

2024 State Legislative Priorities

- ·Build the best Economic Development Environment that empowers lowa, its communities, regions, and our businesses to collaborate and thrive.
- ·Accelerate training programs and investments that support Workforce Attraction & Retention
- ·Invest in Iowa's Infrastructure to leverage our unique assets and position Iowa to compete globally.
- Develop and reinvest in sustainable programs to fill our housing gaps, support quality affordable Child Care, and deliver resources to quality-of-life investments that support lowa's growing workforce.

Economic Development Environment deploy throughout the state.

- ·Protect tax credits, economic development assistance tools, and programs that deliver a positive ROI to the state. Ensure they are fully funded to align with market opportunities.
- ·Pursue innovation in new incentives that align with emerging industries.
- ·Defend tax increment financing (TIF) and be a leader in educating partners and stakeholders on the importance of such tools in both rural and urban development.
- ·Modernize the tax system to make Iowa more predictable, user-friendly, and competitive while maintaining investments in key growth strategies.
- •Protect local control of Local Option Sales Tax.
- ·Leverage port authority, land bank, or other legislation to assist regions and communities in the redevelopment of blighted properties.
- ·Support programs that incentivize business and job growth, such as the Major Economic Growth Attraction (MEGA) Program and High-Quality Jobs.
- ·Support regional economic development tools that empower local and county governments.

Workforce Attraction & Retention

- •Recognize the importance of the community college system and last-dollar scholarships in equipping lowans for high-demand careers.
- ·Grow lowa's jobs training, retraining, and apprenticeship programs and partner with Iowa's community colleges and IWD to efficiently

- ·Sustain and increase use of 260E and 260F training programs.
- ·Fully fund workforce training, retraining, apprenticeship, internship and other upskilling programs.
- ·Regain Iowa's status as an educational leader, break down barriers between local school boards, consider expanding preschool access, and continue funding for community college programs.
- ·Grow Iowa's population by investing in programs such as student loan repayment tax credits, child care, and housing.
- ·Simplify legal immigration into lowa by advocating for federal policy changes that strengthen talent acquisition and retention.
- ·Position Iowa as a welcoming state to all individuals to urgently grow Iowa's population.

Invest in Iowa's Infrastructure

- ·Continued investment in Iowa's water quality and existing infrastructure.
- ·Invest in outdoor recreation and natural resources through direct funding and consideration of implementing the 3/8-cent sales tax appropriation to IWILL while maintaining local control of Local Option Sales Tax.
- ·Develop sustainable, innovative, and diverse funding mechanisms for lowa's transportation infrastructure.
- ·Sustain the state's investment in broadband expansion until 100% of lowa can connect.
- ·Invest in Iowa's levees and flood mitigation systems.

·Establish an infrastructure bank to reinvest earnings from state reserves into a low-interest program for community and county infrastructure projects.

Housing, Child Care & Quality of Life

- ·Support strategies and innovative funding tools that expand housing opportunities, lower costs, and overcome current market barriers.
- •Continue to pursue innovation that addresses a lack of quality affordable child care, addresses the broken child care model, and prevents individuals from entering the workforce.
- ·Boldly invest in sustainable quality of place initiatives and continue permanent funding for Destination lowa.
- Increase annual Workforce Housing Tax Credit allocation to \$50M to support new owner-occupied housing and investments in the state's aging housing stock.
- ·Establish annual allocation in the highly successful Manufacturing 4.0 Grant Program

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