

Iowa Valley Community College District 2020 Legislative Updates

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REC RELEASES REVENUE PROJECTIONS

On March 12, the Iowa Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met and provided the Iowa Legislature with its estimate of state collections for the current fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, the REC predicted that state revenues projected a growth of \$76 million. Other projections included:

- FY20 estimate – Net General Fund Revenues reflect an increase in state revenues by 3.0% or at \$8,090.7 billion
- FY21 estimate – Net General Fund Revenues reflect an increase in state revenues by 1.8% or at \$8,236.7 billion
- FY22 – The REC's estimate totals \$8,574.4 billion reflecting an increase of 4.1%

The committee did determine that if state revenues slip due to the economy that they will reconvene the group and provide a new estimate.

DR. ANN LEBO APPOINTED AS NEW DE DIRECTOR

On March 12, Governor Reynolds announced that she appointed Dr. Ann Lebo as the new Director for

the Iowa Department of Education. Dr. Lebo currently serves as the Executive Director of the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and has been in that position since 2016. Other roles she has served in include: Grundy Center CSD secondary principal, Waldorf University adjunct, Iowa's Chief Talent Officer for the Council of Chief State School Officers, and a member on the statewide Teacher Leadership and Compensation Task Force. Dr. Lebo currently serves on Governor Reynolds's STEM Advisory Council.

The current director, Ryan Wise, has accepted the position as Dean for the School of Education at Drake University and will be formally taking on his new role on March 13.

LEGISLATION ACTIVE FOR THE WEEK

House File 2568 – Cyber Crime – Passed out of the House on 3/10 and was sent to the Senate Safety Committee for consideration.

House File 2308 – The Definition of Meeting under the Iowa Open Meetings Law – Passed out of the Senate State Government Committee on 3/12.

House File 2504 – Requiring Consideration of Antisemitism by Governmental Entities – Passed out of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on 3/9.

House Study Bill 695 – Property Tax Classifications, Credits, Assessment Limitations, Exemptions, and Administration – Passed out of the House Ways & Means Committee on 3/12.

House File 2443 – Eligibility Requirements under the Iowa Senior Year Plus Program – Passed out of the Senate Education Subcommittee on 3/12.

House File 2454 – Qualifications for Community College Career and Technical Education Instructors – Passed out of the Senate and sent to the Governor's Office on 3/11.

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HF 2267 – *Relating to the Regulation of Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants and the Practice of Dentistry* – Signed into law by Governor Reynolds on 3/12.

SF 2142 – *State Supplemental Funding* – Passed the Senate and House on 3/4 and was signed into law on 3/12.

SF 2144 – *Supplemental Appropriations K-12* – SF 2144 was signed into law by the Governor on 2/13.

SF 2164 – *School Funding Equity* – SF 2164 was signed into law by the Governor on 2/25.

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