

A graphic of the state of Iowa composed of a grid of dots. The dots are arranged in a pattern that follows the outline of the state, with some dots being gold and others white. The background of the entire page is a dark blue-tinted image of the Iowa State Capitol building.

2023

# Iowa State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Iowa's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

## Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION  
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COMPREHENSIVE  
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# Methodology | Iowa 2023

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Iowa’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

**The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:**

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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# 2023 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN IOWA

The Foundation’s study examined over 650 floor votes and, in the end, included 11 Iowa House votes and 11 Iowa Senate votes.

## COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #100 in the

House and #50 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2023 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

## ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Iowa House and Iowa Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

**- DAVID McINTOSH**  
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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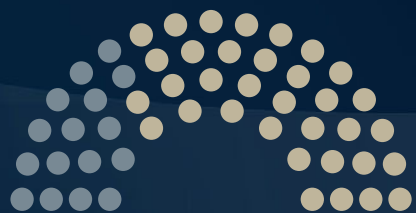
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# Iowa Senate Snapshot



34 Republicans

16 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 87%

(Up from 78% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 9%

(Down from 17% in 2022)



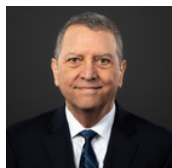
## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Dennis Guth (SD-28) | 100%



## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Tom Shipley (SD-9) | 68%



## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Tony Bisignano (SD-15) | 28%



## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Multiple Senators at 7%

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POINTS					15	8	5	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	7	
Alons, Kevin	SD-07	R	88%	88%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Bennett, Liz	SD-39	D	7%	22%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Bisignano, Tony	SD-15	D	28%	26%	X	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	12	-	-	35
Boulton, Nate	SD-20	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Bousselot, Mike	SD-21	R	88%	72%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Brown, Waylon	SD-30	R	92%	74%	15	X	X	X	5	12	-	12	12	X	X	3
Celsi, Claire	SD-16	D	12%	17%	-	-	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Costello, Mark	SD-08	R	88%	74%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Cournoyer, Chris	SD-35	R	88%	75%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Dawson, Dan	SD-10	R	88%	73%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
De Witt, Rocky	SD-01	R	88%	88%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Dickey, Adrian	SD-44	R	83%	76%	15	8	-	7	5	12	-	12	12	12	-	29
Donahue, Molly	SD-37	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Dotzler Jr., William	SD-31	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Driscoll, Dawn	SD-46	R	94%	76%	15	X	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	X	2
Edler, Jeff	SD-26	R	88%	75%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Evans, Lynn	SD-03	R	73%	73%	-	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	32
Garrett, Julian	SD-11	R	84%	73%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	X	X	12	-	28
Giddens, Eric	SD-38	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Green, Jesse	SD-24	R	88%	79%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4

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Gruenhagen, Kerry	SD-41	R	88%	88%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Guth, Dennis	SD-28	R	100%	77%	15	X	X	7	5	12	5	12	12	X	X	1
Jochum, Pam	SD-36	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Klimesh, Mike	SD-32	R	88%	81%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Knox, Izaah	SD-17	D	12%	12%	-	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Koelker, Carrie	SD-33	R	88%	75%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Kraayenbrink, Tim	SD-04	R	88%	73%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Lofgren, Mark	SD-48	R	88%	73%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
McClintock, Charlie	SD-42	R	73%	56%	-	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	32
Petersen, Janet	SD-18	D	7%	16%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Quirmbach, Herman	SD-25	D	7%	14%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Reichman, Jeffrey	SD-50	R	88%	79%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Rowley, Dave	SD-05	R	88%	88%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Rozenboom, Ken	SD-19	R	83%	73%	15	8	-	7	5	12	-	12	12	12	-	29
Salmon, Sandy	SD-29	R	88%	66%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Schultz, Jason	SD-06	R	88%	76%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Shipley, Tom	SD-09	R	68%	67%	-	8	-	7	5	12	-	12	12	12	-	34
Sinclair, Amy	SD-12	R	88%	74%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Sweeney, Annette	SD-27	R	88%	71%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Taylor, Jeff	SD-02	R	88%	78%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4

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Taylor, Todd	SD-40	D	12%	15%	-	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Trone Garriott, Sarah	SD-14	D	7%	9%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Wahls, Zach	SD-43	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Webster, Scott	SD-47	R	83%	83%	15	8	-	7	5	12	-	12	12	12	-	29
Weiner, Janice	SD-45	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Westrich, Cherielynn	SD-13	R	88%	71%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Whitver, Jack	SD-23	R	88%	75%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Winckler, Cindy	SD-49	D	7%	22%	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
Zaun, Brad	SD-22	R	88%	77%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4
Zumbach, Dan	SD-34	R	88%	72%	15	8	-	7	5	12	5	12	12	12	-	4

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## HF 68

### TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT BILL

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a universal ESA program for all K-12 students in Iowa. Specifically, the legislation provides for tax dollars to follow students to a school of their parents' or guardians' choice—including private education—over a three-year phase-in approach. Annual funding for the universal ESA is equal to the per pupil allocation plus inflation. Parents will have access to roughly \$7,600 per year to use for tuition, books, and other related education expenses. Estimates suggest nearly 42,000 students will move from government schools to private schools by FY2027. Iowa is the second state to enact a universal ESA approach for K-12 education. The Iowa House passed the bill, 55-45, on January 23, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-18, on the same day.

## HF 605

### PROHIBITING LOCAL ENERGY RESTRICTIONS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill protects hardworking Iowans and consumers from onerous local energy restrictions. Specifically, the legislation prohibits cities from adopting or enforcing ordinances, resolutions, or other municipal motions that would require private property owners to decrease their average energy use against a certain arbitrary benchmark. Such measures were enacted in Des Moines in 2019 and serve only to drive energy costs higher while imposing arbitrary usage restrictions on taxpayers and entrepreneurs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 61-34, on March 22, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-16, on May 3, 2023.

## HF 700

### NEW CRONY DAIRY GRANT FUND (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates yet another crony grant program for Iowa's dairy farming sector. Specifically, the legislation establishes the Iowa Dairy Innovation Fund within the Department of Agriculture to disburse taxpayer-backed grants and loans to dairy processors in Iowa engaged in refurbishing or developing new milk plants. The program is uncapped and recipients maintain categorical eligibility for additional crony subsidy programs at the state level. Lawmakers should not prop up hand-picked industries through additional taxpayer-provided grants and loans and should instead focus on reducing taxes and regulations burdening industries. The Iowa House passed the bill, 98-1, on April 13, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 47-1, on May 2, 2023.

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## HF 718

### TARGETED PROPERTY TAX CUTS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a modest property tax reduction with outsized impacts for certain populations. Specifically, the legislation consolidates various local tax levies, limits the amount of property taxes that cities and counties can collect, creates new homestead exemptions for seniors equal to \$6,500 beginning in FY2026, and creates new exemptions for military servicemembers equal to \$4,000 beginning in FY2025. Estimates show the legislation will reduce the property tax burden by roughly \$100 million across the state. The Iowa House passed the bill, 94-1, on May 2, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 49-0, on the same day.

## SF 315

### RAW MILK DISTRIBUTION APPROVAL

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates protocols for the production, processing, and distribution of raw milk products. Specifically, the legislation greenlights the direct sale of raw milk products at dairy

farms and facilities to consumers, albeit under a regulatory apparatus that requires annual testing of each animal, refrigeration requirements, and distribution within seven days of production from a dairy animal. This legislation not only opens up a range of consumer choices when it comes to dairy products, but also expands market opportunities for dairy producers that previously did not exist. The Iowa House passed the bill, 64-35, on April 12, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 37-13, on April 17, 2023.

## SF 494

### MEANS TESTING FOOD STAMPS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements important policy reforms in the state's administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, otherwise known as food stamps. Specifically, the legislation requires the department to set the income eligibility threshold at or below 160 percent of the federal poverty level and enact an identity verification process to curb potential fraud and abuse of the program. Once implemented, the reforms are expected to save taxpayers over

\$8 million per year in administrative costs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-41, on April 13, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-16, on March 22, 2023.

## SF 506

### CERTIFICATE OF NEED REFORM

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill rolls back existing certificate of need (CON) regulations on certain medical facilities in Iowa. Specifically, the legislation removes birthing centers and mental health facilities from the CON process altogether, allowing such centers to be built or expanded without state approval. Additionally, the bill increases the expenditure threshold necessary for institutional health facilities to obtain CON approval from \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million in 2023 and \$5 million in 2038. On average, healthcare costs are 11 percent higher in states with CON laws than in those without due to arbitrary bureaucratic constraints that restrict access. The Iowa Senate passed the bill, 29-21, on March 22, 2023. The Iowa House did not take it up.

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SF 507  
PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED ESG INVESTMENTS  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents hedge funds and private equity funds responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation ensures that the state treasurer, board of regents, and public pension funds cannot enter into contracts of \$1,000 or more with entities that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investments over the pecuniary interests of investors. Further, the legislation includes prohibitions for companies that engage in boycotts of certain industries, including the reliable energy sector and timber, at the expense of investors. The Iowa House passed the bill, 63-34, on March 15, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-16, on March 7, 2023.

SF 514  
MASSIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONSOLIDATION  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill substantially reorganizes the state government through agency consolidation. Specifically, the legislation reduces the number of cabinet-level positions from 37 to 16 offices and creates a new Boards and Commissions Review Committee to assess the efficacy of Iowa’s numerous licensing boards and government commissions. Despite a potential pitfall in granting the governor greater power in determining the salaries of certain agency heads, the structural reforms are estimated to save over \$200 million through the end of FY2028 while significantly streamlining the entire state bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-39, on March 15, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-15, on March 7, 2023.

SF 560  
EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING DECREASE  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill appropriates roughly \$983 million in education-related spending for FY2024. Specifically, the legislation decreases overall General Fund spending by \$10 million from FY2023 levels, institutes a hiring freeze within higher education DEI departments, and conforms the Department of Education to the new ESA changes passed earlier in the session. While the \$15 million decrease in spending for the Board of Regents is largely due to transferred responsibilities to the Department of Education, a net cut in year-over-year agency appropriations is commendable. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-33, on May 3, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-16, on the same day.

SF 575  
CRONY TAX CREDIT EXPANSIONS  
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill modifies and expands a number of niche tax credits for special interests. Specifically,

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the legislation increases the annual cap of the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit (RCPTC) to \$1 million for companies in operation for more than five years, extends the RCPTC program through 2039, expands existing eligibility for the Workforce Housing Tax Credit, and extends the Innovation Fund Tax Credit through 2028. Estimates show that these changes will reward special interests with nearly \$15 million in crony tax handouts over the next eight years at the expense of hardworking Iowans. While the Iowa legislature continues to move in a stronger growth-oriented direction that reduces the overall tax burden, these crony handouts to special interests should be abolished. The Iowa House passed the bill, 94-0, on May 1, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 47-0, on May 3, 2023.

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64 Republicans

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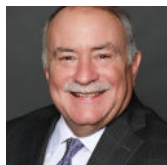
Average Democrat Score: 8%

(Down from 30% in 2022)



## HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Megan Hess Jones (HD-6) | 95%



## LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Brent Siegrist (HD-19) | 59%



## HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Elizabeth Wilson (HD-73) | 16%



## LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Ruth Ann Gaines (HD-33) | 0%

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Abdul-Samad, Ako	HD-034	D	11%	23%	-	X	X	-	7	-	-	X	X	-	-	68
Amos, Jerome	HD-062	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Andrews, Eddie	HD-043	R	88%	70%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Baeth, Austin	HD-036	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Bagniewski, Sean	HD-035	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Bergan, Michael	HD-063	R	68%	60%	-	5	8	-	7	-	12	12	12	12	-	59
Best, Brian	HD-011	R	69%	60%	-	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	X	-	58
Bloomington, Jane	HD-060	R	78%	60%	-	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	X	50
Boden, Brooke	HD-021	R	88%	68%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Bossman, Jacob	HD-014	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Bradley, Steven	HD-066	R	88%	68%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Brown-Powers, Timi	HD-061	D	7%	19%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Buck, Molly	HD-041	D	8%	8%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	X	70
Cahill, Sue	HD-052	D	7%	12%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Carlson, Ken	HD-013	R	83%	83%	15	5	8	-	7	-	12	12	12	12	-	46
Cisneros, Mark	HD-096	R	81%	78%	15	5	8	5	7	5	12	12	-	12	-	49
Collins, Taylor	HD-095	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Cooling, Jeff	HD-077	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Croken, Ken	HD-097	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Determann, Tom	HD-069	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4

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POINTS					15	5	8	5	7	5	12	12	12	12	7	
Deyoe, Dave	HD-051	R	83%	63%	15	5	8	-	7	-	12	12	12	12	-	46
Dieken, Zachary	HD-005	R	76%	76%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	-	12	-	51
Dunwell, Jon	HD-038	R	76%	66%	15	5	8	-	7	5	-	12	12	12	-	51
Ehlert, Tracy	HD-079	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	-	7	X	-	-	-	-	-	71
Fisher, Dean	HD-053	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Forbes, John	HD-044	D	7%	25%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Fry, Joel	HD-024	R	87%	64%	15	5	X	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	41
Gaines, Ruth Ann	HD-033	D	0%	21%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	100
Gehlbach, Dan	HD-046	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Gerhold, Thomas	HD-084	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Gjerde, Eric	HD-074	D	7%	13%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Golding, Cindy	HD-083	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Graber, Martin	HD-100	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Grassley, Pat	HD-057	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Gustafson, Stan	HD-022	R	87%	63%	15	5	X	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	41
Gustoff, Bill	HD-040	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Harris, Austin	HD-026	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Hayes, Helena	HD-088	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Henderson, Robert	HD-002	R	93%	93%	15	5	8	-	X	5	12	12	12	X	X	3
Hess Jones, Megan	HD-006	R	95%	66%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	X	1

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POINTS					15	5	8	5	7	5	12	12	12	12	7	
Holt, Steven	HD-012	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Hora, Heather	HD-092	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Ingels, Chad	HD-068	R	63%	60%	-	-	8	-	7	-	12	12	12	12	-	62
Isenhardt, Charles	HD-072	D	7%	22%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Jacoby, Dave	HD-086	D	7%	19%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
James, Lindsay	HD-071	D	7%	17%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Jeneary, Thomas	HD-003	R	83%	65%	15	-	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	46
Johnson, Craig	HD-067	R	88%	78%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Judge, Kenan	HD-027	D	7%	22%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Kaufmann, Bobby	HD-082	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Kniff McCulla, Barb	HD-037	R	86%	86%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	X	-	43
Konfrst, Jennifer	HD-032	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Kressig, Bob	HD-075	D	7%	19%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Kurth, Monica	HD-098	D	7%	18%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Latham, Shannon	HD-055	R	86%	66%	15	5	8	X	7	-	X	12	12	12	-	43
Levin, Elinor	HD-089	D	5%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	99
Lohse, Brian	HD-045	R	61%	54%	-	5	8	-	7	5	-	12	12	12	-	63
Lundgren, Shannon	HD-065	R	88%	63%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Madison, Mary	HD-031	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Matson, Heather	HD-042	D	7%	21%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71

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Megggers, Joshua	HD-054	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Meyer, Ann	HD-008	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Meyer, Brian	HD-029	D	7%	20%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Mohr, Gary	HD-093	R	64%	57%	-	5	8	-	7	5	12	X	X	12	-	60
Mommsen, Norlin	HD-070	R	88%	63%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Moore, Tom	HD-018	R	73%	59%	-	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	55
Nielsen, Amy	HD-085	D	7%	19%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Nordman, Carter	HD-047	R	88%	68%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Olson, Rick	HD-039	D	9%	21%	-	-	X	-	7	-	-	-	-	X	-	69
Osmundson, Anne	HD-064	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Rinker, Matthew	HD-099	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Scheetz, Sami	HD-078	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Scholten, J.D.	HD-001	D	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	-	-	X	-	98
Sexton, Michael	HD-007	R	70%	61%	15	5	8	-	X	5	12	12	-	X	-	57
Sherman, Brad	HD-091	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Shipley, Jeff	HD-087	R	88%	77%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Sieck, David	HD-016	R	71%	61%	-	5	X	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	56
Siegrist, Brent	HD-019	R	59%	57%	-	X	8	-	7	5	-	12	12	12	-	64
Sorensen, Ray	HD-023	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Srinivas, Megan	HD-030	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71

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Staed, Art	HD-080	D	7%	22%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Steckman, Sharon	HD-059	D	12%	22%	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	-	-	67
Stoltenberg, Luana	HD-081	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Stone, Henry	HD-009	R	88%	68%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Thompson, Mark	HD-056	R	76%	76%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	-	12	-	51
Thompson, Phil	HD-048	R	88%	62%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Thomson, Charley	HD-058	R	64%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	-	12	-	12	-	60
Turek, Josh	HD-020	D	14%	14%	-	X	-	-	7	5	-	-	-	X	-	66
Vondran, Mike	HD-094	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Wessel-Kroeschell, Beth	HD-049	D	7%	20%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Wheeler, Skyler	HD-004	R	94%	81%	15	5	8	-	X	5	12	12	12	12	X	2
Wilburn, Ross	HD-050	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Wills, John	HD-010	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Wilson, Elizabeth	HD-073	D	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	X	X	-	-	65
Wilz, Hans	HD-025	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Windschitl, Matt	HD-015	R	88%	64%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Wood, Devon	HD-017	R	88%	88%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	12	-	4
Wulf, Derek	HD-076	R	86%	86%	15	5	8	-	7	5	12	12	12	X	-	43
Young, David	HD-028	R	76%	76%	15	5	8	-	7	5	-	12	12	12	-	51
Zabner, Adam	HD-090	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	71

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## HF 68

### TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT BILL (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a universal ESA program for all K-12 students in Iowa. Specifically, the legislation provides for tax dollars to follow students to a school of their parents' or guardians' choice—including private education—over a three-year phase-in approach. Annual funding for the universal ESA is equal to the per pupil allocation plus inflation. Parents will have access to roughly \$7,600 per year to use for tuition, books, and other related education expenses. Estimates suggest nearly 42,000 students will move from government schools to private schools by FY2027. Iowa is the second state to enact a universal ESA approach for K-12 education. The Iowa House passed the bill, 55-45, on January 23, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-18, on the same day.

## HF 255

### INTERN TEACHER LICENSING REFORMS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill improves the licensing process at the Board of Educational Examiners for the intern teacher program. Specifically, the legislation allows non-Iowa residents with a Bachelor's degree to satisfy licensing requirements and serve as an intern teacher and requires the Board to allow a licensee to apply for a full-time teaching license. Further, the bill provides for individuals seeking a career to be eligible for a secondary authorization prior to accepting employment. These reforms expand novel pathways for teaching that look beyond stale union-approved models. The Iowa House passed the bill, 61-36, on March 8, 2023. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

## HF 605

### PROHIBITING LOCAL ENERGY RESTRICTIONS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill protects hardworking Iowans and consumers from onerous local energy restrictions. Specifically, the legislation prohibits cities from adopting or enforcing ordinances, resolutions, or other municipal motions that would require private property owners to decrease their average energy use against a certain arbitrary benchmark. Such measures were enacted in Des Moines in 2019 and serve only to drive energy costs higher while imposing arbitrary usage restrictions on taxpayers and entrepreneurs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 61-34, on March 22, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-16, on May 3, 2023.

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HF 700  
NEW CRONY DAIRY GRANT FUND  
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates yet another crony grant program for Iowa’s dairy farming sector. Specifically, the legislation establishes the Iowa Dairy Innovation Fund within the Department of Agriculture to disburse taxpayer-backed grants and loans to dairy processors in Iowa engaged in refurbishing or developing new milk plants. The program is uncapped and recipients maintain categorical eligibility for additional crony subsidy programs at the state level. Lawmakers should not prop up hand-picked industries through additional taxpayer-provided grants and loans and should instead focus on reducing taxes and regulations burdening industries. The Iowa House passed the bill, 98-1, on April 13, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 47-1, on May 2, 2023.

HF 718  
TARGETED PROPERTY TAX CUTS  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a modest property tax reduction with outsized impacts for certain populations. Specifically, the legislation consolidates various local tax levies, limits the amount of property taxes that cities and counties can collect, creates new homestead exemptions for seniors equal to \$6,500 beginning in FY2026, and creates new exemptions for military servicemembers equal to \$4,000 beginning in FY2025. Estimates show the legislation will reduce the property tax burden by roughly \$100 million across the state. The Iowa House passed the bill, 94-1, on May 2, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 49-0, on the same day.

SF 315  
RAW MILK DISTRIBUTION APPROVAL  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates protocols for the production, processing, and distribution of raw milk products. Specifically, the legislation greenlights the direct sale of raw milk products at dairy

farms and facilities to consumers, albeit under a regulatory apparatus that requires annual testing of each animal, refrigeration requirements, and distribution within seven days of production from a dairy animal. This legislation not only opens up a range of consumer choices when it comes to dairy products, but also expands market opportunities for dairy producers that previously did not exist. The Iowa House passed the bill, 64-35, on April 12, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 37-13, on April 17, 2023.

SF 494  
MEANS TESTING FOOD STAMPS  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements important policy reforms in the state’s administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, otherwise known as food stamps. Specifically, the legislation requires the department to set the income eligibility threshold at or below 160 percent of the federal poverty level and enact an identity verification process to curb potential fraud and abuse of the program. Once implemented, the reforms are expected to save taxpayers over \$8

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million per year in administrative costs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-41, on April 13, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-16, on March 22, 2023.

SF 507  
PROHIBITION ON TAXPAYER-FINANCED  
ESG INVESTMENTS  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents hedge funds and private equity funds responsible for managing the portfolios of taxpayer-funded pensions from abandoning their fiduciary duty in favor of a political agenda. Specifically, the legislation ensures that the state treasurer, board of regents, and public pension funds cannot enter into contracts of \$1,000 or more with entities that prioritize woke Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) investments over the pecuniary interests of investors. Further, the legislation includes prohibitions for companies that engage in boycotts of certain industries, including the reliable energy sector and timber, at the expense of investors. The Iowa House passed the bill, 63-34, on March 15, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-16, on March 7, 2023.

SF 514  
MASSIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCY  
CONSOLIDATION  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill substantially reorganizes the state government through agency consolidation. Specifically, the legislation reduces the number of cabinet-level positions from 37 to 16 offices and creates a new Boards and Commissions Review Committee to assess the efficacy of Iowa’s numerous licensing boards and government commissions. Despite a potential pitfall in granting the governor greater power in determining the salaries of certain agency heads, the structural reforms are estimated to save over \$200 million through the end of FY2028 while significantly streamlining the entire state bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-39, on March 15, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-15, on March 7, 2023.

SF 560  
EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING  
DECREASE  
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill appropriates roughly \$983 million in education-related spending for FY2024. Specifically, the legislation decreases overall General Fund spending by \$10 million from FY2023 levels, institutes a hiring freeze within higher education DEI departments, and conforms the Department of Education to the new ESA changes passed earlier in the session. While the \$15 million decrease in spending for the Board of Regents is largely due to transferred responsibilities to the Department of Education, a net cut in year-over-year agency appropriations is commendable. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-33, on May 3, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-16, on the same day.

SF 575  
CRONY TAX CREDIT EXPANSIONS  
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill modifies and expands a number of niche tax credits for special interests.

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Specifically, the legislation increases the annual cap of the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit (RCPTC) to \$1 million for companies in operation for more than five years, extends the RCPTC program through 2039, expands existing eligibility for the Workforce Housing Tax Credit, and extends the Innovation Fund Tax Credit through 2028. Estimates show that these changes will reward special interests with nearly \$15 million in crony tax handouts over the next eight years at the expense of hardworking Iowans. While the Iowa legislature continues to move in a stronger growth-oriented direction that reduces the overall tax burden, these crony handouts to special interests should be abolished. The Iowa House passed the bill, 94-0, on May 1, 2023. The Iowa Senate passed it, 47-0, on May 3, 2023.

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