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Review Governor's Budget & Priorities
Bills of Interest: Education & Employment
Let Us Work Campaign

Governor's Budget & Priorities



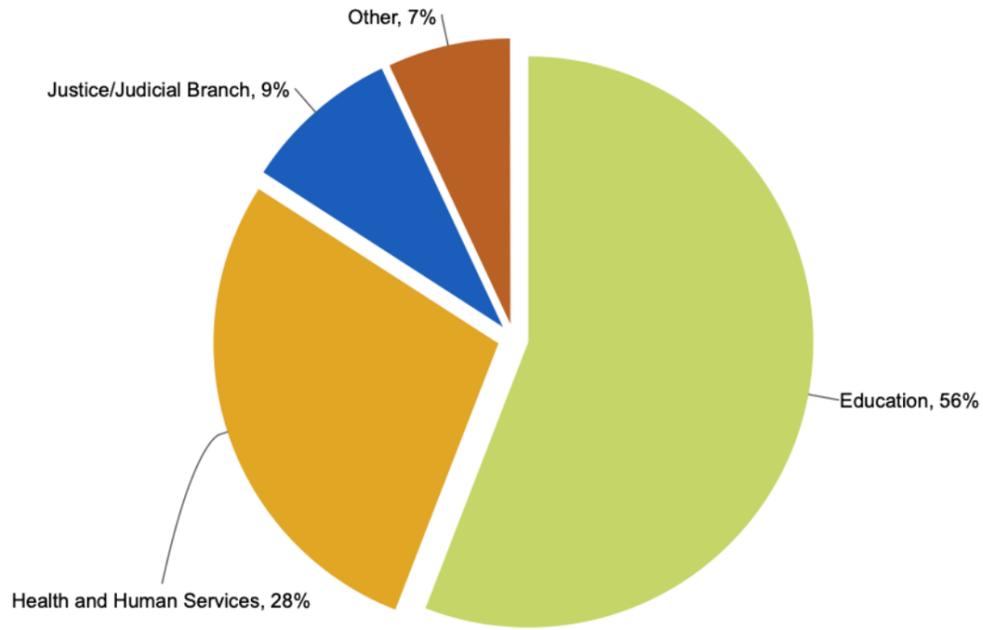
Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)

- \$1.2 billion shortfall
- \$1.5 billion surplus carrying forward
- Governor proposes spending \$9.67 billion
- 2% increase over current year (\$206.5 million)
- \$70.9 million Medicaid supplemental for current year (FY26)
- \$52 million in “Medicaid cost containment”

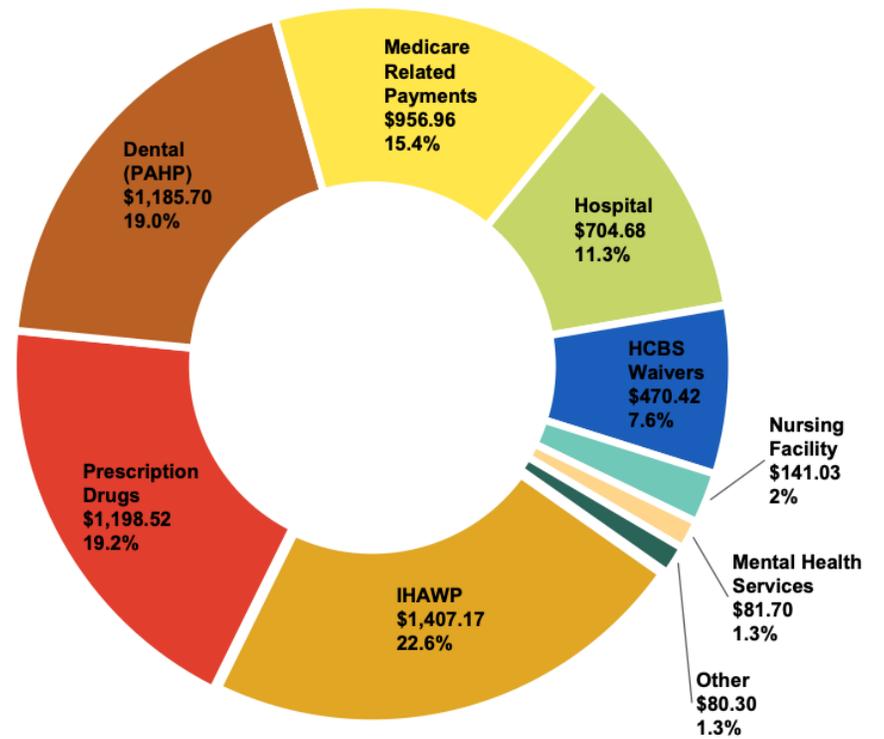
Governor's Priorities

- Property Tax Relief (2% cap on growth; older homeowner tax break)
- Cancer prevention and reducing sky-high rates in Iowa
- Rural health access (funded with federal grant)
- Restructuring veteran's programs to focus on outcomes
- Allowing counties to make treasurer, auditor, recorder appointed (not elected)

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



**Medicaid Managed Care Plan Encounter Data
Fiscal Year 2025 All Funds (in millions)**



Bills of Interest



Tracked Bills of Note:

- [HF 2033](#): Accessible Prescription Labels & Information
- [HF 2055](#): Allowing any epinephrine delivery systems in schools (not just epi-pens)
- [HF 2094](#): Doubling MHI beds & allowing Medicaid to pay for all MHI beds
- [HF 2118](#) & [SSB 3047](#): Accessible Absentee Ballot Marking Pilot
- [SF 2077](#): Absentee ballot earlier deadline (5 pm election day) & other (bad) changes
- [SF 2081](#): Makes all absentee ballots “provisional”

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Bills of Interest: Education



HF 2002: Innovative review of our entire K-12 education system, special ed included (Rep. Gearhart)

HF 2003: Pilot for separate schools for special education/behavioral needs students (Rep. Wills)

HF 2012: Expands tuition grant program for comprehensive post-secondary transition programs (Rep. Ingels)

HF 2122: New discipline standards for schools, focusing on disruptive students (Rep. Hayes)

HF 2124: Standardizing and modernizing education data collection (Rep. Gehlbach)

HSB 555 & SSB 3048: Requires new clinical experience for special education teachers (House Education)

SF 2018: Shifts responsibility for special education from AEAs/public schools to private schools (Sen. Donahue)

SF 2072: Mandates teachers lose licenses for violating DEI laws (Sen. Salmon)

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Bills of Interest: Employment



HF 2017: Gives employers a “work opportunities tax credit” for hiring people with disabilities (Rep. Ingels)

SF 2087 : Counts time in vocational rehabilitation programs as work search for unemployment (Senate Floor!)

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Let Us Work Update



LET US WORK!

A campaign to give people with disabilities the freedom to work.



Tools to Help Your Advocacy

Available at lowaddcouncil.org

- Who Represents You? Guide to the Iowa Legislature and Congress
- Bill Tracker
- Take Action Center
- Bills of the Week
- Talking Points for Advocates
- Legislator Forums and Calendar



Mark Your Calendars

January 28, 2026

Iowa DD Council Legislative Reception at State Capitol
Allies in Advocacy Legislative Reception at State Historical Building

February 20, 2026

First Funnel Deadline

Bills must be voted out of their committee of origin (where they are first assigned)

2026 Capitol Chats (Noon-12:30 pm)

Friday, February 6
Friday, February 20
Friday, March 6
Friday, March 20

Friday, April 3
Friday, April 17
Friday, May 1 (if needed)