

Legislative Newsletter

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The Senate was called back this week to focus on budgets; it appears there is no deal on the education savings accounts, and the session could be over before the end of the month. The Governor has signed some legislation in the meantime. Those include:

House File 2515: This bill allows the DHS/ED to use the interest from flood recovery funds to reimburse the expenses of voting board members and for other costs. This bill received unanimous passage and took effect upon its enactment.

Sent to the Governor this week:

House File 2246, the provisional psychologists bill, allows the Board of Pharmacy to give a doctoral psychology student a two-year provisional license during the student's internship. The bill also authorizes the intern to practice under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. This legislation had overwhelming bipartisan support: 97-1 in the House; unanimous passage in the Senate.

On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee worked through 10 bills, including the standings bill, which is the catch-all bill at the end of every session. The committee voted to approve:

Senate Study Bill 3163: The Administrative and Regulations budget. This bill makes the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations to the Department of Administrative Services, Auditor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Ethics & Campaign Board, CIO, Dept. of Corrections, Governor, Office of Drug Control Policy, DHR, Dept. of Inspections and Appeals, Dept. of Management, Dept. of Revenue, Public Information Board and IPERS. The bill passed 12-7.

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House File 2560: This is the Ag & Natural Resources budget bill, which proposes an overall total of \$54.06 million in appropriations to the state Dept. of Agriculture, the Dept. of Natural Resource, and their several agencies. In this bill there is \$12 million allocated to REAP. Also included in the bill are provisions allowing DNR employees to continue to live in DNR cabins under the same conditions when the employee first started living there. The bill passed 12-7.

House File 2564: This is the Economic Development appropriations bill (Eco-Devo). These appropriations were proposed for the Dept. of Cultural Affairs, the Economic Development Agency, the Iowa Finance Authority, PERB, the Dept. of Workforce Development, and the Regent universities. The overall proposed budget for these agencies is \$48 million, with the EDA poised to receive \$20.62 million. This bill also creates an Employer Child Care Tax Credit capped at \$2 million and reduces the HQ Jobs credit by \$2 million. The bill passed 12-7.

House File 2579: The Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) budget proposes several appropriations pertaining to the Rebuild Iowa and Infrastructure Fund and the Technology Reinvestment Fund. Among the highlights are: \$5.2 million for water quality, \$250,000 for tree planting, \$500,000 for the on-stream impoundment, and \$4.33 million for the DPS communications system.

This bill passed unanimously.

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