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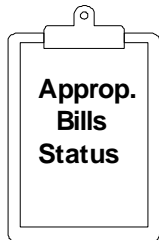
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## STATUS OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS



Appropriations Subcommittee Bills			
Appropriations Subcommittee		LSB/File#	Status
Administration and Regulation		LSB 1082HA HSB 278	Passed House Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee on March 3.
Agriculture and Natural Resources		LSB 1083HA HSB 276	Passed House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on March 3.
Economic Development		LSB 1086HA HSB 277	Passed House Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee on March 3.
Education		LSB 1087HA HSB 256	Passed House Education Appropriations Subcommittee on March 2.
Justice System		LSB 1091HA HSB 279	Passed House Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee on March 3.
Judicial Branch		LSB 1090HA HSB 275	Passed House Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee on March 3.
Transportation		HF 466	Passed House on March 2.
Other Appropriations Bills			
FY 2007 Allowable Growth Rate Bill		SF 36	Signed by Governor on February 2.
Soil Conservation District Expenses Supplemental Bill		SF 71	Passed Senate on March 3.
Military Pay Differential Program Changes Bill		SF 75	Passed Senate on January 27.
FFY 2006 Federal Block Grant Bill		SF 346	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 9.
FY 2005 Supplemental Appropriations Bill		SF 342	Passed Senate Appropriations Committee on March 9.
Soil Conservation District Expenses Supplemental Bill		HF 162	Passed House Appropriations Committee on February 14.

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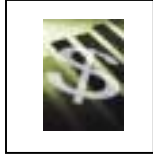
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**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PASSES FY 2005  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL – SSB 1266**

**Senate Committee Action**



The Senate Appropriations Committee passed SSB 1266 (FY 2005 Supplemental Appropriations Bill) on March 9. The Bill appropriates a total of \$80.8 million from the General Fund in FY 2005 to various State departments. This includes:

- \$300,000 for security purposes associated with the National Governor's Association Conference.
- \$500,000 for sole source grants for costs associated with hosting the National Special Olympics in Iowa.
- \$67.6 million to the Department of Human Services, including:
  - \$63.6 million for the Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program.
  - \$1.0 for Medical Contracts.
  - \$3.0 million for the State Resource Centers, the State Cases Program, and the Sexual Predator Commitment Program.
- \$600,000 for Legal Services for People in Poverty Grants.
- \$514,000 to the Department of Corrections for the Iowa Medical Classification Center at Oakdale and the Central Office.
- \$4.5 million to the State Public Defender and the Indigent Defense Program.
- \$5.8 million to the Iowa National Guard to repay federal funds.
- \$950,000 to the Department of Public Safety for security costs at the State Capitol Complex and for gaming enforcement staff.

**More Information**

The NOBA (Notes on Bills and Amendments) for SSB 1266 is available on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) web site at:  
<http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/noba/index.isp>

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**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PASSES FFY  
2006 FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT BILL – SSB 1184**

**Senate Committee Action**



The Senate Appropriations Committee passed SSB 1184 (FFY 2006 Federal Block Grant Bill) on March 9. The Bill authorizes the receipt and expenditure of federal funds totaling \$4.1 billion for FFY 2006. This is an increase of \$38.7 million compared to estimated FFY 2005. This includes:

- A total of \$159.2 million in federal Block Grant Funds for the Departments of Economic Development, Human Rights, Human Services, Justice, and Public Health, and the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.
- A total of \$3.9 billion in federal Categorical Grants for various State departments.

**More Information**

The NOBA (Notes on Bills and Amendments) for SSB 1184 is available on the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) web site at:

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## HOUSE PASSES METHAMPHETAMINE PRECURSOR BILL – SF 169

**Bill Passage**

The House amended and passed SF 169 (Methamphetamine Precursor Bill) on March 9. The Senate refused to concur on March 10.

**Legislation**

The Bill relates to the regulation of substances that are precursors to amphetamine and methamphetamine and includes a restriction on the sale of pseudoephedrine to 7,500 milligrams from a pharmacy within a 30-day period. The Bill also makes ephedrine a Schedule V controlled substance.

**Fiscal Impact**

Senate File 169, as amended by the House, establishes a serious misdemeanor penalty for the purchase of more than 7,500 milligrams of pseudoephedrine in a 30-day period. The average State costs for one new serious misdemeanor conviction ranges from \$100 to \$4,000. The costs may be incurred across multiple years while the offender is supervised in the correctional system.

**More Information**

The Fiscal Note for the House amendment to SF 169 is available on the LSA web site at: <http://www3.legis.state.ia.us/fiscalnotes/index/jsp>.

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## STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

**Board Meeting**

The State Board of Health met on March 9.

**Director's Report**

Janet Zwick, Department of Public Health, provided the following information on behalf of Director Hansen:



- The President's proposed FFY 2006 budget includes a reduction to the Department's federal Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. The impact is outlined on the Department's web site at: [http://idph.state.ia.us/do/pdf/030105\\_budget\\_impact.pdf](http://idph.state.ia.us/do/pdf/030105_budget_impact.pdf)
- The Department is in the process of planning activities for National Public Health Week, which will be held April 4-10.
- The Department is in the process of developing distribution criteria for federal wellness grants.
- Board members were asked to contact legislators to advocate for an increase in the tobacco tax.
- The Governor's FY 2006 budget recommendations for the Department were reviewed.

**Public Health Week**

Kim Tichy, Department of Public Health, provided information on activities planned for National Public Health Week.

**Lead Poisoning**

Rita Gergely, Department of Public Health, provided an update on the counties that have adopted local regulations on lead poisoning in accordance with *641 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 68*.

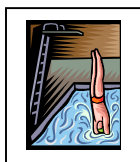
**Gambling Treatment**

Frank Biagioli, Department of Public Health, reported the Gambling Treatment Program was participating in National Problem Gambling Awareness Week from March 6-12.

**Flu/Whooping Cough**

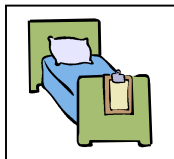
Dr. Patricia Quinlisk, Department of Public Health, provided an update regarding Influenza and Pertussis (Whooping Cough) activity. Details relating to information reported to the Department are available on the web site at: [http://idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/04\\_05\\_flu\\_activity\\_map.pdf](http://idph.state.ia.us/adper/common/pdf/04_05_flu_activity_map.pdf).

**DPH Admin. Rules**



The Board adopted the following Administrative Rules relating to the Department of Public Health:

- Swimming Pools and Spas - Changes relating to the operation and the design or construction of swimming pools and spas. The last revision to these rules was in 1998. Minimal fiscal impact.
- Radiation Machines and Radioactive Materials - Various Rules on Standards, Safety Requirements, and Licensure Requirements. Technical changes to correct errors and to provide clarification; additions to meet federal compatibility and disciplinary requirements; and changes to add a new x-ray operator category. Minimal fiscal impact.
- Certificate of Need for Critical Access Hospitals - Changes that allow a hospital that has deleted beds for the purpose of receiving designation as a Critical Access Hospital to reestablish the deleted beds at a later time without obtaining a Certificate of Need. The rules provide that the number of beds reestablished does not exceed the number of beds maintained prior to the deletion. Minimal fiscal impact.



**DPH Noticed Rules**

The Board approved an Administrative Rule relating to the Department of Public Health for public notice and adoption at a future meeting. The rule concerns Notification and Surveillance of Reportable Communicable and Infectious Diseases, Poisonings, and Conditions. No fiscal impact.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED REPORTS**

**Required Reports**

The Department of Public Health has completed the following required reports:



- Vital Records Modernization Project Update, as required by SF 2298 (FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act).
- Utilization of Elderly Wellness Funds, as required by SF 2298 (FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act).

**More Information**

The reports may be accessed on the Department's web site at:  
[http://www.idph.state.ia.us/resources\\_legmand.asp](http://www.idph.state.ia.us/resources_legmand.asp).

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**MARCH COUNCIL ON HUMAN SERVICES MEETING****Council Meeting**

The Council on Human Services met on March 9.

**Legislative Update**

Kate Walton, Legislative Liaison, Department of Human Services (DHS), provided a legislative update. Weekly summaries of legislative activities relating to the Department can be accessed on the DHS web site at:  
[www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs\\_homepage/news/leg\\_reports.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs_homepage/news/leg_reports.html).

**DHS Admin. Rules**

The Council adopted an Administrative Rule concerning the limitation of family-centered services to certain children in certain facilities.

**DHS Noticed Rules**

The Council approved the following Administrative Rules for action at a future meeting:

- Clarification regarding the amount of time to report suspected dependent abuse by employees of a health care facility or service program.
- Elimination of rules regarding consideration of certain income and resources when negotiating the adoption subsidy amount.

**Program Updates**

The Council received updates regarding the following:

- Efforts to rebalance the long-term care system.
- Federal Medicare Part D Program.
- Food Assistance Program.
- President's Proposed FFY 2006 Budget.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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