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April 28 is Day 110, NOT the Last Day
Budgets

- **Current:** $8.21 billion
- **Governor:** $8.49 billion (3% increase)
- **Senate:** $8.49 billion (3% increase)
- **House:** $8.58 billion (4.5% increase)
- **Agreed-To:** $8.52 billion (3.7% increase)
- **Allowed:** $9.65 billion
- **Spending 89%** (instead of 99%)
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<td>Libraries, Civil Rights Commission, Professional Licensing, Housing Trust Fund (Secretary of State, Utilities Board)</td>
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<td>Farmers with disabilities program (water quality, parks, trails)</td>
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<td>Vocational Rehabilitation Services (arts and cultural programs, workforce development)</td>
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<td>Infrastructure (RIIF)</td>
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<td>Spends gambling revenues</td>
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<td>HF 709*</td>
<td>Federal Block Grant Bill</td>
<td>House w/ Senate Amendment</td>
<td>Passed in odd # years, gives out federal block grants</td>
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<td>Last bill, may not be able to add policy</td>
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Budget Highlights

• $5.5 million to keep **HCBS & habilitation rates** at current levels (replaces federal money used to do rate increases last year)

• $13 million to increase **mental health and substance use treatment rates** ($10 million for mental health & $3 million substance use)

• $500,000 to take people off waiting lists for **public guardian services**.

• $15 million to increase **nursing home rates**, which when matched by federal Medicaid funds is a total of $44 million.

• Puts money from **the sale of Glenwood** into a special fund to improve other HHS institutions.

• Allows Medicaid to increase **dental rates** if it doesn’t cost more money, which may mean paying more for some services but eliminating coverage for others.
• Allows the **Health Policy Oversight Committee** to meet annually (or not at all).

• Clarifies that **household asset test** only applies to SNAP, not Medicaid.

• Establishes a **Public Assistance Modernization Fund** using $8 million from the Iowa Total Care settlement to create a single, user-friendly portal to find out if you are eligible and apply for public benefits.

• Requires cities and counties to regulate **HCBS waiver homes** like they do other family homes, not as facilities, when it comes to sprinkler systems (which can be very expensive).

• $50,000 increase **Farmer’s with Disabilities Program**

• $150,000 increase for **Vocational Rehabilitation**
Sent to Governor (or Signed!)

Signed:

- Governor’s Education Savings Accounts/Private School Vouchers (SF 68)
- Government Reorganization (SF 514)

Sent:

- Balancing MH/DS Regional Governing Boards, Community Based Competency Restoration (HF 471)
- Public Assistance Reform, Asset tests for SNAP, more database checks for Medicaid (SF 494)
- Parent’s Rights in Education, book bans, required citizenship tests (SF 496)

Resolutions Adopted:

- Updates Iowa Constitution to make voting age 18 (SJR 9)
- Declares March “Disability Awareness Month in Iowa” (HR 9)
Chances are Good:

- Student Suicide Prevention, Your Life Iowa on student ID cards (HF 602, back to House)
- Taxing MCOs to draw down more federal funds (HF 685, back to House)
- Childcare assistance eligibility increased to 160%, work requirements (HF 707, Senate)

50-50 Chances:

- Removing disruptive students from classrooms (HF 604, back to House)
- Seizure Ready Schools (HF 608, Senate)
- Property Tax Relief (HF 718 is in Senate Committee; SF 569 is in House Committee, very different)

Likely Won’t Pass:

- Limiting participation in the Iowa Caucuses, member 70 days ahead, must be in person (HF 716, House)
- Changing mental health, behavioral health to brain health (SF 210 in Senate, HF 273 in House)
- Funding for post-secondary educational scholarships for college-aged students with disabilities
What’s Next?

No, we are asking YOU!

One theme this year is to ask lawmakers to make decisions WITH people with disabilities
Thank you for recognizing March as Disabilities Awareness Month in Iowa!

Make decisions WITH people with disabilities!
- Disability touches everyone eventually.
- 393,816 Iowans report having a disability.
- Some Iowans are born with disabilities, others acquire disabilities through accident, illness, or aging.
- Six out of 10 people with disabilities vote.

People with disabilities and family members of people with disabilities are often excluded from decisions that have great impact on their day-to-day lives. As lawmakers you are doing what is best for your community. However, without having the experience of living with a disability, a proposed change to a policy intended to be helpful could actually be hurtful to the disability community.

It is important that people with disabilities are involved in policy decisions and solutions that affect their lives.

A seat at the table
People with disabilities are ready to share their lived experiences to help solve the problems facing Iowans. They deserve a seat at the table. Self and family advocates are encouraged to develop relationships with their legislators. The Iowa DD Council encourages legislators to do the same. The Iowa DD Council invests in resources to help advocates tell their stories and be leaders. We also know that you want to hear their personal stories.

Suggestions for making decisions WITH people with disabilities:
- Seek out people with disabilities- advocacy groups are here to help you connect.
- Invite people with disabilities to the table.
- Include! Make sure meetings are accessible AND communication is inclusive for all (interpreters, large print, screen readability).
- Ask! “How will this impact you?”
- Listen! It can be scary to share very personal details—it means the issue is very important to them.
- Follow-Up! Let advocates know how you stand on policies and the actions you may take.
- Work together for an inclusive Iowa!
Get Involved

Events coming up:

Youth Leadership Academy – July 17-21 online

Make Your Mark! Conference – August 30-31, Coralville

Register at: iowaddcouncil.org
Next Capitol Chat

Thursday, May 18
@ Noon

Register at: iowaddcouncil.org/capitol-chats