

A graphic of the state of Iowa composed of a grid of dots. The dots are arranged in a pattern that roughly follows the outline of the state. The dots are colored in a gradient from light blue to gold. The year "2025" is displayed in a gold box to the right of the graphic.

2025

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
EDUCATES THE
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THE FOUNDATION
CONDUCTS
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EXAMINATIONS OF
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THE FOUNDATION'S
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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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The Foundation’s study examined over 650 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 Iowa House votes and 16 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 2025 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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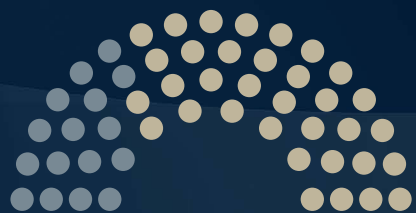
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Iowa Senate Snapshot



34 Republicans

16 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 69%

Average Democrat Score: 31%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Jason Schultz (SD-6) | 86%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Jeff Taylor (SD-2) | 61%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Zach Wahls (SD-43) | 49%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Tony Bisignano (SD-15) | 22%

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	6	7	5	2	7	12	12	5	6	2	
Alons, Kevin	SD-07	R	69%	80%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Bennett, Liz	SD-39	D	32%	23%	-	4	-	X	-	-	6	7	X	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	41
Bisignano, Tony	SD-15	D	22%	26%	-	X	-	-	X	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	-	49
Blake, Matt	SD-22	D	36%	36%	-	4	-	8	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	37
Bousselot, Mike	SD-21	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Campbell, Doug	SD-30	R	69%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Celsi, Claire	SD-16	D	n/a	16%	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	5	X	X	
Costello, Mark	SD-08	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Dawson, Dan	SD-10	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
De Witt, Rocky	SD-01	R	75%	81%	5	X	4	8	X	X	X	X	5	2	7	X	X	-	-	2	2
Dickey, Adrian	SD-44	R	74%	77%	5	4	4	X	7	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	3
Donahue, Molly	SD-37	D	24%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	45
Dotzler Jr., William	SD-31	D	24%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	45
Driscoll, Dawn	SD-46	R	69%	76%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Evans, Lynn	SD-03	R	69%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Garrett, Julian	SD-11	R	67%	74%	X	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	X	29
Green, Jesse	SD-24	R	69%	77%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Gruenhagen, Kerry	SD-41	R	69%	78%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Guth, Dennis	SD-28	R	69%	77%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Klimesh, Mike	SD-32	R	69%	79%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	6	7	5	2	7	12	12	5	6	2	
Knox, Izaah	SD-17	D	37%	25%	-	4	-	8	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	X	X	6	-	36
Koelker, Carrie	SD-33	R	67%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	X	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	29
Kraayenbrink, Tim	SD-04	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Lofgren, Mark	SD-48	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
McClintock, Charlie	SD-42	R	64%	61%	5	X	4	8	X	8	X	X	-	2	-	X	12	-	-	2	32
Petersen, Janet	SD-18	D	26%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	X	-	-	5	6	-	44
Pike, Mike	SD-20	R	62%	62%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	-	12	12	-	-	2	33
Quirnbach, Herman	SD-25	D	24%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	45
Reichman, Jeffrey	SD-50	R	69%	78%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Rowley, Dave	SD-05	R	69%	81%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Rozenboom, Ken	SD-19	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Salmon, Sandy	SD-29	R	69%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Schultz, Jason	SD-06	R	86%	78%	5	X	4	8	X	8	X	X	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	1
Shipley, Tom	SD-09	R	69%	70%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Sinclair, Amy	SD-12	R	69%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Sires, Dave	SD-38	R	69%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Staed, Art	SD-40	D	24%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	45
Sweeney, Annette	SD-27	R	69%	72%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Taylor, Jeff	SD-02	R	61%	74%	5	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	34
Townsend, Thomas	SD-36	D	36%	36%	-	4	-	8	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	37
Trone Garriott, Sarah	SD-14	D	36%	18%	-	4	-	8	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	37

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Wahls, Zach	SD-43	D	49%	19%	-	4	-	8	-	X	6	7	-	-	X	-	X	5	6	-	35
Warme, Kara	SD-26	R	69%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Webster, Scott	SD-47	R	69%	78%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Weiner, Janice	SD-45	D	28%	17%	-	4	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	42
Westrich, Cherielynn	SD-13	R	69%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Whitver, Jack	SD-23	R	69%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	2	4
Winckler, Cindy	SD-49	D	28%	24%	-	4	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	42
Zimmer, Mike	SD-35	D	33%	33%	-	-	-	8	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	X	X	6	-	40
Zumbach, Dan	SD-34	R	67%	73%	X	4	4	8	-	8	-	-	5	2	7	12	12	-	-	X	29

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HF 437

NEW HIGHER EDUCATION FREEDOM CENTER

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes a new center at the University of Iowa to combat neo-Marxist indoctrination. Specifically, the legislation instructs the university to establish a center for intellectual freedom that is focused on American history, civil governance, and the constitutional order. Numerous other taxpayer-funded higher education institutions have been compelled to create centers designed to reverse the poison of critical theory and other socialist ideologies dedicated to tearing down American first principles. Such centers are the bare minimum to ensure that hardworking families and taxpayers are not solely subsidizing destructive ideologies that ultimately seek to transform citizens into serfs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 60-37, on March 18, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 15, 2025.

HF 711

MODEST COSMETOLOGY REFORMS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill adopts modest regulatory reforms for practices within the barbering and cosmetology industry. Specifically, the legislation allows establishments to employ unlicensed individuals under the supervision and training of licensed cosmetologists. Further, the bill implements modest reforms that couple esthetics and nail technology under a single license. These deregulatory actions will provide outsized benefits to lower-income groups by removing unnecessary barriers to entry and giving employers greater flexibility to oversee private training for individuals outside the government bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 74-12, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-6, on the same day.

HF 856

DISMANTLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands prohibitions on state agencies and higher education institutions from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs. Specifically, the legislation extends existing DEI prohibitions to community colleges and higher education institutions under the purview of the board of regents, curbing these taxpayer-funded entities from employing DEI officers and operating programs that promote race essentialism. Additionally, the bill prohibits the expenditure of any funds from any source that advance critical theory-infused directives. Hardworking families should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse neo-Marxist concepts. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-32, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-16, on May 9, 2025.

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HF 860

PREEMPTING GREEN ENERGY MANDATES
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts localities from imposing onerous green energy mandates on fuel sources and equipment. Specifically, the legislation prohibits political subdivisions and state agencies from restricting the purchase or use of any equipment based on its fuel source and repeals any existing municipal green-fuel mandates in Iowa. As hardworking families and households face persistent inflation and high costs, it’s imperative to prevent harmful Green New Deal mandates that exacerbate the cost of living for everyday products by targeting reliable energy sources. The Iowa House passed the bill, 84-12, on March 19, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-8, on April 8, 2025.

HF 889

NEW GOVERNMENT PAID LEAVE MANDATE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new paid leave benefit for taxpayer-funded government employees. Specifically, the legislation expands an existing

program by providing an additional four weeks of paid leave for government employees who give birth or adopt a child. While the total cost of this program expansion is unknown, taxpayer-funded paid leave mandates are regressive. These mandates often necessitate new taxes, routinely cost far more than initial estimates, diminish wages, are prone to continued expansion, and compound pressures on already overburdened American workers and taxpayers. The Iowa House passed the bill, 87-2, on March 20, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 44-1, on May 14, 2025.

HF 954

PRO-GROWTH ELECTION REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements critical reforms to bolster the integrity of Iowa’s elections and improve the state’s growth trajectory. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the secretary of state to contract with state and federal agencies to verify citizenship status of voters, empowers election officials to challenge registered voters with proof of citizenship, establishes a process

that provides for documentation of individuals believed to be ineligible to vote, and bans ranked choice voting, which short-circuits policy debates essential for the functioning of a constitutional republic in favor of European-style processes that ultimately disenfranchise citizen voters. Free and fair election procedures are critical to preserving a free market, which provides the greatest opportunities for individuals and families to flourish. The Iowa House passed the bill, 65-31, on March 25, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 7, 2025.

HF 1044

INCREASED GOVERNMENT
APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for state government operations. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$73.7 million in General Fund spending for FY2026, an increase of 3 percent over FY2025 spending. Additionally, the bill appropriates \$62 million in non-General Fund spending above FY2025 levels, creates 117 new full-time government employees,

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authorizes the Employment Appeal Board to incur debt, provided it is tied to federal funding, and increases Public Information Board spending by 29 percent. Lawmakers should refrain from increasing state spending baselines, particularly within the administrative bureaucracy, as hardworking families struggle with persistent inflation and high costs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 60-31, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-15, on May 14, 2025.

HF 1049
BIG SPENDING MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the state’s Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$2.5 billion for FY2026—an increase of 13.7 percent and \$256 million over FY2025 spending. The bill includes \$211 million in additional spending to address the looming Medicaid shortfall driven by the state’s Obamacare expansion to healthy adults, \$20 million in Medicaid reimbursement increases for home and community-based care, and a 10.4

percent year-over-year increase in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program. While the legislation locks in new work requirements for Medicaid, state spending for this fraud-prone welfare program has grown by more than 98 percent since FY2016. Lawmakers should fully repeal the Medicaid expansion before it completely overwhelms the state budget. The Iowa House passed the bill, 63-28, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-15, on May 14, 2025.

SF 472
CURBING UNION COERCION
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements stronger protections for workers and taxpayers against union coercion. Specifically, the legislation requires that the Employment Appeal Board notify government unions ahead of a recertification election and requires such unions to submit a complete list of employees within 10 days of receiving notice of a recertification election. The Board is further empowered to determine from the list which employees are eligible to vote in an

election. These reforms close loopholes that allow government unions to evade transparency and ensure that unions do not attempt to take advantage of their workers and taxpayers by manipulating their membership data. The Iowa Senate passed the bill, 32-15, on March 10, 2025. The Iowa House did not take it up.

SF 507
PREEMPTING COUNTY-OPERATED DEI
INFRASTRUCTURE
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands prohibitions on government subdivisions from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs. Specifically, the legislation extends existing DEI prohibitions to county governments and officials, curbing these taxpayer-funded entities from employing DEI officers and operating programs that promote race essentialism. Additionally, the bill prohibits the expenditure of any funds from any source that advance critical theory-infused directives. Hardworking families should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse

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neo-Marxist concepts. The Iowa Senate passed the bill, 34-15, on March 25, 2025. The Iowa House did not take it up.

SF 603
DECENT PRO-WORKER REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements changes to a state tax credit and contractor regulations. Specifically, the legislation eliminates the \$400,000 taxable wage credit distortion, so Iowa employers no longer have to pay unemployment insurance taxes on wages from out-of-state workers when a state has a reciprocity agreement with Iowa. Additionally, the bill preempts state agencies and municipalities, particularly Des Moines, from imposing additional apprenticeship training requirements on contractors or employee compensation requirements. These measures curb attempts to enact ordinances and statutes that favor unions and union bosses. The Iowa House passed the bill, 64-34, on March 18, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on March 19, 2025.

SF 607
STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant changes to Iowa’s unemployment insurance (UI) compensation system. Specifically, the legislation cuts the unemployment tax wage base by 50 percent from its current 66.7 percent rate to 33.3 percent. Estimates suggest that these changes will save Iowa businesses and employers nearly \$1 billion in taxes. Iowa’s UI fund sits at a record high of \$2 billion, with the average UI benefit duration at just nine weeks. With a low unemployment rate and comparatively limited benefit duration, these structural reforms provide much-needed relief for small businesses and pivot state government away from stockpiling excessive tax revenue to supercharge a state welfare program when it is not needed. The Iowa House passed the bill, 60-27, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-16, on the same day.

SF 615
SIGNIFICANT MEDICAID REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements new reforms to curb Iowa’s out-of-control Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation imposes work requirements on the state’s Medicaid program, requiring that able-bodied recipients aged 19-64 work at least 80 hours per month to maintain eligibility. Additionally, the bill creates a trigger that would repeal the Medicaid expansion if federal statutes or regulations prohibit state-based work requirements. While these changes are critical to constraining the growth of Medicaid, which consumes more than 25 percent of the state budget, and to moving Iowans toward a patient-centered, free-market model of healthcare, lawmakers should directly repeal the Medicaid expansion under Obamacare for healthy adults. The Iowa House passed the bill, 56-30, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-13, on May 13, 2025.

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SF 645

CRONY CORPORATE WELFARE APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the Iowa Economic Development Authority and other related agencies. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$40.3 million for the state’s corporate welfare agency, finance authority, and workforce development efforts, a modest decrease from FY2025 levels. Additionally, the bill extends the sunset of the ill-advised Housing Renewal Pilot Program and creates 31 new full-time government employees. While it’s commendable that overall spending decreased by \$450,000 year-over-year, the functions of these myriad corporate welfare agencies undermine economic opportunity, free markets, and human flourishing by picking winners and losers with taxpayer money. Lawmakers should begin unwinding these programs, focusing instead on lowering tax rates, decreasing regulatory burdens, and reducing government. The Iowa House passed the bill, 61-30, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-14, on the same day.

SF 647

MISSED OPPORTUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the state’s public colleges and universities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$1.033 billion for higher education, workforce development initiatives, and various grant programs. The bill includes an \$8.5 million increase to the Department of Education, which includes a new Health Care Professional Incentive program and increased tuition subsidies, as well as a \$5.5 million year-over-year increase in spending for the state Board of Regents, which subsidizes higher education costs at the expense of working families, perpetuating a cycle of never-ending tuition increases. While the bill includes only modest spending increases, lawmakers should drastically reduce spending baselines to better protect Iowans from future tax and liability burdens. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-32, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-14, on May 12, 2025.

SJR 11

TAXPAYER PROTECTION RESOLUTION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that protects taxpayers from future tax increases. Specifically, the resolution proposes an amendment requiring a two-thirds supermajority in both legislative chambers to increase the individual or corporate income tax or to impose any new type of income tax on hardworking Iowans. This is an important safeguard for families increasingly burdened by profligate spending, persistent inflation, and high taxes, and it ensures that any attempt to implement new revenue grabs must meet a higher legislative threshold. The Iowa Senate passed the resolution, 32-15, on April 15, 2025. The Iowa House did not take it up.

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67 Republicans

33 Democrats

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Average Republican Score: 64%

Average Democrat Score: 36%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Michael Sexton (HD-7) | 90%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Travis Sitzmann (HD-13) | 46%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Dave Jacoby (HD-86) | 55%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Aime Wichtendahl (HD-80) | 25%

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	4	5	6	7	7	12	12	5	6	
Amos Jr., Jerome	HD-062	D	32%	21%	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	82
Andrews, Eddie	HD-043	R	70%	70%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	6	-	7	12	12	-	-	6
Baeth, Austin	HD-036	D	32%	23%	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	82
Bagniewski, Sean	HD-035	D	40%	26%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Barker, Brett	HD-051	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Behn, Chad	HD-048	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Bergan, Michael	HD-063	R	48%	59%	5	4	-	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	-	-	-	64
Blom, David	HD-052	R	57%	57%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	57
Bloomingtondale, Jane	HD-060	R	64%	60%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Boden, Brooke	HD-021	R	64%	67%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Bossmann, Jacob	HD-014	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Bradley, Steven	HD-066	R	67%	68%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	X	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	8
Brown-Powers, Timi	HD-061	D	29%	21%	-	-	X	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	87
Cisneros, Mark	HD-096	R	87%	80%	5	4	X	8	7	8	4	X	6	-	7	12	12	-	6	2
Collins, Taylor	HD-095	R	64%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Cooling, Jeff	HD-077	D	36%	21%	-	-	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	77
Croken, Ken	HD-097	D	n/a	22%	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Determann, Tom	HD-069	R	64%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Dieken, Zachary	HD-005	R	n/a	76%	5	X	X	8	-	8	X	X	X	X	7	X	X	X	X	
Dunwell, Jon	HD-038	R	64%	66%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	4	5	6	7	7	12	12	5	6	
Ehlert, Tracy	HD-079	D	n/a	21%	-	X	X	8	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Fett, Samantha	HD-022	R	61%	61%	5	4	4	8	-	X	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	53
Fisher, Dean	HD-053	R	64%	65%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gaines, Ruth Ann	HD-033	D	n/a	21%	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	
Gearhart, Jason	HD-064	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gehlbach, Dan	HD-046	R	64%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gerhold, Thomas	HD-084	R	64%	65%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gjerde, Eric	HD-074	D	40%	23%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Golding, Cindy	HD-083	R	64%	71%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gosa, Daniel	HD-081	D	25%	25%	-	X	-	8	-	-	4	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	92
Grassley, Pat	HD-057	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Gustoff, Bill	HD-040	R	49%	74%	5	X	4	X	X	8	4	-	-	-	7	X	X	-	-	62
Harris, Austin	HD-026	R	64%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Hayes, Helena	HD-088	R	64%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Henderson, Robert	HD-002	R	64%	76%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Hermanson, Christian	HD-059	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Holt, Steven	HD-012	R	64%	66%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Hora, Heather	HD-092	R	64%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Ingels, Chad	HD-068	R	59%	59%	-	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	56
Jacoby, Dave	HD-086	D	55%	25%	-	X	-	8	X	-	4	-	6	7	-	X	X	5	6	60

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James, Lindsay	HD-071	D	36%	23%	-	-	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	77
Jeneary, Thomas	HD-003	R	64%	63%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Johnson, Craig	HD-067	R	64%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Johnson, Rob	HD-034	D	43%	43%	-	4	-	8	X	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	66
Jones, Megan	HD-006	R	60%	64%	5	-	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	54
Judge, Kenan	HD-027	D	43%	29%	-	4	-	8	X	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	66
Kaufmann, Bobby	HD-082	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Kniff McCulla, Barb	HD-037	R	64%	72%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Konfrst, Jennifer	HD-032	D	40%	23%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Kressig, Bob	HD-075	D	28%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	88
Kurth, Monica	HD-098	D	28%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	88
Latham, Shannon	HD-055	R	63%	66%	-	4	4	8	X	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	52
Lawler, Judd	HD-091	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Levin, Elinor	HD-089	D	39%	19%	-	X	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	X	X	5	6	76
Lohse, Brian	HD-045	R	57%	55%	-	4	X	8	-	8	X	-	X	X	7	12	-	X	X	57
Lundgren, Shannon	HD-065	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Madison, Mary	HD-031	D	27%	19%	-	-	-	8	X	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	5	6	91
Matson, Heather	HD-042	D	40%	27%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
McBurney, Larry	HD-044	D	36%	36%	-	-	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	77
Meggers, Joshua	HD-054	R	64%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	4	5	6	7	7	12	12	5	6	
Meyer, Ann	HD-008	R	57%	64%	5	X	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	X	-	-	57
Meyer, Brian	HD-029	D	32%	22%	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	82
Mohr, Gary	HD-093	R	64%	62%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Mommsen, Norlin	HD-070	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Moore, Tom	HD-018	R	64%	61%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Nielsen, Amy	HD-085	D	40%	24%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Nordman, Carter	HD-047	R	64%	67%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Olson, Rick	HD-039	D	40%	25%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Ramirez, Angel	HD-078	D	50%	50%	I	4	-	I	I	I	I	I	6	7	I	-	-	5	6	61
Rinker, Matthew	HD-099	R	49%	73%	-	4	-	8	X	8	4	X	-	-	7	12	-	-	-	62
Scheetz, Sami	HD-078	D	n/a	20%	-	I	I	8	-	-	I	I	I	I	-	I	I	I	I	
Scholten, J.D.	HD-001	D	32%	25%	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	82
Sexton, Michael	HD-007	R	90%	66%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	X	X	X	7	12	12	X	X	1
Shipley, Jeff	HD-087	R	74%	78%	5	X	4	8	-	8	4	-	6	-	7	X	X	5	6	4
Sieck, David	HD-016	R	n/a	63%	5	X	X	8	X	8	X	X	X	X	7	X	X	X	X	
Siegrist, Brent	HD-019	R	n/a	57%	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	
Sitzmann, Travis	HD-013	R	46%	46%	X	X	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	X	X	-	-	65
Smith, Jennifer	HD-072	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Sorensen, Ray	HD-023	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Srinivas, Megan	HD-030	D	30%	29%	-	-	-	8	-	-	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	5	6	86

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POINTS					5	4	4	8	7	8	4	5	6	7	7	12	12	5	6	
Stone, Henry	HD-009	R	64%	67%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Thompson, Mark	HD-056	R	64%	69%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Thomson, Charley	HD-058	R	76%	70%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	6	-	7	12	12	-	6	3
Turek, Josh	HD-020	D	33%	31%	-	-	-	8	-	X	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	5	6	81
Vondran, Mike	HD-094	R	64%	75%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Watkins, Blaine	HD-100	R	60%	60%	I	4	4	I	I	8	4	-	-	-	I	12	12	-	-	54
Weldon, Ryan	HD-041	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Wengryn, Sam	HD-024	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Wessel-Kroeschell, Beth	HD-049	D	28%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	88
Wheeler, Skyler	HD-004	R	n/a	79%	5	X	X	8	-	8	4	X	X	X	7	X	X	X	X	
Wichtendahl, Aime	HD-080	D	25%	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	92
Wilburn, Ross	HD-050	D	40%	21%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Williams, Craig	HD-011	R	64%	71%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Wills, John	HD-010	R	71%	66%	5	4	4	8	7	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	5
Wilson, Elizabeth	HD-073	D	40%	35%	-	4	-	8	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	68
Wilz, Hans	HD-025	R	69%	73%	5	4	4	8	X	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	7
Windschitl, Matt	HD-015	R	64%	64%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Wood, Devon	HD-017	R	64%	73%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Wulf, Derek	HD-076	R	66%	72%	5	4	4	8	-	8	X	X	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	9
Young, David	HD-028	R	64%	67%	5	4	4	8	-	8	4	-	-	-	7	12	12	-	-	10
Zabner, Adam	HD-090	D	35%	22%	-	4	-	X	-	-	4	-	6	7	-	-	-	5	6	80

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HF 437

NEW HIGHER EDUCATION FREEDOM CENTER (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes a new center at the University of Iowa to combat neo-Marxist indoctrination. Specifically, the legislation instructs the university to establish a center for intellectual freedom that is focused on American history, civil governance, and the constitutional order. Numerous other taxpayer-funded higher education institutions have been compelled to create centers designed to reverse the poison of critical theory and other socialist ideologies dedicated to tearing down American first principles. Such centers are the bare minimum to ensure that hardworking families and taxpayers are not solely subsidizing destructive ideologies that ultimately seek to transform citizens into serfs. The Iowa House passed the bill, 60-37, on March 18, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 15, 2025.

HF 711

MODEST COSMETOLOGY REFORMS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill adopts modest regulatory reforms for practices within the barbering and cosmetology industry. Specifically, the legislation allows establishments to employ unlicensed individuals under the supervision and training of licensed cosmetologists. Further, the bill implements modest reforms that couple esthetics and nail technology under a single license. These deregulatory actions will provide outsized benefits to lower-income groups by removing unnecessary barriers to entry and giving employers greater flexibility to oversee private training for individuals outside the government bureaucracy. The Iowa House passed the bill, 74-12, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-6, on the same day.

HF 856

DISMANTLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands prohibitions on state agencies and higher education institutions from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs. Specifically, the legislation extends existing DEI prohibitions to community colleges and higher education institutions under the purview of the board of regents, curbing these taxpayer-funded entities from employing DEI officers and operating programs that promote race essentialism. Additionally, the bill prohibits the expenditure of any funds from any source that advance critical theory-infused directives. Hardworking families should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse neo-Marxist concepts. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-32, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-16, on May 9, 2025.

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PREEMPTING GREEN ENERGY MANDATES
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill preempts localities from imposing onerous green energy mandates on fuel sources and equipment. Specifically, the legislation prohibits political subdivisions and state agencies from restricting the purchase or use of any equipment based on its fuel source and repeals any existing municipal green-fuel mandates in Iowa. As hardworking families and households face persistent inflation and high costs, it’s imperative to prevent harmful Green New Deal mandates that exacerbate the cost of living for everyday products by targeting reliable energy sources. The Iowa House passed the bill, 84-12, on March 19, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 39-8, on April 8, 2025.

HF 889
NEW GOVERNMENT PAID LEAVE MANDATE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new paid leave benefit for taxpayer-funded government employees. Specifically, the legislation expands an existing

program by providing an additional four weeks of paid leave for government employees who give birth or adopt a child. While the total cost of this program expansion is unknown, taxpayer-funded paid leave mandates are regressive. These mandates often necessitate new taxes, routinely cost far more than initial estimates, diminish wages, are prone to continued expansion, and compound pressures on already overburdened American workers and taxpayers. The Iowa House passed the bill, 87-2, on March 20, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 44-1, on May 14, 2025.

HF 954
PRO-GROWTH ELECTION REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements critical reforms to bolster the integrity of Iowa’s elections and improve the state’s growth trajectory. Specifically, the legislation authorizes the secretary of state to contract with state and federal agencies to verify citizenship status of voters, empowers election officials to challenge registered voters with proof of citizenship, establishes a process

that provides for documentation of individuals believed to be ineligible to vote, and bans ranked choice voting, which short-circuits policy debates essential for the functioning of a constitutional republic in favor of European-style processes that ultimately disenfranchise citizen voters. Free and fair election procedures are critical to preserving a free market, which provides the greatest opportunities for individuals and families to flourish. The Iowa House passed the bill, 65-31, on March 25, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on April 7, 2025.

HF 1017
RESTRICTING GLOBALIST ENTITIES
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill curbs the power of global organizations and agencies. Specifically, the legislation prohibits the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Economic Forum (WEF), and the United Nations from having jurisdiction within Iowa. Additionally, the bill prohibits state agencies and subdivisions from implementing or enforcing rules, regulations, fees, taxes, or other policies from these globalist entities. Onerous

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policies imposed by global authorities led to significant job losses and business closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Such mandates violate constitutional rights, destroy lives, imperil freedom, limit opportunity, and stunt economic growth. The Iowa House passed the bill, 89-1, on May 12, 2025. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HF 1032
NEW GROCERY STORE SUBSIDY PROGRAM
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new taxpayer-funded subsidy for Iowa grocery stores. Specifically, the legislation creates the Grocer Reinvestment Program and Local Produce Processing Grant Program to subsidize capital improvements, equipment purchases, and utility enhancements at government-preferred grocery stores. Further, the bill caps recipients at \$100,000 per year and prioritizes establishments in the state’s rural areas that agree to accept food stamps through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Lawmakers should not create new taxpayer-funded programs to prop

up expansions and improvements for hand-selected private businesses. The Iowa House passed the bill, 89-0, on April 24, 2025. The Iowa Senate did not take it up.

HF 1044
INCREASED GOVERNMENT
APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for state government operations. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$73.7 million in General Fund spending for FY2026, an increase of 3 percent over FY2025 spending. Additionally, the bill appropriates \$62 million in non-General Fund spending above FY2025 levels, creates 117 new full-time government employees, authorizes the Employment Appeal Board to incur debt, provided it is tied to federal funding, and increases Public Information Board spending by 29 percent. Lawmakers should refrain from increasing state spending baselines, particularly within the administrative bureaucracy, as hardworking families struggle with persistent inflation and high costs. The

Iowa House passed the bill, 60-31, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-15, on May 14, 2025.

HF 1049
BIG SPENDING MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the state’s Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$2.5 billion for FY2026—an increase of 13.7 percent and \$256 million over FY2025 spending. The bill includes \$211 million in additional spending to address the looming Medicaid shortfall driven by the state’s Obamacare expansion to healthy adults, \$20 million in Medicaid reimbursement increases for home and community-based care, and a 10.4 percent year-over-year increase in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) welfare program. While the legislation locks in new work requirements for Medicaid, state spending for this fraud-prone welfare program has grown by more than 98 percent since FY2016. Lawmakers should fully repeal

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the Medicaid expansion before it completely overwhelms the state budget. The Iowa House passed the bill, 63-28, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 31-15, on May 14, 2025.

SF 603
DECENT PRO-WORKER REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements changes to a state tax credit and contractor regulations. Specifically, the legislation eliminates the \$400,000 taxable wage credit distortion, so Iowa employers no longer have to pay unemployment insurance taxes on wages from out-of-state workers when a state has a reciprocity agreement with Iowa. Additionally, the bill preempts state agencies and municipalities, particularly Des Moines, from imposing additional apprenticeship training requirements on contractors or employee compensation requirements. These measures curb attempts to enact ordinances and statutes that favor unions and union bosses. The Iowa House passed the bill, 64-34, on March 18, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-15, on March 19, 2025.

SF 607
STRUCTURAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements significant changes to Iowa’s unemployment insurance (UI) compensation system. Specifically, the legislation cuts the unemployment tax wage base by 50 percent from its current 66.7 percent rate to 33.3 percent. Estimates suggest that these changes will save Iowa businesses and employers nearly \$1 billion in taxes. Iowa’s UI fund sits at a record high of \$2 billion, with the average UI benefit duration at just nine weeks. With a low unemployment rate and comparatively limited benefit duration, these structural reforms provide much-needed relief for small businesses and pivot state government away from stockpiling excessive tax revenue to supercharge a state welfare program when it is not needed. The Iowa House passed the bill, 60-27, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 32-16, on the same day.

SF 615
SIGNIFICANT MEDICAID REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements new reforms to curb Iowa’s out-of-control Medicaid program. Specifically, the legislation imposes work requirements on the state’s Medicaid program, requiring that able-bodied recipients aged 19-64 work at least 80 hours per month to maintain eligibility. Additionally, the bill creates a trigger that would repeal the Medicaid expansion if federal statutes or regulations prohibit state-based work requirements. While these changes are critical to constraining the growth of Medicaid, which consumes more than 25 percent of the state budget, and to moving Iowans toward a patient-centered, free-market model of healthcare, lawmakers should directly repeal the Medicaid expansion under Obamacare for healthy adults. The Iowa House passed the bill, 56-30, on May 14, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 33-13, on May 13, 2025.

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CRONY CORPORATE WELFARE APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the Iowa Economic Development Authority and other related agencies. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$40.3 million for the state’s corporate welfare agency, finance authority, and workforce development efforts, a modest decrease from FY2025 levels. Additionally, the bill extends the sunset of the ill-advised Housing Renewal Pilot Program and creates 31 new full-time government employees. While it’s commendable that overall spending decreased by \$450,000 year-over-year, the functions of these myriad corporate welfare agencies undermine economic opportunity, free markets, and human flourishing by picking winners and losers with taxpayer money. Lawmakers should begin unwinding these programs, focusing instead on lowering tax rates, decreasing regulatory burdens, and reducing government. The Iowa House passed the bill, 61-30, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-14, on the same day.

SF 647

MISSED OPPORTUNITY HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates FY2026 funding for the state’s public colleges and universities. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$1.033 billion for higher education, workforce development initiatives, and various grant programs. The bill includes an \$8.5 million increase to the Department of Education, which includes a new Health Care Professional Incentive program and increased tuition subsidies, as well as a \$5.5 million year-over-year increase in spending for the state Board of Regents, which subsidizes higher education costs at the expense of working families, perpetuating a cycle of never-ending tuition increases. While the bill includes only modest spending increases, lawmakers should drastically reduce spending baselines to better protect Iowans from future tax and liability burdens. The Iowa House passed the bill, 59-32, on May 13, 2025. The Iowa Senate passed it, 34-14, on May 12, 2025.

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