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Under the Dome

[HF 2734](#), the Health and Human Services Appropriations bill remains in the Senate. While the legislature had hoped to adjourn by April 18th, expect the second year of Iowa's 81st General Assembly to continue at least an extra week. Legislators are working behind the scenes to reach final compromise on a number of issues, with education being a difficult subject to resolve.

Legislators Have a Decision to Make Regarding Iowa's Frail Elders

The Department appreciates the work of legislators and their efforts to strengthen the Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE). The Department stands behind its analysis of the program costs and the Governor's request of 3 million dollars, but we expect the legislature to appropriate less than this amount. We look forward to the implementation of this long over due enhancement of the case management service in Iowa. We will do what we can with the final appropriation to implement an enhanced case management system that meets the needs of older Iowans.

Winning Compliance – Consumer Information

It is our understanding that at this time, the Department's request for additional dollars related to consumer education in the areas of adult day services, elder group homes and assisted living has not been funded in [HF 2734](#). The purpose of the request was to develop consumer education materials related to occupancy agreements, tenant landlord law, minimum standards, etc... Consumers are often misinformed or uninformed regarding issues that directly impact their decision to purchase these long term care products. As the state has moved to a concept of shared risk in an effort to increase consumer choice and share risk, consumers are often unaware of the direct impact this has on their decisions.

Personal Needs Allowance and Brain Injury Services Program Move to Senate Calendar

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Standing Committee met and moved forward a number of bills to the Senate Calendar. Two that are germane to older Iowans are [HF 2319](#), which increases the Personal Needs

NOTICE:**Senior Living
Coordinating
Unit**

Friday,
April 21st
9:30am
Johnston
Public Library

**Department
of Elder
Affairs
Commission**

Friday,
April 21st
1:00pm
Johnston
Public Library

Caring for an Older
Iowan? Bookmark
the Iowa Family
Caregiver website:
[www.iowafamily
caregiver.org/](http://www.iowafamilycaregiver.org/)

Allowance (PNA) from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for individuals on Medicaid residing in institutional settings. Also moving forward is [HF 2772](#) related to the Brain Injury Services Program. This appropriations bill will assist in moving individuals off of waiting lists and adds a cost share component.

**Older Americans Act
Reauthorization**

On the Administration on Aging website, there's a new document titled "Choices for Independence" regarding the 2006 reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. View it online at: www.aoa.gov/about/legbudg/oa/legbudg_oaa.asp (click on *Choices for Independence* under the heading *2006 Reauthorization of OAA*).

Voter Resources

Click on the following links to the [Secretary of State's](#) website for more information:

[Register to Vote](#)
[Iowa Voter Guide](#)
[Absentee Ballot Application](#)
[Absentee Voting for Iowans in the Military or Overseas](#)

[2006 Primary Candidate List](#)

Iowan's with Disabilities in Action is a non-partisan initiative of the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council. ID Action also has a website with voter information at: www.idaction.org/

Revised Charitable Non-Profit Guide

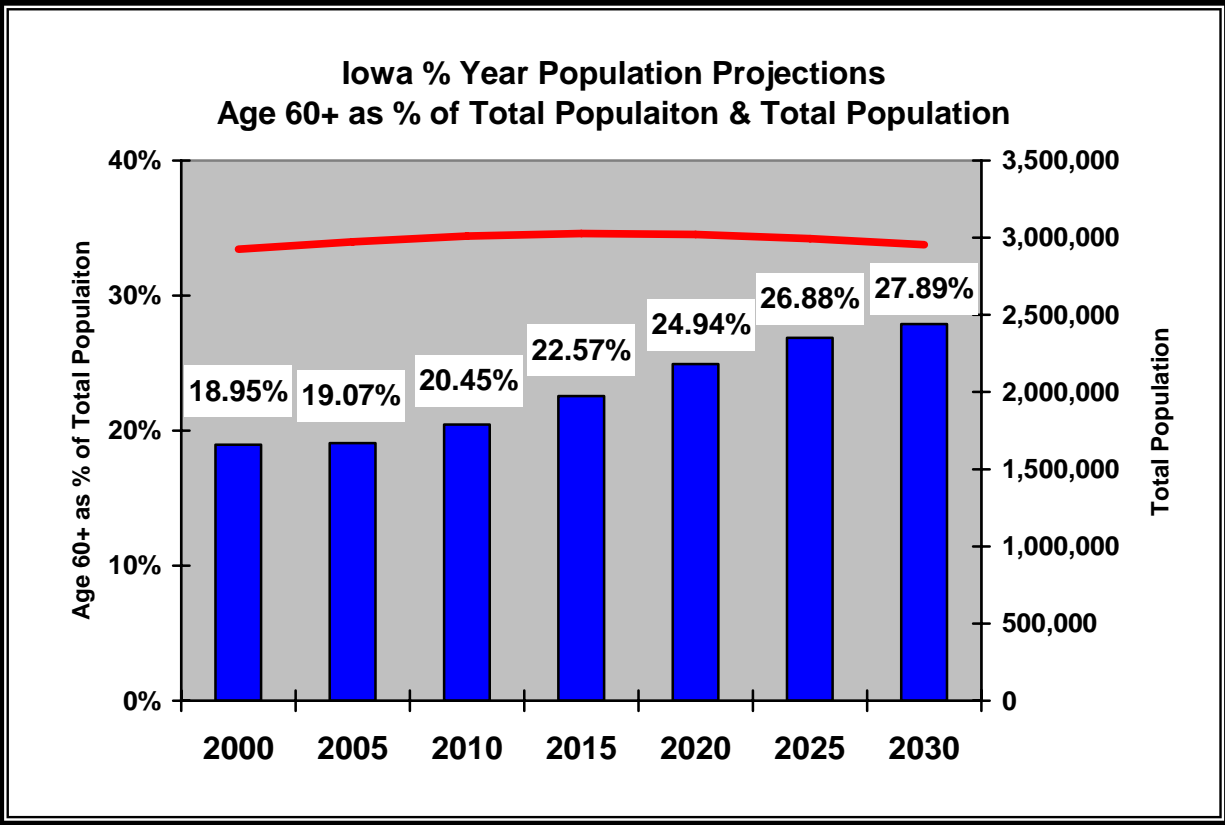
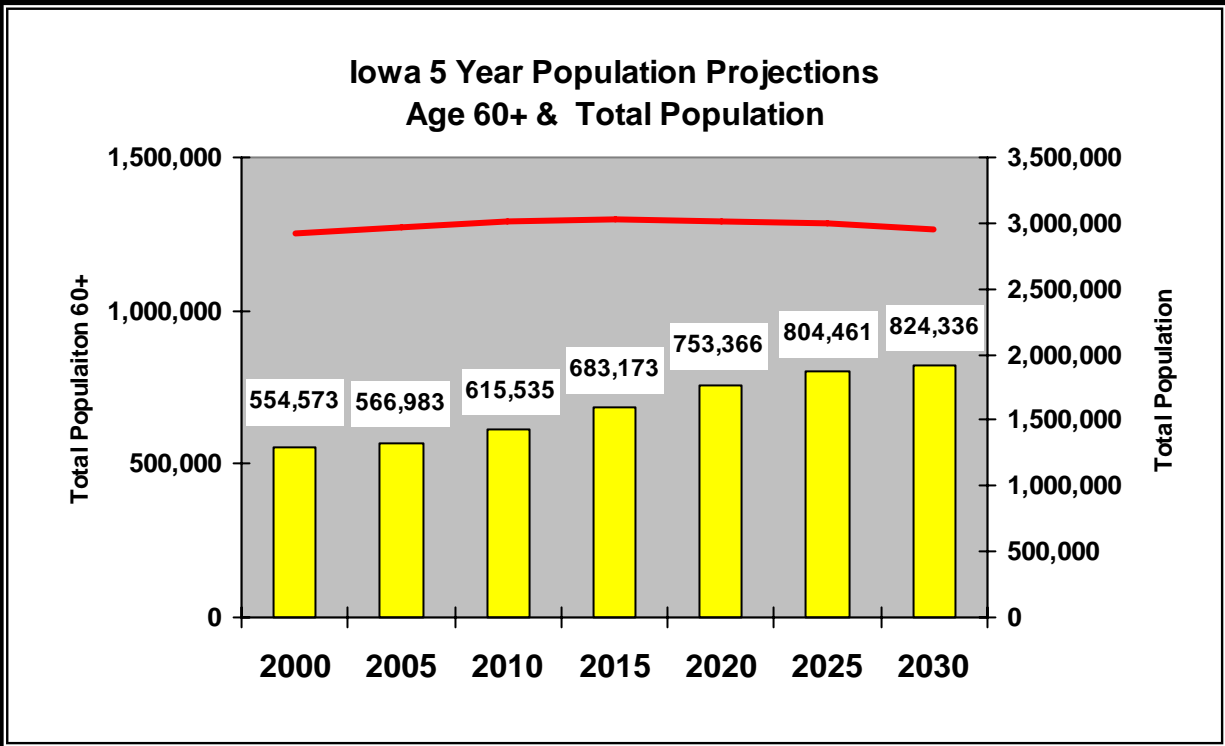
[Iowa Principles and Practices for Charitable Nonprofit Non-profit Excellence](#) is a guide to assist non-profit organizations in management practices, ethical conduct and public accountability. (This is also offered through the Secretary of State's office).

**Department of Elder
Affairs – 40 Years!**

The year 2006 marks the department's 40th year as Iowa's State Unit on Aging. The Department of Elder Affairs has made significant contributions to the dignity and welfare of older Iowans in countless recorded and unrecorded ways during these forty years. We honor the Older Iowans who have played, and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, social, and educational role in the history of Iowa.

Looking forward, the department will continue to collaborate with its partners in Iowa's aging network to meet the needs of the coming generation of older Iowans which is expected to grow by 44% by the year 2030.

In a future Legislative Update, we will provide more information about the history and accomplishments of the Department of Elder Affairs!!!



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Interim State Population Projections, 2005
Prepared by The Iowa Department of Elder Affairs, 2005

For more information,
the Iowa Legislature
General Assembly
homepage is
www.legis.state.ia.us

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.

House Files

[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, Foegen **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business, 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 Senate to the Governor**

[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 **Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business**

[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, Zieman (Successor to [HSB 574](#)) **Passed Senate and Sent to the Governor**

[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](#))
Sent to the Governor

[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 Senate and sent to the Governor**

[HF 2553](#) Senior Property

Assessments By: *May*
House Ways and Means

[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 Senate to Governor

[HF 2593](#) Executive Lobbist Rules

By: *Committee on State Government*
Senate State Government Danielson,
Ward, Brunkhorst, Kibbie (Formerly [HSB 534](#))
Passed Senate to Governor

[HF 2630](#) State Spending

By: *Eichhorn et al.*
House Appropriations Watts,
Petersen, and Roberts

[HF 2652](#) No Contact Orders

By: *Committee on Judiciary* (Successor to [HSB 718](#))
Passed Senate to Governor

[HF 2698](#) Customer Council Decisions

By: *Committee on State Government*
Senate State Government (Successor to [HSB 624](#))
Placed on Calendar under Unfinished Business

[HF 2706](#) Private Donor Records

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

[HF 2716](#) Malpractice

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

[HF 2734](#) House Appropriations Bill

By: *Committee on Appropriations*
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](#)) **Passed House to Senate, See [SF 2300](#)**

[HF 2746](#) State Employee Vehicles

By: *Committee on Government Oversight*
Senate Government Oversight
Committee Connolly & Wieck
(Successor to [HF 849](#))

[HF 2752](#) State Bidding Requirements

By: *Committee on Government Oversight* (Successor to [HSB 508](#))
Placed on Calendar

[HF 2772](#) Brain Injury Services

By: *Committee on Appropriations*
Senate Appropriations Lamberti & Ragan,
Tinsman, Hatch (Formerly [HF 2561](#))
(Formerly [HF 2325](#)) **Passed House to Senate**

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

By: *Committee on Appropriations*
(Formerly [HF 2616](#)) (Formerly [HF 2338](#)) **FM: Heaton**

[HF 2787](#) Child and Dependent

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



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515-281-3371

House Switchboard:
515-281-3221

Mailing Address:
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA
50319

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

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 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 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, Quirmbach, 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 Quirmbach, Zieman, Bolkcom, and Miller

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

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

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

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

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

[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 House to the Governor**

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

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

Upcoming Events and other Opportunities!

Mark Your Calendars...

Annual Governor's Conference on Aging & Photo Contest

May 22 and 23, 2006

www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#GCOA

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

May 24, 2006

Information available at:

www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#CESC

NEW! Register online: www.cishrm.org/

Iowa Senior Olympics

June 8th through 11th, 2006

<http://iowaseniorolympics.com/>

Elder Rights Conference

October 9 and 10, 2006

www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/living/conferences.html#ERC

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Our Mission:

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.