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Today!

Welcome
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Budget Targets & News
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Celebrating Advocacy!
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Next Steps Advocacy
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BIG NEWS: Senate Budget Targets

| Current (FY26) | Governor (FY27) | Senate (FY27) | House (FY27) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| \$9.491 | \$9.671 billion | \$9.623 billion | ??? |
| | + 1.9% | + 1.2% | |

Revenue Estimate for FY 27: \$8.471 billion

FY means “Fiscal Year”

State Fiscal Years start on July 1

FY27 runs July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

BIG NEWS: Senate Budget Targets



- **SF 2479**: Administration & Regulation Budget (\$73.1 million) – *Senate Floor*
 - No change to ABLE account administration
- **SSB 3190**: Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget (\$46.6 million)
 - No change in Farmers with Disabilities Program
 - Subcommittee meets Monday (4/6) at 12:30 pm.
- **SSB 3188**: Economic Development Budget (info not available yet) – *Passed Subcommittee (4/2)*
 - No change to HCBS rent subsidy, vocational rehabilitation, Entrepreneurs with Disabilities program
 - Independent Living (\$84,804) and centers for independent living (\$86,547) moving to HHS
- **SSB 3191**: Education Budget (\$1.05 billion) – *Passed Subcommittee (4/1)*
 - Cuts children’s mental health training by \$1.5 million (leaving \$1.9 million)
 - Small increase School for Deaf, Blind/Visually Impaired educational services
 - No change special education, LEAD-K, Best Buddies
- **SSB 3184**: Justice Systems Budget (\$714.2 million) – *Passed Subcommittee (4/1)*
- **SSB 3185**: Judicial Branch Budget (\$221.8 billion) – *Passed Subcommittee (4/1)*
- **SF 2478**: Transportation Budget (no state dollars) – *Senate Floor*

With Medicaid, We Can:

Live.
Work.
Play.
Flourish.

Protect

HOME

HCBS

Our Services

Our Waivers

Iowans with Disabilities





NOT TOO LATE! Advocate Now



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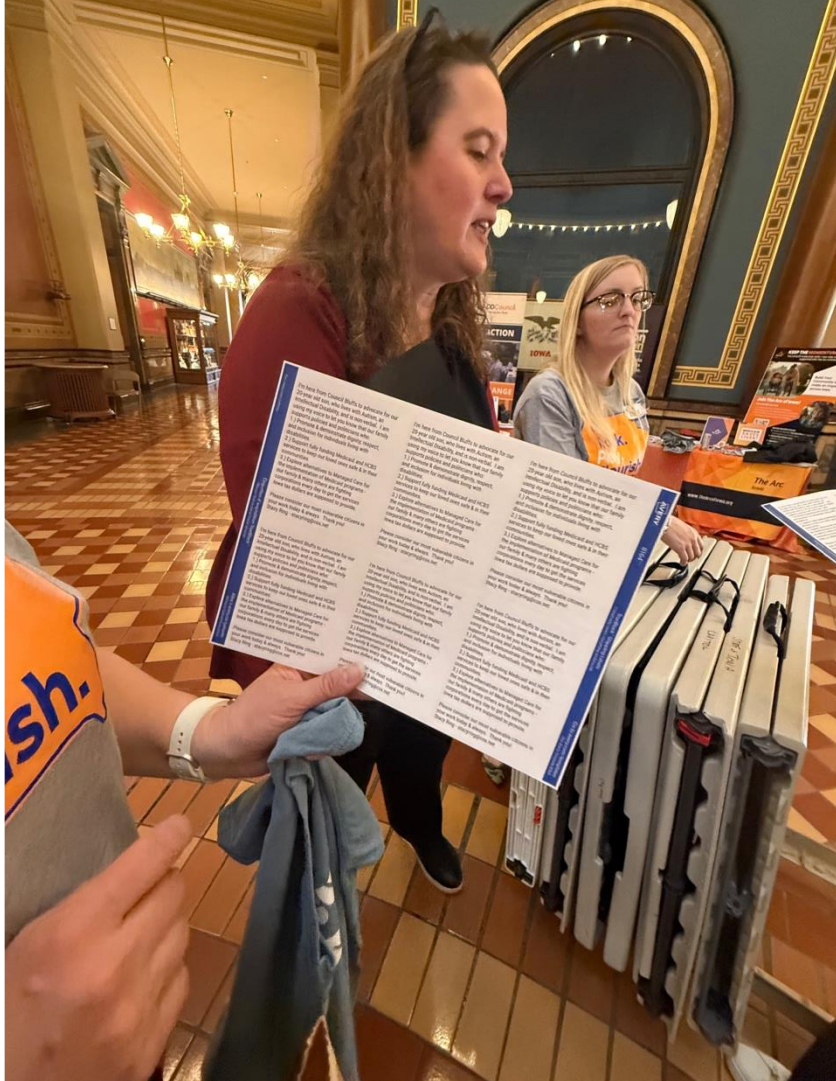
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Opportunity for Public Comment: IDEA Plan



- Iowa Department of Education (DE) wants to hear from the public about its new plan to merge state and federal "special education accountability systems" into one new, unified **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) special education accountability system**.
- Goal is to **streamline designations** so school districts receive only one special education accountability designation each year, meeting both state and federal requirements.
- DE wants **broader public** input through a statewide survey on three proposed accountability options for determining IDEA designations.
- The feedback will inform any final updates to the new, unified IDEA special education accountability system.
- **Feedback will be collected through Friday, April 10.** All comments will remain anonymous.

Make your comments before April 10:

https://engage.iowa.gov/jfe/form/SV_0P9c1FytTMj2iZE

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2027-2031

Share Your Thoughts on Our State Plan

Let us know if our
goals are aligned!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2027-2031-state-plan-feedback



State Plan:

iowaddcouncil.org/state-plan



Youth Leadership Academy:

July 27-31, 2026

iowaddcouncil.org/yla

YLA is for youth and young adults
with disabilities ages 14–21



Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events

April 21 (Final Paid Day for Legislators)

2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-12:30 pm)

Friday, April 17

Friday, May 1 (if needed)