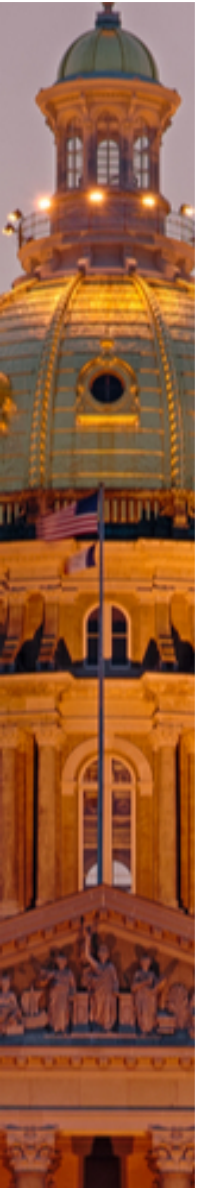




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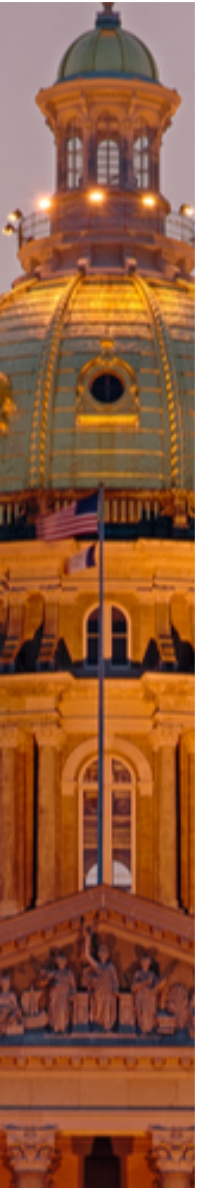
Things to Celebrate!

More money for direct support staff wages will help keep people in those jobs

More people with intellectual disabilities will be served. Using federal funds, DHS will take an estimated 200 lowans with intellectual disabilities off the waiver waiting list

More money for vocational rehabilitation means more lowans with disabilities will learn important job skills so they can be employed in their community

Children with disabilities will have equal access to special education, no matter where they live in the state



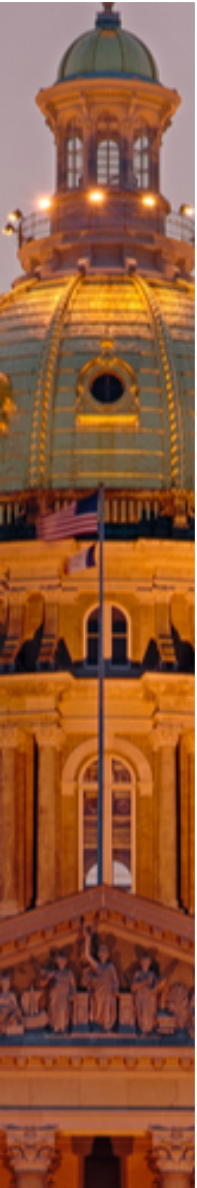
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Almost \$30 million in new money to make it easier to find and keep the services that allow people to live, work, and be involved in their community (HF 2578, federal ARPA plan)

Access to mental health services was improved, new residencies, increased rates, loan repayment, increases to school-based services

People with disabilities and their families spoke, and legislators listened

Efforts to make voting more difficult were stopped



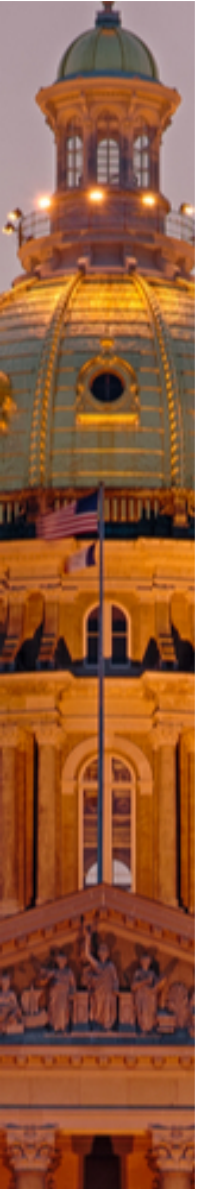
2022 Key losses!

Creating scholarships for college-age students with disabilities who attend an alternative post-secondary transition program

A bill that would have required insurers to pay for childhood hearing aids

Voters with disabilities would have been allowed to request and vote for an electronic absentee ballot

Balancing the rights of landlords and renters who have service animals



Retirement & New Districts for 2023

There will be a lot of new faces in the 2023 Iowa Legislature.

- ✓ **One out of every three legislators will not return to work at the Capitol in 2023.**
- ✓ **Some are retiring (it's a lot of work to meet voters in areas that were not in your old district).**
- ✓ **Some are running for a different office.**
- ✓ **A few were put into the same district as other legislators (so they have to run against each other).**

Legislative Priorities 2023 & Policy Committee



Committee is Meeting

Continued Priorities

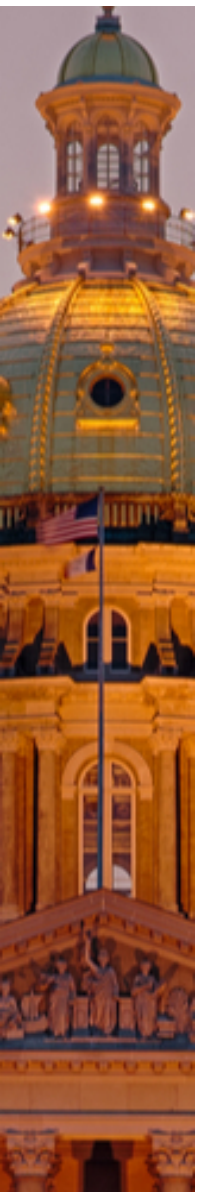
New Stories

Next Steps

Updated Voting Material & Voter Grants



Voter Grants: The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) is excited to offer grant funds to local advocacy groups that are LED BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES that want to take action in their community.



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