

# Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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*Activity during the week of  
April 10th*

## **IOWA SENATE CONFIRMS GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES**

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Iowa Senate confirmed Rodney Bradley, Cindy Dietz, and Cassandra Halls to serve on the Iowa State Education Board.

## **SESSION TIMETABLE**

April 19<sup>th</sup> is considered the 100<sup>th</sup> day or the last day of the 2022 legislative session for Iowa legislators to receive their per diem reimbursement privileges.

## **UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ENDING MARCH 2022**

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released its report yesterday that indicated that unemployment rates were lower in March in 37 states and stable in 13 states and the District of Columbia. The report noted that all of the 50 states and the District had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier. The national unemployment rate for March 2022 was at 3.6%, or declined by 0.2 percentage point over the month and was 2.4 points lower than in March 2021. Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 10 states and was essentially unchanged in 40 states and the District of Columbia in March 2022. Over the year,

nonfarm payroll employment increased in 49 states and the District and was essentially unchanged in one state.

States with statistically significant unemployment rate changes from February 2022 to March 2022, included Iowa. Iowa reported an unemployment rate of 3.3% in comparison to 3.5% in February 2022.

## **LEGISLATION SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

**House File 346** – Prohibits conduct by athletic agents and making penalties applicable. Sent to the Governor on 3/23.

**Senate File 2322** – The assessment of fees when a person requests examination and copying of public records. Sent to the Governor on 3/28.

**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 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 2564** – Economic Development Appropriations. Passed out of the House and was referred to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee: Koelker, Dotzler, and Lykam on 3/24.

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

## **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 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 File 2302** – Relates to Ransomware penalties. Placed on

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the House Unfinished Business Calendar on 3/24.

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

## SENATE BILLS STILL PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

**House File 2555** – Establishes the Cybersecurity Simulation Training Center at ISU. Passed out of the House and was referred to the Senate Commerce subcommittee Williams, Johnson, and Quirnbach on 3/30.

**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*. Passed out of the House on 4/4.

## SENATE BILLS PENDING ON THE SENATE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

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

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

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

## ACTIVE LEGISLATION PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

**House File 2575** – Education Appropriations. Passed out of the House on 3/29 and referred to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee Cournoyer, Kraayenbrink, and J. Smith on 3/31.

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

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