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## Under the Dome

The second funnel has now occurred (March 24<sup>th</sup>) and the number of bills legislators are working with continues to dwindle as April 18<sup>th</sup> approaches, the last scheduled day of session. Contrary to earlier reports that legislators would convene prior to the Easter holiday, that now seems unlikely. To that end, look for floor action to increase over the next few weeks as lawmakers enter the final stretch of Iowa's 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

## Revenue Estimating Conference

On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Revenue Estimating Conference met and increased its estimate of revenues for FY 06 by nearly 90 million dollars (excluding some DHS funding). The \$90 million estimate included about \$30 million from the Video Lottery (Touch Play) and unanticipated growth from other revenues in the amount of \$58.9 million. Republicans believe that the \$280 million increase authorized by the December REC conference estimates is sufficient and that additional revenues should not be used for the FY 2007 budget.. Republican leadership believes the FY 06 revenues are already committed to paying for property tax credits, repaying the Senior Living Trust and filling other cash reserves. Representative Scott Raecker, stated "the law is

clear, we must abide by Decembers REC estimate. Any new money this year is already allocated – to property tax credits, repaying the Senior Living Trust Fund and filling the state's cash reserve. I am optimistic that we will fund the priorities of Iowans, including education, human services and public safety and we will get it done on time."

Senator Gronstal, said that last year, the state used the spring REC estimate and should do so again this year. Senator Gronstal would prefer that the state raise more revenue through a cigarette tax increase.

Expect an amendment from Senate Democrats related to Social Security and Pension Income Phase Out ([HF 2045](#)).

As of this date, the three million dollars requested in the Governor's budget needed to support the **Case Management Program for Frail Elders**, which will draw down an additional six million dollars in federal matching funds has not been fully appropriated. The House Budget ([HF 2734](#) appropriates only \$750,000).

AARP is holding a rally at the capitol on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in support of a \$1.00 increase. More information is available online at: <http://www.aarp.org/stat/es/ia/>

## Cigarette Tax

[HF 2022](#) hasn't moved from the House Ways and Means Committee since January 9<sup>th</sup> (the first day of the legislative session). House Democrats attempted to add an amendment to the House Health and Human Services Appropriations bill ([HF 2734](#)), however the amendment failed. The Governor has proposed a cigarette tax in his budget (.80 per pack), with the revenue being directed toward health related issues. The Governor also included the department's request for three million dollars to support the **Case Management Program for Frail Elders** in his budget as well as \$62,500 for a consumer education campaign related to long-term care.

## Does the \$62,500 dollars the department is requesting for Consumer Education (Winning Compliance) require a full time employee?

No. The \$62,500 would be used to create web based information and some hard copy materials to older Iowans, their caregivers and their families. These materials would help consumers better understand how adult day services, assisted living and elder group homes may be used to meet an individuals needs, as well as to help consumers better understand shared risk responsibilities, tenant landlord law and the minimum standards set forth in Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code.

## Single Point of Entry

[HF 2729](#) passed the House Floor this week, as amended. The bill now moves to the Senate. Note that there is also language in the House Appropriations bill ([HF 2734](#)) which also establishes a workgroup for a single point of entry. The final outcome of these two bills remains to be seen. In all likelihood, the budget bill will likely be the survivor of the two and look for further amendments.

## Personal Needs Allowance Survives Second Funnel

The increase to the personal needs allowance has survived both funnels, [HF 2319](#) and [SF 2239](#).

## Case Management Program for Frail Elders

The Department continues to be concerned with this issue and meetings were held with key legislators in the Senate this week. We continue to believe that the Governor's budget request of \$3 million is accurate in order to provide a quality Case Management Program for Frail Elders.

## In 2005, didn't the General Assembly codify its vision for Long-Term Care?

Yes. Iowa code, 231F states:

### 231F.1 INTENT FOR IOWA'S LONG-TERM LIVING SYSTEM.

1. The general assembly finds and declares that the intent for Iowa's long-term living system is to ensure all Iowans access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and cost-effective long-term living options that maximize independence, choice, and dignity for consumers.

2. The long-term living system should be comprehensive, offering multiple services and support in home, community-based, and facility-based settings; should utilize a uniform assessment process to ensure that such services and support are delivered in the most integrated and life-enhancing setting; and should ensure that such services and support are provided by a well-trained, motivated workforce.

3. The long-term living system should exist in a regulatory climate that appropriately ensures the health, safety, and welfare of consumers, while not being overly restrictive or inflexible.

4. The long-term living system should sustain existing informal care systems including family, friends, volunteers, and community resources; should encourage innovation through the use of technology and new delivery and financing models, including housing; should provide incentives to consumers for private financing of long-term living services and support; and should allow Iowans to live independently as long as they desire.

5. Information regarding all components of the long-term living system should be effectively communicated to all persons potentially impacted by the need for long-term living services and support in order to empower consumers to plan, evaluate, and make decisions about how best to meet their own long-term living needs.

2005 Acts, ch 175, §146

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## Why does the Department of Elder Affairs continue to believe the 3 million dollars, which are included in the Governor's budget, is necessary?

The \$3 million dollar request is based upon the actual cost of providing a statewide case management program for frail elders. The \$3 million dollars is needed to supplement existing funds so that a sufficient federal Medicaid funds can be drawn down to the state of Iowa. Restoring the CMPFE appropriation to the 3 million dollar level will enable the Department to adequately serve Iowa's frail elders and to address issues such as conflict of interest, oversight, consistency, and quality assurance. Since the inception of CMPFE nearly 18 years ago, the program has been grossly underfunded and has depended upon a patchwork of funding systems and donated services to make the system work.

**I'm shocked! I've heard the Department of Elder Affairs would rather have no funding for its CMPFE than the \$750,000 provided in the House budget. Is this true?**

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The proposed \$750,000 and corresponding federal Medicaid drawdown would not be sufficient to cover the costs of service to existing and new clients, and compliance with all of the Medicaid requirements related to conflict of interest, continuity and quality assurance. The Department is committed to the operation of a statewide case management program that is responsive to client needs and choices, maximizes access to needed services, and maintains accountability and consistency. The Department is obligated to seek sufficient resources for a statewide program that has a stable infrastructure that serves frail elders in need of case management services.

## Looking Ahead: Election 2006

The following link is made available through the Secretary of State's office offering a complete list of candidates for the upcoming primary:  
[www.sos.state.ia.us/pdfs/Staff/PrimCandList.pdf](http://www.sos.state.ia.us/pdfs/Staff/PrimCandList.pdf)

More information about voting can be found at:

### ID Action

[www.idaction.org](http://www.idaction.org)  
866-432-2846

### Iowa Secretary of State's Office

[www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us)  
888-SOS-VOTE

## Changes to the Senior Community Service Employment Program – Federal Legislation

The primary controversy from the last reauthorization of the Older Americans Act concerned the Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). If adopted, this new proposal would make significant legislative changes to the SCSEP including eliminating service to participants under 65 and eliminating SCSEP's historic emphasis on community service. Iowa and other Midwestern states are working together to develop a response to the impact of this legislation. If the proposal remains as written, SCSEP will again be a source of controversy in the reauthorization.

## DOL's proposed changes for SCSEP

The Department of Labor recently released its proposal for restructuring SCSEP. Mason Bishop, deputy assistant secretary of labor, briefed representatives of the 13 national grantees and the National Association of State Units on Aging on February 24. Here is a summary.

### Refocus the purpose of SCSEP.

1. Streamline SCSEP into an employment and training program for low-income older persons (65+) most in need.
2. Curtail assigning of SCSEP participants as staff for nonprofit and public agencies.

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3. Require SCSEP grantees to achieve only those common measures applicable to WIA and all federal job training and employment programs:
  - a. entered employment,
  - b. retention in employment; and
  - c. earnings.
4. Track community services provided as secondary outcomes for SCSEP.

**Restructure the SCSEP delivery system.**

1. Establish a single grantee to operate SCSEP in each state. This SCSEP grantee would be determined either:
  - a. By USDOL conducting a national competition, *or*
  - b. By each state.
2. Require grant competition at least once every three years in place of current system sanctioning grantees for poor performance.
3. Require all grantees to show annual yearly progress similar to what is being proposed for WIA One Stops.
4. Broaden the types of entities eligible to become SCSEP grantees to include non-profit agencies and organizations, for-profit agencies and organizations, agencies of a state government (under terms and conditions to assure their designation through full and open competition), or a consortium of agencies and/or organizations, including political subdivisions.
5. Retain grantees to serve older Indians and older Pacific Islander and Asian Americans.
6. Redirect current setaside of up to 1.5% of all Title V funding from 502(e) activities to support a broader range of national activities promoting unsubsidized

placements in the private sector (both nonprofit and for-profit), including outreach to businesses and older workers, research, demonstrations and pilots, training and technical assistance, dissemination of best practices, and technology improvements.

**Target the program to 65 and older.**

1. Increase the minimum age of eligibility to 65, with a limited exception for ages 55 – 64.
2. Clarify definition of "low-income" and reconsider current policies on income exclusions/inclusions that determine income eligibility.

**Broaden allowable program activities for SCSEP participants.**

1. Make paid community service employment at a host agency an optional activity for all SCSEP participants (currently a mandatory activity), and allow other types of training, including classroom, on-the-job training, etc.
2. Reduce the level of required expenditures by SCSEP grantees on participant wages and benefits from 75% to 65%.
3. Establish 2-year durational limit for SCSEP participants (some exceptions may be allowed, as described in 2/24/06 briefing but not described in 2/24/06 document)
4. Eliminate all fringe benefits for participants (except those required by law).

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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 2752](#) State Bidding Requirements

An Act relating to state bidding requirements for purchases. By: Committee on Government Oversight (Successor to [HSB 508](#)) **Placed on Calendar**

#### [HSB 774](#) Child and Dependant

**Credit** An Act relating to the child and dependent care and early childhood development income tax credits by increasing the net income limits for eligibility, eliminating the limit on the amount of credits allowed, and including a retroactive applicability date provision By: Committee on Ways and Means

### 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 Danielson and Larson (C), McCoy, and Zaun

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

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

#### [HF 2002](#) Senior Living Trust Fund

By: Raecker and Kuhn House Appropriations Heaton, Kuhn, and Raecker Senate Appropriations Angelo and Dvorsky

#### [HF 2022](#) Cigarette Taxes By:

Tomenga and Olson R. Ways and Means

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

By: Paulsen Ways and Means Paulson, Kaufmann, Huser

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

**Out** By: Ways and Means Ways and Means Senate Ways and Means 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 2147](#) Temporary Conservators

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

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

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

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

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

**[HF 2215](#) Rule Regulatory Analysis**

By: *Eichhorn* House State Government Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga Senate State Government Connolly, Tinsman, Brunkhorst, Kibbie **Passed out of Senate committee**

**[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 2347](#) Health Care**

**Transformation Act** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House 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* House Veterans Affairs Senate State Government Danielson, Tinsman, Kibbie, Ziemann (*Successor to [HSB 574](#)*) **Passed out of Senate committee, FM: Danielson**

**[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 Struyk, Drake, Huser

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

By: *Administrative Rules Committee* House State Government Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga **Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2334](#)**

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

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

**[HF 2492](#) MR Case Payments**

By: *Committee on Human Resources* Senate Human Resources Hatch, Tinsman, Bolkom, Houser (*Successor to [HF 2021](#)*) **Passed Senate committee, FM: Tinsman**

**[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 out of Senate committee, FM: McKinley**

**[HF 2510](#) Substance Abuse**

**Commitments** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (*Successor [HSB 576](#)*) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, 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 Heaton, May, Smith (*Successor to [HF 2325](#)*)

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

**Checks** By: *Committee on Human Resources* House Ways and Means Kurtenbach, Eichhorn, Quirk Senate Human Resources Ragan, Seymour, Johnson, Wood (*Formerly [HSB 677](#)*) **Passed out of Senate committee**



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**Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor**  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA  
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515-281-5211

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

[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 Heaton, May, Smith (Successor to [HF 2338](#)) **FM: Carroll**

[HF 2630](#) **State Spending** By: *Eichhorn et al.* House Appropriations 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](#)) **Passed House to Senate, Passed out of committee, FM: Tinsman**

[HF 2662](#) **Administrative Rules Review** By: *Committee on Judiciary* Senate Judiciary Brunkhorst. Krieman, Dvorsky, Miller (Successor to [HSB 616](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2698](#) **Customer Council Decisions** By: *Committee on State Government* Senate State Government (Successor to [HSB 624](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

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

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

[HF 2726](#) **Medical Malpractice** By: *Committee on Human Resources* (Successor to [HSB 674](#)) **Placed on the Calendar, FM: Upmeyer**

[HF 2729](#) **Single Point of Entry** By: *Committee on Human Resources* Senate Human Resources (Successor to [HSB 753](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 2730](#) **IPERS** By: *Committee on State Government* (Successor to [HSB 512](#)) **FM: Drake**

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

[HF 2742](#) **Probate and Trust Codes** By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HSB 720](#)) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, FM: Paulsen**

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

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

## Senate Files

[SF 0341](#) **Long-term Living System** By: *Human Resources* (Formerly [SSB 1272](#)) **Senate Defers (4/28/05)**

[SF 0355](#) **Medicare Part D Task Force** By: *Human Resources* (Formerly [SSB 1204](#))

[SF 0416](#) **Cigarette Tax and Property Tax** By: *Ways and Means* House Ways and Means Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor (Formerly [SSB 1322](#))



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

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

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

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

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

[SF 2048](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** *By: Bolkcom et al.* Human Resources 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 Angelo & Dvorsky

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

[SF 2081](#) **Veterans Cemetary** *By: Stewert* Senate Appropriations Angelo & Stewart, Kettering, Warnstadt

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

[SF 2113](#) **Property Tax Reform** *By: Angelo et al.* Senate Ways and Means Connolly & Miller, Quirnbach, Zieman

[SF 2119](#) **Health Related Appropriations** *By: Warnstadt* Senate Appropriations Angelo & Dvorsky

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

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

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

[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](#)*) **Placed under Unfinished Business**

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

[SF 2300](#) **Probate Changes** *By: Committee on Judiciary* (*Successor to [SSB 3199](#)*) **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, 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* House  
 Judiciary (*Successor to SSB 3152*)  
**Passed Senate to House, Passed out of  
 House committee, FM: Hutter**

**SF 2332 Iowa Food Policy Council** By:  
*Committee on State Government* House  
 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 under  
 Unfinished Business, FM: Kibbie**

**SF 2338 Indirect Costs** By: *Committee*  
*on Government Oversight* Senate  
 Appropriations Connolly, Gaskill,  
 Angelo, Dvorsky (*Successor to SSB*  
3118) **Passed Senate to House**

**SF 2356 Medical Malpractice** By:  
*Committee on Judiciary* (*Successor to*  
SSB 3236) **Placed on Calendar under  
 Unfinished Business, 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 under  
 Unfinished Business, FM: Seymour**

**SSB 3041 Governor Senior Living  
 Trust** By: *Governor's Budget Bill*  
 Senate Appropriations Angelo &  
 Dvorsky

## Transportation Teleconference Training Opportunity

Easter Seals Project Action is hosting a free audio conference on Small Urban and Rural Community Transportation: Innovative Funding Solutions on March 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to participate and the conference materials can be downloaded from the web site.

The one-hour program will be at 2 p.m. eastern time Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Materials relating to

the presentation will be posted on the Easter Seals Project ACTION web site and available at <http://www/projectaction.org> one week prior to the conference.

To learn more about the training conference and/or to register, go to the Easter Seals web site at [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com) and select training and conferences.

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Registration forms @ [www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs](http://www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs) Conference fee is \$30 before May 10.

Continuing Education credits have been applied for through the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Questions? Contact Erin Haafke, 515-725-3338 or [erin.haafke@iowa.gov](mailto:erin.haafke@iowa.gov)

A room rate of \$92 is available for conference participants. Call the Sheraton at 515/223-1800 to reserve.

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## Another Opportunity!

Registration is now open for the **Iowa Senior Olympics**, to be held in West Des Moines June 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Find out more at:

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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.

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