

Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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*Activity during the week of
March 20th*

HOUSE EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL RELEASED

On Thursday, March 24th, the House Appropriations Committee moved the FY23 education appropriations bill (House File 2575) out of committee. The bill will be referred to a bill number and be placed on the House Appropriations Calendar for Debate. The bill provides the following funding for Community Colleges:

State General Aid (SGA) – Appropriates \$221,658,161 for Community College SGA which represents an increase of \$6.5-million over LY. Under the bill, IVCCD or Merged Area VI will receive \$9,755,374 or an increase in SGA funding of \$260,374. For FY22, IVCCD received \$9,495,000.

Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund (GAP, PACE, Intermediary, adult literacy, ABE, and ACE Infrastructure Fund) will all stay at the same level of funding as LY (\$41.3-million).

Post-Secondary Summer Community College Program classes for high school students' program - \$600,000.

Creates the **Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program** – Funding of \$12-million will be appropriated to the Iowa College

Student Aid Commission to serve as financial aid for students attending certain programs under the Regent universities.

The IWD Board would update its **list of high-demand jobs** at least once every 5 years and the list will be used for the purposes of the Iowa Workforce Grant and Incentive Program under the Regent institutions.

Iowa College Student Aid Commission – Iowa College Access Network - \$150,000 is appropriated for the purpose of the coordination of activities with the Iowa College Access Network to assist students complete the FAFSA process for students in grades 9 through 12.

LEGISLATION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Senate File 2130 - A bill for an act relating to schools that are required to register with the college student aid commission. Signed by the Governor on 3/23.

House File 2416 – Student eligibility requirements in community colleges athletics based on sex. The Governor signed the bill on 3/3.

House File 2317 – State Individual and Business Income Tax Cut and Exemption – The Governor signed the bill on 3/1.

LEGISLATION SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Senate File 2337 – Third-party testers and test examiners for commercial driver's license knowledge and driving skills tests. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/10.

Senate File 2128 – Education of Students who are not fully English proficient and the standards applicable to the hiring, developing, and evaluation of community college faculty. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/3.

Senate File 2266 – Concerning compensation and benefits limits, relating to the earnings limitation for retirees for school corporation board members. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/3.

Senate File 2279 – An act regarding the electronic submission of bids for public improvement contracts. Passed out of the House and sent to the Governor on 3/3.

LEGISLATION THAT PASSED OUT OF THE HOUSE CHAMBER

House File 2165 – Students who are eligible to receive a scholarship from the Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship Program fund. Placed on the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/17.

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HOUSE BILLS PENDING ON THE HOUSE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

House File 2569 – Workforce Omnibus. The bill was filed by the Governor’s Office and was placed on the House Ways & Means Calendar for Debate on 3/23.

House File 2564 – Economic Development Appropriations. Placed on the House Calendar for Debate on 2/24.

House File 2526 – Conduct of elections. Placed on the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/17. (Companion bill: SF 2343).

House File 2553 – Requires the Iowa College Student Aid Commission to coordinate and assist students enrolled in grades nine to twelve with FAFSA application preparation activities with the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN). Passed out of the House Appropriations Committee on 3/10. Placed on the House Appropriations Calendar on 3/4.

House File 2545 – Relates to the Medical Privacy and Freedom Act which prohibits required disclosure of, and discrimination based on, a person’s medical treatment status or the furnishing of an immunity passport. Placed on the House Calendar on 3/1.

HOUSE BILLS STILL PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

House File 2302 – Relates to Ransomware penalties. Placed on the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

House File 2470 – Adopts and implements recommendations of the Artisanal Butchery Task Force. Placed on the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

House File 2461 – Relating to ransomware. Placed on the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

House File 2555 – Establishes the Cybersecurity Simulation Training Center at ISU. Passed out of the House and was referred to the Senate Commerce Committee on 3/24.

SENATE BILLS STILL PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Senate File 2290 – Creates a task force under the direction of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to explore the feasibility of establishing an artisanal dairy processing program at *Northeast Iowa Community College*. Placed on the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

Senate File 2322 – The assessment of fees when a person requests examination and copying of public

records. Passed out of the House on 3/24.

Senate File 2362– Work-based learning and the recruitment of health care professionals. Placed on the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

SENATE BILLS PENDING ON THE SENATE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

Senate File 2343 – Conduct of Elections. Placed on the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

ACTIVE LEGISLATION PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Senate Study Bill 3148 – Education Appropriations - Referred to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee: Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, and Bolcom. (Governor’s bill)

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