take dollars away from other services to help cover the costs to operate the case management program.

The case management program has been operating for years. Why can't we just leave things the way they are?

We can't leave the program the way it is and still meet Medicaid requirements. Under Medicaid, the program must operate the same statewide. Reporting requirements and paperwork will be standardized and increased – all of which costs more money. Additionally, the state would need to be in compliance with Medicaid conflict of interest provisions which do not allow someone to provide a direct service to a client (i.e., home health nursing) and also be that client's case manager.

Local communities have done an exceptional job of making the program work in their communities by relying on donated time from providers, flexibility in how the program operates, and limited paperwork requirements. However that system does not meet expected Medicaid requirements and scrutiny.

How will this money actually help the frail seniors in the program?

- + There will be more frequent client contact. Because of inadequate funding the current system frequently relies on the client to initiate contact with the case manager. Clients may be reluctant to call or don't want to "bother" someone else even when they need help. Under the proposed program structure, case managers, who are knowledgeable about available community services, would initiate more frequent contact with the client.
- + The client contact will be more extensive. Over 69% of current CMPFE clients receive case management assistance from someone whose primary function is to provide another service, such as home health nursing. Utilizing staff whose sole responsibility is case management will improve service delivery and allow for longer visits and greater focus on the client's total situation and individual service plan.
- + The length of time between client enrollment in CMPFE until the client receives services will be reduced by development of the service plan in the client home and streamlining the service plan approval process.
- + There will be an enhanced focus on prevention or escalation of existing problems. Increased time with the client will result in efforts to implement interventions that reduce the need for more costly medical treatments, as well as delay the need for more costly institutional care.
- + These dollars will ensure that the program keeps going and the clients continue to get services.

I heard there are 541 case managers. With 9,700 people in the case management program, that doesn't sound like very many people for each case manager to handle. What's the problem?

There are indeed 541 people providing case management services, but these are NOT full time people. This number includes many provider employees who may only see 1 client while a full-time area agency on aging case manager or contract staff may have 170 clients. The requested dollars will even out the disparities to an average caseload of 60 clients for each case manager, a more manageable number.

From existing resources, how much money is available to use as match?

The Department of Elder Affairs analysis of funding sources expended by AAAs to support the current system indicates approximately \$900,000 is available to leverage or match Medicaid reimbursement. This amount was determined to be available after reserving necessary current resources to provide case management services to non-waiver case management clients, as specified in IowaCares (HF 841).

Why should the state pay for case management for people who are not on Medicaid? Why don't they pay for the service themselves?

People who are in CMPFE but not on Medicaid are people who may be only a few dollars over the resource limit or income limit to be eligible for Medicaid. They are not generally people who have a lot of money. They may still have very limited ways to pay for services, so these clients have an even more urgent need for a case manager to help them make the most of the resources they have and to find low-cost alternatives. Without case

management, they will more quickly deplete their resources and slide into the Medicaid system.

Additionally, if the CMPFE program is only available to low income clients, federal Older Americans Act funds and related match could not be used for case management.

The law was passed last year that paved the way for Iowa to get Medicaid dollars for case management. What's happening with that?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) must approve any waiver application before federal dollars can be received. The Department of Elder Affairs and the Department of Human Services have worked extensively since HF 841 was passed to create a waiver application that would meet all of CMS' requirements. The case management programs in over 40 other states and in Iowa were analyzed to learn from the experiences of others about case management as a waiver service. In November, 2005, an application was submitted to CMS and Iowa is currently waiting for CMS to respond to that application. The Department of Elder Affairs is revising its administrative rules so the network will be ready when the application is finally approved by CMS.

For 18 years, the Case Management Program for Frail Elders has been helping seniors stay in their communities. If case management had not been provided last year, over 13,164 older Iowans would have faced expensive institutionalization.

Medicaid Cost Report data released in August 2005 covers the time period of March 31, 2004 through March 31, 2005 and shows that the average allowable cost for Iowa nursing facilities was \$112.06 per day. With a monthly average of 6,746 Medicaid recipients on the elderly waiver, the cost for just one month of institutionalization of these recipients would have been \$22,678,702 (combined state and federal dollars.) An average \$114 monthly investment for case management and \$536 monthly for other elderly waiver services (combined state and federal dollars) represents a dramatic savings to the state. Delaying institutionalization by only 12 days would pay the cost of case management services for an entire year.

CMPFE needs to be fully funded. The program cannot be sustained with in-kind services, especially in light of increased caseloads, increased travel costs, and additional program requirements that accompany Medicaid reimbursement. With sufficient state and federal funding, CMPFE will be able to continue providing this vital service to those most in need.

Is it true DEA filed the rule changes through Emergency procedures? Why?

Yes, we filed them both through the emergency and normal procedures. This action was taken in direct response to discussions at our October 2005 Commission meeting, which clearly emphasized the importance of having the revised case management system in place to draw down Medicaid funding during

the current fiscal year and action at the December 2005 Commission meeting.

Due to the delays in the waiver approval process, emergency rules are no longer needed for the purposes of documenting the network's readiness to draw down Medicaid dollars. Additionally, the Legislative Rules committee expressed concerns about the emergency filing. Accordingly the Department will be asking the Commission to rescind the Emergency filing and proceed through the normal rule making process.

There is concern over current elderly waiver clients who are at or near the monthly expenditure cap; how can an additional payments be made for case management reimbursement without exceeding these limits and what happens to these clients?

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.

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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 2726](#) **Medical Malpractice** An Act relating to medical malpractice actions. By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HSB 674](#)) **Placed on the Calendar, FM: Upmeyer**

[HF 2729](#) **Single Point of Entry** An Act relating to a single point of entry long-term living resources system. By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to [HSB 753](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Upmeyer**

[HF 2730](#) **IPERS** An Act creating a defined contribution pension option for employees covered by the Iowa public employees' retirement system. By: Committee on State Government (Successor to [HSB 512](#))

[HF 2734](#) **House Appropriations Bill** A bill for an act relating to and making appropriations to the department of human services, the department of elder affairs, the Iowa department of public health, the department of veterans affairs and the Iowa veterans home, and the department of inspections and appeals, providing for fee increases, and including other related provisions and appropriations, and providing effective dates. By: Committee on Appropriations (Successor to [HSB 764](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2742](#) **Probate and Trust Codes**

An Act relating to the probate and trust codes. By: Committee on Judiciary (Successor to [HSB 720](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Paulsen**

[HF 2746](#) **State Employee Vehicles**

An Act relating to state employee vehicle usage. By: Committee on Government Oversight (Successor to [HF 849](#))

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 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 Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky

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

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[HF 2026 Non-Profit Tax Exemption](#)

By: Paulsen Ways and Means
Committee members: Paulson,
Kaufmann, Huser

[HF 2045 SS-Pension Income Phase](#)

Out *By: Ways and Means* Senate Ways
and Means Committee members:
Connelly & Wieck, Miller, Quirnbach
(*Successor to [HSB 502](#)*) **Passed House
to Senate**

[HF 2049 Senior Property Tax Freeze](#)

By: Butka Ways and Means

[HF 2055 Long Term Care Deduction](#)

By: Frevert House Ways and Means

[HF 2081 Military Property Tax](#)

Credit *By: Dix et al.* House Veterans
Affairs Committee members: Paulsen
(C), Hutter, and Whitead House Ways
and Means Committee members:
Paulsen, Kaufmann, Quirk
(*Companion to [SF 2008](#)*) **Passed out of
committee**

[HF 2147 Temporary Conservators](#)

*By: Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and
Petersen* House Judiciary Committee
members: Heaton, Anderson, Foege
**Passed Out of Committee, FM:
Heaton**

[HF 2171 Elder Fishers](#) *By: Committee*

on Natural Resources Senate Natural
Resources Committee members:
Dearden & Gaskill, Black, Putney
(*Successor to [HF 2039](#)*) **Passed House
to Senate**

[HF 2186 Health Related](#)

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

[HF 2215 Rule Regulatory Analysis](#)

By: Eichhorn House State Government
Committee members: Roberts, Bukta,
Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga **Passed
House to Senate**

[HF 2238 Federal Block Grants](#) *By:*

Committee on Appropriations House
Appropriations, Senate Appropriations
(*Formerly [HSB 563](#)*) **Signed by the
Governor**

[HF 2270 Domestic Violence](#)

Brochure *By: Ford* House
Appropriations

[HF 2319 Personal Needs Allowance](#)

By: Committee on Human Resources
(*Successor to [HF 2057](#)*) **Passed House
to Senate, See [SF 2239](#)**

[HF 2321 Nutrition and Exercise](#)

Grant Program *By: Committee on*
Human Resources (*Successor to [HSB](#)
[583](#)*) (*See [SF 2124](#)*) **Withdrawn**

[HF 2347 Health Care](#)

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

[HF 2363 Veterans at Health Care](#)

Facilities *By: Committee on Veterans*
Affairs Senate State Government
Committee members: Danielson,
Tinsman, Kibbie, Zieman (*Successor*
to [HSB 574](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2380 Whistleblowers](#) *By:*

Pettengill et al. House State
Government **FM: Hutter**

[HF 2383 Rent Reimbursement](#) *By:*

Struyk, Huser, Dandekar, & Mertz
House Ways and Means

[HF 2424 Emergency Rule Making](#)

By: Administrative Rules Committee
House State Government Committee
members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing,
Paulsen, Tomenga **Passed House to
Senate**

[HF 2464](#) **Nursing Student Background Checks** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House Human Resources (Successor to [HSB 656](#)) **Passed the House, substituted for [SF 2287](#), Passed Senate, pending the Governor's signature.**

[HF 2492](#) **MR Case Payments** By: *Committee on Human Resources* Senate Human Resources Committee members: Hatch, Tinsman, Bolkcom, Houser (Successor to [HF 2021](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

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

[HF 2506](#) **Identity Theft Passports** By: *Commerce, Regulations & Labor* (Successor to [HF 2247](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2510](#) **Substance Abuse Commitments** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor [HSB 576](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Carroll**

[HF 2553](#) **Senior Property Assessments** By: *May* House Ways and Means

[HF 2561](#) **Brain Injury Services** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House Appropriations (Successor to [HF 2325](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Carroll**

[HF 2588](#) **Health Facility Employee Checks** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House Ways and Means Committee members: Kurtenbach, Eichhorn, Quirk Senate Human Resources Committee members: Ragan, Seymour, Johnson, Wood (Formerly [HSB 677](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2593](#) **Executive Lobbist Rules** By: *Committee on State Government* Committee members: Senate State Government Committee members: Danielson, Ward, Brunkhorst, Kibbie (Formerly [HSB 534](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2609](#) **Abuse Reporting** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [HF 2301](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Tymeson**

[HF 2616](#) **MH/MR/DD/BI Services** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House Appropriations (Successor to [HF 2338](#)) **FM: Carroll**

[HF 2630](#) **State Spending** By: *Eichhorn et al.* House Appropriations Committee members: Watts, Petersen, and Roberts

[HF 2638](#) **Mandatory Abuse Reporters** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [HF 2436](#)) **FM: Wilderdyke**

[HF 2639](#) **Involuntary Commitments** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HF 2168](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Jim Van Fossen**

[HF 2652](#) **No Contact Orders** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HSB 718](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Boal**

[HF 2662](#) **Administrative Rules Review** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HSB 616](#)) **Deferred**

[HF 2698](#) **Customer Council Decisions** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [HSB 624](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Roberts**

[HF 2706](#) **Private Donor Records** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [HSB 687](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Kurtenbach**

[HF 2716](#) **Malpractice** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HSB 676](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Paulsen**

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

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 House Ways and Means Committee members: Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))*

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

[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 2062](#) **Senior Living Trust Appropriations** By: *Bolkcom et al. Senate Appropriations Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky*

[SF 2070](#) **LIHEAP Supplemental** By: *Hatch et al. Senate Appropriations Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky*

[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 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](#))* **Substituted for [HF 2321](#), Passed the House, Pending the Governor's signature.**

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

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

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

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

[SF 2250](#) **Mortality Study** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [SSB 3051](#))

[SF 2253](#) **Standings Bill** By: *Committee on Judiciary* House Judiciary (Successor to [SSB 144](#)) **Passed Senate to House**

[SF 2287](#) **Nursing Education Checks** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [SSB 3083](#)) **Withdrawn**, See [HF 2464](#)

[SF 2300](#) **Probate Changes** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [SSB 3199](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Fraise**

[SF 2316](#) **Administrative Rules Filings** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [SSB 3083](#), and [SF 2216](#)) **Passed Senate to House, Sub for [HF 2394](#), Passed House to Governor.**

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

[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* Senate Appropriations (Successor to [SF 2230](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Kibbie**

[SF 2338](#) **Indirect Costs** By: *Committee on Government Oversight* Senate Appropriations Committee members: Connolly, Gaskill, Angelo, Dvorsky (Successor to [SSB 3118](#)) **Placed on Calendar**

[SF 2356](#) **Medical Malpractice** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [SSB 3236](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Kreiman**

[SF 2362](#) **Involuntary Hospitalization** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [SSB 3030](#)) **Passed Senate to House**

[SF 2367](#) **Prosthetic Device Coverage** By: *Committee on Commerce* (Successor to [SSB 1281](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Courtney**

[SF 2386](#) **Prescriptions** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [SSB 1148](#)) **Placed on Calendar, FM: Seymour**

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

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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.

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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