**Client Activities This Week**

We are THRILLED to celebrate the passage of the HandsFree bill! We are hopful for a bill signing in the coming weeks!

The AS team talked with Sen Costello this week abotu budget issues. He said the Senate budget chairs received a preliminiary budget target update and it was not as bad as he thought it might be. He said it looks like there will be no cuts, but at this time there is NO NEW MONEY for allocation. He's hopeful to keep all things level funded. This comes as no surprise considering the gloomy REC report a few weeks ago. The state will need to use about half of current reserves to cover the budget shortfalls for FY26.

**Recent Legislative Action**

| **BILL** | **DESCRIPTION** | **STATUS** | **NOTE** |
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| [HF 271](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF271)  [CO:HF 97](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF97) | A bill for an act establishing the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program and making appropriations.(Formerly HF 97.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/27/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 330](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF330) | A bill for an act relating to insurance coverage for covered individuals for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder and including applicability provisions.(Formerly HF 5.) | Placed on calendar. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 92, nays 0. (2/20/25) | Support/For  Introduced by Rep. Andrews over in House. |
| [HF 471](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF471) | A bill for an act modifying provisions related to school concussion and brain injury policies.(Formerly HSB 86.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 97, nays 0. (3/25/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 509](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF509) | A bill for an act relating to Hawki coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder applied behavior analysis services, and the autism support program.(Formerly HSB 122.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/1/25) Passed House, yeas 89, nays 0. (3/20/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 827](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF827)  [CO:SF 22](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF22)  [S:SF 22](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF22) | A bill for an act relating to the use of an electronic device in a voice-activated or hands-free mode while driving, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.(Formerly HSB 64.) | Withdrawn. (3/26/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 833](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF833)  [CO:SF 474](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF474) | A bill for an act relating to services and support for youth, including treatment, physical assessments, and behavioral health evaluations for youth involved in involuntary commitment, juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance, and family in need of assistance proceedings; the licensing and certification of certain residential facilities; the provision of home and community-based services and habilitation services to certain youth by residential programs; administration and supervision of juvenile court services; and the suspension of Hawki eligibility for inmates of public institutions.(Formerly HSB 153.) | Committee vote: Yeas, 24. Nays, 0. Excused, 1. (4/2/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 836](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF836)  [CO:SF 284](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF284) | A bill for an act relating to medical income assistance trust fees.(Formerly HSB 11.) | Subcommittee: Holt, James and Wills, J. (4/1/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 858](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF858) | A bill for an act relating to concussion and brain injury training for coaches.(Formerly HSB 220.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 89, nays 0. (3/20/25) | Support/For  Senate sub on 4/2. Sen. Donahue said she appreciates the sections adding in coaches and sports officials. Sen. Pike had a question about the current training requirements for dealing with concussions and brain injuries. School Administrators of Iowa and School Boards were there to explain the current requirements and express support. Sen. Shipley said he believes every two years for this training is sufficient. Passed 3-0. |
| [HF 948](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF948)  [S:SF 615](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF615) | A bill for an act relating to public assistance programs, work requirements for the Iowa health and wellness plan, an information technology fund, the public assistance modernization fund, and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program and program review and report.(Formerly HSB 248.) | Withdrawn. (3/26/25) | Oppose/Against |
| [SF 22](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF22)  [CO:HF 827](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF827) | A bill for an act relating to the use of an electronic device in a voice-activated or hands-free mode while driving, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable. Effective date: 07/01/2025. | Signed by Governor. (4/2/25) Passed Senate, yeas 47, nays 1. (3/18/25) Passed House, yeas 84, nays 11. (3/26/25) | Support/For  Senator Lofgren started the meeting by saying this is the year we get hands-free done! The bill had no opposition and dozens of advocates and some victim famiels spoke on the need for the legislation. The bill moved forward unanimously. Senator Petersen asked about the husbandry equipment exemption and Senator Webster brought up ensuring autonomous vehicles are not impacted. |
| [SF 615](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF615) | A bill for an act relating to work requirements for the Iowa health and wellness plan, public assistance programs, an information technology fund, the public assistance modernization fund, and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program, and including effective date provisions.(Formerly SF 599, SF 363.) | Fiscal note. (3/28/25) Passed Senate, yeas 33, nays 15. (3/25/25) Passed House, yeas 61, nays 35. (3/26/25) | Oppose/Against |
| [SSB 1216](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB1216) | A bill for an act appropriating federal moneys made available from federal block grants and other nonstate sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal moneys or federal block grants are more or less than anticipated. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. (4/2/25) |  |

**Bills Signed by the Governor**

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| [SF 22](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF22)  [CO:HF 827](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF827) | A bill for an act relating to the use of an electronic device in a voice-activated or hands-free mode while driving, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable. Effective date: 07/01/2025. | Signed by Governor. (4/2/25) Passed Senate, yeas 47, nays 1. (3/18/25) Passed House, yeas 84, nays 11. (3/26/25) | Support/For  Senator Lofgren started the meeting by saying this is the year we get hands-free done! The bill had no opposition and dozens of advocates and some victim famiels spoke on the need for the legislation. The bill moved forward unanimously. Senator Petersen asked about the husbandry equipment exemption and Senator Webster brought up ensuring autonomous vehicles are not impacted. |

**Alive Bills**

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| [HF 271](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF271)  [CO:HF 97](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF97) | A bill for an act establishing the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program and making appropriations.(Formerly HF 97.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/27/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 312](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF312)  [CO:HF 123](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF123) | A bill for an act relating to orders for treatment of persons experiencing psychiatric deterioration.(Formerly HF 123.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/10/25) Passed House, yeas 91, nays 1. (2/20/25) | Monitor/Undecided  Bill introduced in House by Rep. A. Meyer and floor managed by Rep. Ingels in House. The Treatment Advocacy Center was there and spoke in support. They said 34 states already have some kind of this legislation. There were some concerns from the Iowa Medical Society and Broadlawns Medical Center about the commitment code, who is making that determination, the current lack of capacity in emergency rooms and hospitals. Sen. Zimmer also cited lack of beds in facilities, but supports the concept. Sen. Warme said she would like data on scale of how other states are doing with this. Passed 3-0. |
| [HF 330](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF330) | A bill for an act relating to insurance coverage for covered individuals for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder and including applicability provisions.(Formerly HF 5.) | Placed on calendar. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 92, nays 0. (2/20/25) | Support/For  Introduced by Rep. Andrews over in House. |
| [HF 471](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF471) | A bill for an act modifying provisions related to school concussion and brain injury policies.(Formerly HSB 86.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 97, nays 0. (3/25/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 485](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF485) | A bill for an act exempting from the state sales and use tax the sales price of adaptive driving equipment sold or adaptive driving equipment services furnished for installation in a motor vehicle. | Committee vote: Yeas, 23. Nays, 0. Excused, 2. (3/13/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 509](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF509) | A bill for an act relating to Hawki coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder applied behavior analysis services, and the autism support program.(Formerly HSB 122.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/1/25) Passed House, yeas 89, nays 0. (3/20/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 518](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF518)  [CO:HF 326](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF326) | A bill for an act establishing a veterans recovery pilot program and fund for the reimbursement of expenses related to providing hyperbaric oxygen treatment to eligible veterans and making appropriations.(Formerly HF 326.) | Fiscal note. (3/20/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 737](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF737) | A bill for an act establishing the school health-related emergency response plan competitive grant program within the department of education, making appropriations, and including applicability provisions. | Rereferred to Appropriations. (3/6/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 757](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF757)  [CO:SF 582](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF582) | A bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the department of health and human services, including administrative services organizations, child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, internal audit and examination information, and the region incentive fund in the mental health and disability services regional service fund, health maintenance organization's premium tax, and making appropriations and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.(Formerly HSB 215.) | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. (3/19/25) | Monitor/Undecided  This is the dept's omnibus bill that addresses many divisions within the dept. There is nothing of real significance that's presented in this bill. A majority of groups are monitoring the bill, but no one expressed concerns or requested changes. |
| [SF 582](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF582)  [CO:HF 757](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF757) | A bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the department of health and human services, including administrative services organizations, child foster care, child and dependent adult abuse, internal audit and examination information, and the region incentive fund in the mental health and disability services regional service fund, health maintenance organization's premium tax, and making appropriations and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.(Formerly SSB 1171.) | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. (3/19/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 762](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF762) | A bill for an act requiring persons twelve years of age or older to pass a written test and obtain an education certificate prior to operating an all-terrain vehicle or off-road utility vehicle on streets, highways, certain land, ice, and trails, providing fees, and making penalties applicable.(Formerly HF 73.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/25/25) |  |
| [HF 833](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF833)  [CO:SF 474](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF474) | A bill for an act relating to services and support for youth, including treatment, physical assessments, and behavioral health evaluations for youth involved in involuntary commitment, juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance, and family in need of assistance proceedings; the licensing and certification of certain residential facilities; the provision of home and community-based services and habilitation services to certain youth by residential programs; administration and supervision of juvenile court services; and the suspension of Hawki eligibility for inmates of public institutions.(Formerly HSB 153.) | Committee vote: Yeas, 24. Nays, 0. Excused, 1. (4/2/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [SF 474](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF474)  [CO:HF 833](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF833) | A bill for an act relating to services and support for youth, including treatment, physical assessments, and behavioral health evaluations for youth involved in involuntary commitment, juvenile delinquency, child in need of assistance, and family in need of assistance proceedings; the licensing and certification of certain residential facilities; the provision of home and community-based services and habilitation services to certain youth by residential programs; administration and supervision of juvenile court services; and the suspension of Hawki eligibility for inmates of public institutions.(Formerly SSB 1120.) | Committee report, approving bill. (3/3/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HF 835](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF835)  [CO:SF 368](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF368) | A bill for an act relating to school personnel training, emergency care planning, authorizations for assisting, and limitations of liability concerning students with epilepsy or a seizure disorder.(Formerly HF 102.) | Introduced, placed on calendar. (3/7/25) | Support/For |
| [SF 368](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF368)  [CO:HF 835](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF835) | A bill for an act relating to school personnel training, including by implementing provisions related to emergency care planning, authorizations for assisting, and limitations of liability concerning students with epilepsy or seizure disorder, and requiring the department of education to convene a health care-related training for school personnel work group.(Formerly SF 111.) | Committee report, approving bill. (2/19/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 836](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF836)  [CO:SF 284](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF284) | A bill for an act relating to medical income assistance trust fees.(Formerly HSB 11.) | Subcommittee: Holt, James and Wills, J. (4/1/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [SF 284](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF284)  [CO:HF 836](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF836) | A bill for an act relating to medical income assistance trust fees.(Formerly SSB 1002.) | Fiscal note. (2/17/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 858](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF858) | A bill for an act relating to concussion and brain injury training for coaches.(Formerly HSB 220.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (4/2/25) Passed House, yeas 89, nays 0. (3/20/25) | Support/For  Senate sub on 4/2. Sen. Donahue said she appreciates the sections adding in coaches and sports officials. Sen. Pike had a question about the current training requirements for dealing with concussions and brain injuries. School Administrators of Iowa and School Boards were there to explain the current requirements and express support. Sen. Shipley said he believes every two years for this training is sufficient. Passed 3-0. |
| [HF 905](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF905)  [CO:HF 424](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF424) | A bill for an act relating to the establishment of the work without worry program under the medical assistance program for employed individuals with disabilities, and including effective date provisions.(Formerly HSB 241.) | Referred to Appropriations. (3/14/25) | Support/For |
| [SF 283](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF283)  [CO:HF 97](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF97) | A bill for an act establishing the comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program and making appropriations.(Formerly SF 14.) | Subcommittee: Green, Sires, and Winckler. (2/18/25) | Support/For |
| [SF 319](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF319) | A bill for an act relating to certain cost controls for health care services.(Formerly SSB 1029.) | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/19/25) Passed Senate, yeas 47, nays 0. (3/11/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [SF 615](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF615) | A bill for an act relating to work requirements for the Iowa health and wellness plan, public assistance programs, an information technology fund, the public assistance modernization fund, and the Medicaid for employed people with disabilities program, and including effective date provisions.(Formerly SF 599, SF 363.) | Fiscal note. (3/28/25) Passed Senate, yeas 33, nays 15. (3/25/25) Passed House, yeas 61, nays 35. (3/26/25) | Oppose/Against |
| [SSB 1216](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB1216) | A bill for an act appropriating federal moneys made available from federal block grants and other nonstate sources, allocating portions of federal block grants, and providing procedures if federal moneys or federal block grants are more or less than anticipated. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. (4/2/25) |  |

**Funneled Bills**

| **BILL** | **DESCRIPTION** | **STATUS** | **NOTE** |
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| [HF 8](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF8) | A bill for an act relating to student access to broad-spectrum cannabidiol products from school nurses during the school day. | Introduced, referred to Education. (1/14/25) | Track (no public position, but follow it) |
| [HF 13](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF13) | A bill for an act relating to annual automatic increases in Medicaid provider reimbursement rates. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. (1/14/25) | Track (no public position, but follow it) |
| [HF 121](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF121) | A bill for an act relating to student resources for the submission of applications for home and community-based services waivers by the parents or guardians of students enrolled in school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, or innovation zone schools. | Introduced, referred to Education. (1/27/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 408](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF408) | A bill for an act providing an appropriation to eliminate the current waiting lists for the Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. (2/13/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 443](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF443) | A bill for an act relating to health insurance coverage for assertive community treatment services. | Introduced, referred to Commerce. (2/18/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 500](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF500) | A bill for an act relating to insurance coverage for the maintenance and repair of complex rehabilitation technology wheelchairs. | Introduced, referred to Commerce. (2/20/25) | Support/For |
| [HF 538](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF538) | A bill for an act relating to employment of persons with disabilities. | Tabled until future meeting. (2/26/25) | Support/For  Bill introduced by Rep. Turek. He was not on the sub, but attended the meeting to speak in favor of the bill. Groups like Iowa DD Council, LSI, Hills and Dales, and Systems Unlimited are all supportive and spoke in favor. Amy Campbell noted that she would like to see a nonprofit exemption taken out of the bill. Groups like IABA and Fareway are monitoring. Many people spoke about the dignity of work, getting a paycheck, and filling workforce needs. Passed 3-0. |
| [HF 815](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF815) | A bill for an act relating to annual automatic increases in Medicaid provider reimbursement rates. | Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services. (3/6/25) | Support/For |
| [HSB 10](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB10) | A bill for an act relating to persons who may provide health services to students enrolled in a school district. | Subcommittee recommends passage. (1/22/25) | Monitor/Undecided |
| [HSB 279](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB279) | A bill for an act providing for the regulation of hemp products, and making penalties applicable. | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/4/25) | Monitor/Undecided  The bill passed unanimously through the subcommittee. Several folks spoke including the vet association against hemp for pets while the Dept of publica safety said they are monitoring the bill, but have concerns that the work they did on the topic last year is undone in this bill. Dept of AG said this is no longer in their jurisdiction while all others spoke in support of the bill for their patients and livlyihood - to allow access for a 30 day supply of safe legal products. The bill now moves to the full Public Safety Committee for consideration. |
| [HSB 286](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB286)  [CO:SSB 1195](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB1195) | A bill for an act relating to homelessness including unauthorized use of public land, sanctioned camping, drug-free homeless service zones, and funding for homeless services, and providing penalties. | Subcommittee recommends passage. (3/5/25) | Oppose/Against  The bill was only supported by the Cicero Institute, a right-wing think tank out of Austin, TX. Dozens of advocates from nonprofits, housing organizations, and the formerly homeless spoke strongly against the bill. Rep. James passionately opposed the bill and Rep. Lawler listed all the concerns that need to be addressed. Lawler joined Rep. Holt in moving the bill forward to continue a conversation, but Holt made clear funding would have to be attached and the bill needs work. |
| [SSB 1195](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB1195)  [CO:HSB 286](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB286) | A bill for an act relating to homelessness including unauthorized use of public land, sanctioned camping, drug-free homeless service zones, and funding for homeless services, and providing penalties. | Tabled until future meeting. (3/5/25) | Oppose/Against  The bill was only supported by the Cicero Institute, a right-wing think tank out of Austin, TX. Dozens of advocates from nonprofits, housing organizations, and the formerly homeless spoke strongly against the bill. In a surprise, Senator Sires joined Senator Weiner in refusing to sign off on the bill. |
| [SSB 1174](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB1174) | A bill for an act relating to the establishment of the work without worry program under the medical assistance program for employed individuals with disabilities, and including effective date provisions. | Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage. (2/25/25) | Support/For  The subcommittee enjoyed hearing from many disability voices from acorss the state on why this bill is essential for their future and wellbeing! The bill passed overwhlmingly! Its a good day when a bill like this can move forward! |