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2024

Iowa State Legislative Scorecard

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

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THE CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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 EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

Methodology | Iowa 2024

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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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN IOWA IN 2024

The Foundation's study examined over 1,300 floor votes and, in the end, included 14 Iowa House votes and 12 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 2024 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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Iowa Senate Snapshot

34 Republicans

16 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 81%

Average Democrat Score: 22%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATOR

Jeffrey Reichman (SD-50) | 85%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATOR

Tony Bisignano (SD-15) | 29%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN SENATOR

Brad Zaun (SD-22) | 70%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT SENATORS

Claire Celsi (SD-16) | 15%

Pam Jochum (SD-36) | 15%

Janet Petersen (SD-18) | 15%

Herman Quirmbach (SD-25) | 15%

Janice Weiner (SD-45) | 15%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
POINTS					5	12	3	10	7	10	10	10	10	5	12	6	
Alons, Kevin	SD-07	R	82%	85%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Bennett, Liz	SD-39	D	20%	22%	X	X	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	41
Bisignano, Tony	SD-15	D	29%	27%	-	-	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	33
Boulton, Nate	SD-20	D	27%	17%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Bousselot, Mike	SD-21	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Brown, Waylon	SD-30	R	76%	75%	X	12	-	-	7	X	X	10	10	-	12	6	30
Celsi, Claire	SD-16	D	15%	16%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	42
Costello, Mark	SD-08	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Cournoyer, Chris	SD-35	R	82%	76%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Dawson, Dan	SD-10	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
De Witt, Rocky	SD-01	R	75%	83%	5	12	-	-	X	X	X	10	10	-	12	6	31
Dickey, Adrian	SD-44	R	82%	78%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Donahue, Molly	SD-37	D	27%	20%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Dotzler Jr., William	SD-31	D	27%	19%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Driscoll, Dawn	SD-46	R	82%	78%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Edler, Jeff	SD-26	R	82%	76%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Evans, Lynn	SD-03	R	82%	78%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Garrett, Julian	SD-11	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Giddens, Eric	SD-38	D	27%	17%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Green, Jesse	SD-24	R	82%	80%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2

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POINTS					5	12	3	10	7	10	10	10	10	5	12	6	
Gruenhagen, Kerry	SD-41	R	78%	83%	5	12	-	-	7	X	X	10	10	-	12	6	29
Guth, Dennis	SD-28	R	82%	78%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Jochum, Pam	SD-36	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	42
Klimesh, Mike	SD-32	R	82%	81%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Knox, Izaah	SD-17	D	27%	20%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Koelker, Carrie	SD-33	R	82%	76%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Kraayenbrink, Tim	SD-04	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Lofgren, Mark	SD-48	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
McClintock, Charlie	SD-42	R	n/a	56%	5	12	X	X	7	-	10	X	X	X	X	6	47
Petersen, Janet	SD-18	D	15%	16%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	42
Quirmbach, Herman	SD-25	D	15%	14%	-	-	X	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	42
Reichman, Jeffrey	SD-50	R	85%	80%	5	12	X	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	1
Rowley, Dave	SD-05	R	82%	86%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Rozenboom, Ken	SD-19	R	82%	74%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Salmon, Sandy	SD-29	R	82%	69%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Schultz, Jason	SD-06	R	82%	77%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Shipley, Tom	SD-09	R	82%	70%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Sinclair, Amy	SD-12	R	82%	75%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Sweeney, Annette	SD-27	R	82%	73%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Taylor, Jeff	SD-02	R	n/a	78%	5	12	X	X	X	10	10	X	X	X	X	6	
Taylor, Todd	SD-40	D	n/a	15%	-	-	X	10	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	47

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POINTS					5	12	3	10	7	10	10	10	10	5	12	6	
Trone Garriott, Sarah	SD-14	D	27%	14%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	12	-	34
Wahls, Zach	SD-43	D	n/a	15%	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	
Webster, Scott	SD-47	R	82%	83%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Weiner, Janice	SD-45	D	15%	11%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	42
Westrich, Cherielynn	SD-13	R	82%	74%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Whitver, Jack	SD-23	R	82%	76%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2
Winckler, Cindy	SD-49	D	27%	23%	-	12	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	34
Zaun, Brad	SD-22	R	70%	76%	5	12	-	-	X	10	-	10	10	-	12	6	32
Zumbach, Dan	SD-34	R	82%	74%	5	12	-	-	7	10	10	10	10	-	12	6	2

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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 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 before accepting employment. These reforms expand novel pathways for teaching that look beyond stale union-approved models. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-36, on April 17, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-14, on April 15, 2024.

HF 2319

BLOCKING UNEARNED GUARANTEED INCOME HANDOUTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to implement socialist guaranteed income payments. Specifically, the legislation prohibits municipalities, counties, and other political subdivisions from using revenue for unearned income payments to residents through the guise of providing guaranteed "basic income" unless expressly authorized by state law. Such policies punish hardworking taxpayers and families, discourage the dignity of work, and promulgate freeloading behavior from otherwise able-bodied individuals who should be operating in the workforce. Socialist policies like universal basic income strike at the very heart of freedom and opportunity. The Iowa House passed the bill, 55-43, on March 4, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 35-13, on April 16, 2024.

HF 2687

MODEST CHANGES TO COST-DRIVING ETHANOL REGULATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill slightly modifies onerous mandates imposed on gas stations and retail fuel operations in 2022. Specifically, the legislation requires that gas stations outfit their dispensers with E-15 blends through 2025 and E-40 blends through 2030, slowing down the mandated transition to higher blends. While this provides some mild relief for fuel retailers forced to accommodate higher ethanol blends like E-85, the underlying central-planning and cost-increasing issue remains. Renewable fuel standard mandates are massive green energy schemes that increase the cost of food, increase the cost of fuel, pose risks to the engines of vehicles not outfitted for ethanol, and ultimately harm consumers in order to financially benefit a select number of corporate interests in the state through government mandates. These

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regulations should be repealed altogether. The Iowa House passed the bill, 95-3, on April 15, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 44-0, on April 18, 2024.

HF 2698

INCREASED MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the state's Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates $2.2 billion for FY2025–an increase of 3.9 percent and $89 million over FY2024 spending. The bill contains nearly $20 million in Medicaid reimbursement increases for home, community care, and long-term health services to "backfill" the end of federal ARPA funds–underscoring how accepting federal funds increase future state baselines. While Iowa has implemented programmatic integrity provisions for Medicaid, this fraud-prone welfare program has grown by more than 230 percent since FY2016. The Iowa House passed the bill, 56-35, on April 18, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 19, 2024.

HJR 2006

TAXPAYER PROTECTION RESOLUTION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that protects taxpayers from future tax increases. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that requires a two-thirds supermajority in both legislative chambers to increase the individual or corporate income tax. This is an important safeguard for hardworking families and households increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes and ensures that any attempt at implementing new revenue grabs must reach a higher legislative threshold. The Iowa House passed the resolution, 61-35, on March 26, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-13, on April 10, 2024.

SF 2106

EXPANDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands on prior reforms to Iowa's unemployment insurance (UI) system. Specifically, the legislation creates new and specified requirements on what constitutes work search activity on a weekly basis in order for claimants to qualify for UI benefits. Additionally, the bill requires the state to verify the identity of claimants before approving benefits. Policy reforms that encourage re-employment and curb fraud lead to a healthier and more productive workforce while serving as a foundation for sustainable growth. The Iowa Senate passed it, 30-17, on February 28, 2024. The Iowa House did not take it up.

SF 2324

PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements changes to property acquisitions under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Specifically, the legislation prohibits DNR from purchasing land or other property at auctions and requires property acquisitions within the department to be from willing donors or sellers who are not coerced by the department. This is an important safeguard to restrict the ability of government agencies to

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accumulate property at the expense of taxpayers and for the benefit of special interests. Private property remains a fundamental component of a free and prosperous society. The Iowa Senate passed the bill, 30-17, on February 28, 2024. The Iowa House did not take it up.

SF 2370

COMMON SENSE REGULATORY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant regulatory changes for state agencies. Specifically, the legislation requires each agency to engage in a substantive review of all rules and regulations every five years utilizing a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether such rules should continue or less restrictive and more effective measures should be adopted. Additionally, the bill automatically terminates regulations if they do not undergo agency review every five years and requires a uniform standard for both promulgation and adoption of state regulations. This new approach will ensure that state agencies regularly evaluate the impact their policies have on hardworking families and households. The Iowa House passed the bill, 91-3, on April 17, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

SF 2385

MASSIVE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION CONSOLIDATION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill substantially reduces the number of government commissions and boards. Specifically, the legislation eliminates 68 state boards, merges six others, and eliminates 43 positions on the remaining boards. Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to review all current licensing renewals and fees for future reforms aimed at alleviating onerous bureaucratic schemes on hardworking Iowans. The structural reforms will significantly streamline and reduce the entire state bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 54-42, on April 16, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

SF 2435

INCREASED HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates funding for the state's public colleges and universities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates $1 billion for higher education, workforce development initiatives, and various grant programs, including a 2.5 percent increase for the state's university system. The bill contains a $52 million year-over-year increase in spending for tuition grant programs, which subsidize higher education costs on the backs of working families, facilitating a cycle of never-ending tuition increases. While the bill includes welcome prohibitions on destructive Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, much of the language prohibiting funding for such initiatives was previously enacted. Lawmakers should not raise spending baselines that will inevitably result in future tax and liability burdens on taxpayers. The Iowa House passed the bill, 52-43, on April 18, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

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SF 2442

SIGNIFICANT INCOME TAX REDUCTION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expedites previous statutory reforms to the state's personal income tax. Specifically, the legislation accelerates the gradual phase down to a single flat rate to take effect in 2025 instead of 2026 and further reduces the individual income tax from 3.9 percent to 3.8 percent. Estimates suggest these changes will reduce the overall tax burden on hardworking Iowans by nearly $1.2 billion through 2030. While the bill includes some minor expansions of the crony Targeted Jobs Withholding Credits, the overall relief provided to taxpayers in this bill is significant and will expand economic opportunity. The Iowa House passed the bill, 68-24, on April 19, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-7, on the same day.

SJR 2004

INCOME TAX SIMPLIFICATION AMENDMENT (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that locks in recent statutory income tax changes. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that limits any state income tax to a single flat rate. Under current law, Iowa's income tax is slated to move to a single and lowered rate of 3.9 percent for all Iowans by 2026. This is an important safeguard for hardworking families and households increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes and ensures that any attempt to resurrect new and higher income tax rates require changes to the state constitution. The Iowa House passed the resolution, 58-35, on April 19, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-15, on April 2, 2024.

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Iowa House Snapshot

64 Republicans

36 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 68%

Average Democrat Score: 33%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff Shipley (HD-87) | 85%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE

Megan Srinivas (HD-30) | 52%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE

Thomas Jeneary (HD-3) | 52%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE

Elinor Levin (HD-89) | 18%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	
POINTS					5	12	5	5	3	3	10	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	
Abdul-Samad, Ako	HD-034	D	25%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Amos Jr., Jerome	HD-062	D	25%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Andrews, Eddie	HD-043	R	69%	70%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	-	5	12	6	18
Baeth, Austin	HD-036	D	30%	19%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	81
Bagniewski, Sean	HD-035	D	30%	19%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	81
Bergan, Michael	HD-063	R	62%	61%	5	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	50
Best, Brian	HD-011	R	67%	61%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Bloomingdale, Jane	HD-060	R	57%	60%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	56
Boden, Brooke	HD-021	R	67%	68%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Bossman, Jacob	HD-014	R	67%	64%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Bradley, Steven	HD-066	R	69%	68%	5	12	X	-	-	-	X	7	7	10	-	-	12	6	18
Brown-Powers, Timi	HD-061	D	25%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Buck, Molly	HD-041	D	44%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	65
Cahill, Sue	HD-052	D	34%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	75
Carlson, Ken	HD-013	R	67%	75%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Cisneros, Mark	HD-096	R	77%	78%	5	12	5	X	3	3	-	7	X	10	-	5	12	6	5
Collins, Taylor	HD-095	R	67%	78%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Cooling, Jeff	HD-077	D	20%	14%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	95
Croken, Ken	HD-097	D	37%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	12	-	70
Determann, Tom	HD-069	R	74%	81%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7

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POINTS					5	12	5	5	3	3	10	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	
Deyoe, Dave	HD-051	R	67%	64%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Dieken, Zachary	HD-005	R	n/a	76%	X	12	5	-	-	-	X	X	7	X	-	X	X	X	97
Dunwell, Jon	HD-038	R	67%	66%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Ehlert, Tracy	HD-079	D	37%	21%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	70
Fisher, Dean	HD-053	R	74%	65%	5	12	5	-	-	-	X	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Forbes, John	HD-044	D	49%	29%	-	-	5	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	63
Fry, Joel	HD-024	R	67%	65%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Gaines, Ruth Ann	HD-033	D	n/a	21%	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gehlbach, Dan	HD-046	R	74%	81%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Gerhold, Thomas	HD-084	R	71%	65%	5	12	5	-	X	X	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	17
Gjerde, Eric	HD-074	D	39%	19%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	7	-	-	-	5	12	-	69
Golding, Cindy	HD-083	R	54%	76%	X	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	X	X	-	X	X	60
Graber, Martin	HD-100	R	74%	66%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Grassley, Pat	HD-057	R	67%	64%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Gustafson, Stan	HD-022	R	n/a	63%	X	12	5	-	-	-	X	X	7	X	10	X	X	X	97
Gustoff, Bill	HD-040	R	n/a	88%	X	12	5	-	-	-	X	X	7	X	10	X	X	X	97
Harris, Austin	HD-026	R	55%	72%	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	58
Hayes, Helena	HD-088	R	67%	78%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Henderson, Robert	HD-002	R	74%	82%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Holt, Steven	HD-012	R	77%	66%	5	12	5	-	-	-	10	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	5

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POINTS					5	12	5	5	3	3	10	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	
Hora, Heather	HD-092	R	67%	78%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Ingels, Chad	HD-068	R	55%	58%	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	58
Isenhart, Charles	HD-072	D	44%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	65
Jacoby, Dave	HD-086	D	35%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	74
James, Lindsay	HD-071	D	37%	20%	-	-	5	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	70
Jeneary, Thomas	HD-003	R	52%	63%	-	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	-	-	12	6	61
Johnson, Craig	HD-067	R	61%	75%	X	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	X	10	-	12	6	53
Jones, Megan	HD-006	R	64%	65%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	-	-	12	6	47
Judge, Kenan	HD-027	D	49%	27%	-	-	5	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	63
Kaufmann, Bobby	HD-082	R	63%	64%	5	X	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	48
Kniff McCulla, Barb	HD-037	R	67%	76%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Konfrst, Jennifer	HD-032	D	32%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	77
Kressig, Bob	HD-075	D	30%	21%	-	-	5	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	81
Kurth, Monica	HD-098	D	25%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Latham, Shannon	HD-055	R	67%	66%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Levin, Elinor	HD-089	D	18%	12%	-	-	-	-	3	-	10	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	96
Lohse, Brian	HD-045	R	57%	54%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	56
Lundgren, Shannon	HD-065	R	67%	63%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Madison, Mary	HD-031	D	25%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Matson, Heather	HD-042	D	36%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	X	-	73

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POINTS					5	12	5	5	3	3	10	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	
Meggers, Joshua	HD-054	R	74%	81%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Meyer, Ann	HD-008	R	74%	65%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Meyer, Brian	HD-029	D	22%	21%	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	94
Mohr, Gary	HD-093	R	79%	61%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	3
Mommsen, Norlin	HD-070	R	68%	64%	5	12	5	X	-	-	-	-	X	10	10	-	12	6	22
Moore, Tom	HD-018	R	67%	61%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Nielsen, Amy	HD-085	D	25%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Nordman, Carter	HD-047	R	67%	68%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Olson, Rick	HD-039	D	32%	23%	-	-	X	5	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	77
Osmundson, Anne	HD-064	R	69%	65%	5	X	X	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	18
Rinker, Matthew	HD-099	R	79%	84%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	3
Scheetz, Sami	HD-078	D	32%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	77
Scholten, J.D.	HD-001	D	34%	21%	-	-	X	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	75
Sexton, Michael	HD-007	R	74%	63%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Sherman, Brad	HD-091	R	60%	74%	5	12	5	-	-	3	-	-	7	10	-	-	12	6	54
Shipley, Jeff	HD-087	R	85%	78%	5	12	5	-	3	-	10	-	7	10	10	5	12	6	1
Sieck, David	HD-016	R	74%	63%	5	12	5	X	-	-	-	-	X	10	10	5	12	6	7
Siegrist, Brent	HD-019	R	60%	57%	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	5	12	6	54
Sorensen, Ray	HD-023	R	67%	64%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Srinivas, Megan	HD-030	D	52%	28%	-	-	-	-	X	X	10	7	-	10	X	5	12	-	61

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POINTS					5	12	5	5	3	3	10	7	7	10	10	5	12	6	
Staed, Art	HD-080	D	32%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	-	-	77
Steckman, Sharon	HD-059	D	26%	23%	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	85
Stoltenberg, Luana	HD-081	R	68%	80%	5	12	5	-	-	-	X	-	7	10	10	-	X	X	22
Stone, Henry	HD-009	R	67%	68%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Thompson, Mark	HD-056	R	67%	72%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Thompson, Phil	HD-048	R	67%	63%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Thomson, Charley	HD-058	R	69%	67%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	-	5	12	6	18
Turek, Josh	HD-020	D	44%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	65
Vondran, Mike	HD-094	R	74%	81%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	7
Wessel-Kroeschell, Beth	HD-049	D	30%	22%	-	-	-	5	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	81
Wheeler, Skyler	HD-004	R	67%	79%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Wilburn, Ross	HD-050	D	25%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86
Wills, John	HD-010	R	82%	66%	5	12	5	-	-	-	X	X	7	10	10	X	X	X	2
Wilson, Elizabeth	HD-073	D	44%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	10	-	5	12	-	65
Wilz, Hans	HD-025	R	62%	75%	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	50
Windschitl, Matt	HD-015	R	67%	64%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Wood, Devon	HD-017	R	67%	78%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	10	-	12	6	24
Wulf, Derek	HD-076	R	63%	75%	5	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	X	-	12	6	48
Young, David	HD-028	R	62%	69%	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	7	7	10	10	-	12	6	50
Zabner, Adam	HD-090	D	25%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	5	-	-	86

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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 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 before accepting employment. These reforms expand novel pathways for teaching that look beyond stale union-approved models. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-36, on April 17, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-14, on April 15, 2024.

HF 2319

BLOCKING UNEARNED GUARANTEED INCOME HANDOUTS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts efforts to implement socialist guaranteed income payments. Specifically, the legislation prohibits municipalities, counties, and other political subdivisions from using revenue for unearned income payments to residents through the guise of providing guaranteed "basic income" unless expressly authorized by state law. Such policies punish hardworking taxpayers and families, discourage the dignity of work, and promulgate freeloading behavior from otherwise able-bodied individuals who should be operating in the workforce. Socialist policies like universal basic income strike at the very heart of freedom and opportunity. The Iowa House passed the bill, 55-43, on March 4, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 35-13, on April 16, 2024.

HF 2626

MODEST SOUND MONEY PROTECTIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a capital gains exemption from the state income tax. Specifically, the legislation exempts buying and selling gold or silver bullion, coins, and other currencies from capital gains and losses. While the overall reduction in tax burdens remains small at an estimated $1.6 million through 2030, the bill helps ensure gold and silver can serve as an alternative competitive currency to the dollar, as well as provide taxpayers some protection during a significant inflation or hyperinflationary event. The Iowa House passed the bill, 63-32, on March 19, 2024. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HF 2662

REVIVED CRONY REBATE PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill resurrects a crony and corrupt economic development scheme that has not been

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used since 2009. Specifically, the legislation revives a film tax rebate for eligible production companies equal to 30 percent of the gross amount of qualified expenditures. Further, the bill sets an annual aggregate cap of $10 million and allows unused credits to roll into the following year. The previous taxpayer-funded film production credit had a fraudulent spend rate of 81 percent. This type of flagrant cronyism–wherein Iowans essentially subsidize wealthy Hollywood production companies and special interest corporations–enriches a select few well-connected, government-preferred entities at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. The Iowa House passed the bill, 87-8, on March 26, 2024. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HF 2687

MODEST CHANGES TO COST-DRIVING ETHANOL REGULATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill slightly modifies onerous mandates imposed on gas stations and retail fuel operations in 2022. Specifically, the legislation requires that gas stations outfit their dispensers with E-15 blends through 2025 and E-40 blends through 2030, slowing down the mandated transition to higher blends. While this provides some mild relief for fuel retailers forced to accommodate higher ethanol blends like E-85, the underlying central-planning and cost-increasing issue remains. Renewable fuel standard mandates are massive green energy schemes that increase the cost of food, increase the cost of fuel, pose risks to the engines of vehicles not outfitted for ethanol, and ultimately harm consumers in order to financially benefit a select number of corporate interests in the state through government mandates. These regulations should be repealed altogether. The Iowa House passed the bill, 95-3, on April 15, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 44-0, on April 18, 2024.

HF 2689

RURAL ATTORNEY SUBSIDY SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates the Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program. Specifically, the legislation provides for the Department of Education to run a program to recruit public defenders and other taxpayer-funded attorneys to rural counties with incentive payments equal to 90 percent of Iowa college of law's tuition on top of salary and benefits. Counties and municipalities are required to pay 35 percent of these subsidies with the state paying out the remainder. The program does not include an annual cap and allows for unspent funds to be rolled over into the next year. Hardworking families and households should not be bailing out pricey law graduates, who make nearly three times the median household income in Iowa. The Iowa House passed the bill, 95-3, on April 15, 2024. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HF 2698

INCREASED MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the state's Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates $2.2 billion for FY2025–an increase of 3.9 percent and $89 million over FY2024 spending. The bill contains nearly $20 million in Medicaid reimbursement increases for

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home, community care, and long-term health services to "backfill" the end of federal ARPA funds–underscoring how accepting federal funds increase future state baselines. While Iowa has implemented programmatic integrity provisions for Medicaid, this fraud-prone welfare program has grown by more than 230 percent since FY2016. The Iowa House passed the bill, 56-35, on April 18, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 19, 2024.

HF 2700

STATE OFFICIAL SALARY INCREASES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements pay raises for elected officials in the state legislature and executive branch. Specifically, the legislation enacts an across-the-board pay raise for all general assembly and elected executive branch officials estimated to cost taxpayers $2.8 million through 2026 and $1.9 million every year thereafter due to provisions that authorize annual cost-of-living increases. As hardworking Iowans struggle under the weight of persistent inflation, devalued purchasing power, and cost-driving mandates at both the federal and state level, lawmakers should not implement 40 percent pay raises for themselves. The Iowa House passed the bill, 58-38, on April 18, 2024. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HJR 2006

TAXPAYER PROTECTION RESOLUTION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that protects taxpayers from future tax increases. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that requires a two-thirds supermajority in both legislative chambers to increase the individual or corporate income tax. This is an important safeguard for hardworking families and households increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes and ensures that any attempt at implementing new revenue grabs must reach a higher legislative threshold. The Iowa House passed the resolution, 61-35, on March 26, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-13, on April 10, 2024.

SF 2370

COMMON SENSE REGULATORY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant regulatory changes for state agencies. Specifically, the legislation requires each agency to engage in a substantive review of all rules and regulations every five years utilizing a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether such rules should continue or less restrictive and more effective measures should be adopted. Additionally, the bill automatically terminates regulations if they do not undergo agency review every five years and requires a uniform standard for both promulgation and adoption of state regulations. This new approach will ensure that state agencies regularly evaluate the impact their policies have on hardworking families and households. The Iowa House passed the bill, 91-3, on April 17, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

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SF 2385

MASSIVE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION CONSOLIDATION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill substantially reduces the number of government commissions and boards. Specifically, the legislation eliminates 68 state boards, merges six others, and eliminates 43 positions on the remaining boards. Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL) to review all current licensing renewals and fees for future reforms aimed at alleviating onerous bureaucratic schemes on hardworking Iowans. The structural reforms will significantly streamline and reduce the entire state bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 54-42, on April 16, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

SF 2435

INCREASED HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates funding for the state's public colleges and universities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates $1 billion for higher education, workforce development initiatives, and various grant programs, including a 2.5 percent increase for the state's university system. The bill contains a $52 million year-over-year increase in spending for tuition grant programs, which subsidize higher education costs on the backs of working families, facilitating a cycle of never-ending tuition increases. While the bill includes welcome prohibitions on destructive Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs, much of the language prohibiting funding for such initiatives was previously enacted. Lawmakers should not raise spending baselines that will inevitably result in future tax and liability burdens on taxpayers. The Iowa House passed the bill, 52-43, on April 18, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-14, on April 19, 2024.

SF 2442

SIGNIFICANT INCOME TAX REDUCTION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expedites previous statutory reforms to the state's personal income tax. Specifically, the legislation accelerates the gradual phase down to a single flat rate to take effect in 2025 instead of 2026 and further reduces the individual income tax from 3.9 percent to 3.8 percent. Estimates suggest these changes will reduce the overall tax burden on hardworking Iowans by nearly $1.2 billion through 2030. While the bill includes some minor expansions of the crony Targeted Jobs Withholding Credits, the overall relief provided to taxpayers in this bill is significant and will expand economic opportunity. The Iowa House passed the bill, 68-24, on April 19, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-7, on the same day.

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SJR 2004

INCOME TAX SIMPLIFICATION AMENDMENT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that locks in recent statutory income tax changes. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment that limits any state income tax to a single flat rate. Under current law, Iowa's income tax is slated to move to a single and lowered rate of 3.9 percent for all Iowans by 2026. This is an important safeguard for hardworking families and households increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes and ensures that any attempt to resurrect new and higher income tax rates require changes to the state constitution. The Iowa House passed the resolution, 58-35, on April 19, 2024. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-15, on April 2, 2024.

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