

Iowa Valley Community College District 2022 Legislative Updates

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*Activity during the week of
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MAJOR INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION AND EXEMPTION BILL PASSES

This week, the Iowa House and Iowa Senate passed House File (HF) 2317 (*Income Tax Rate Reduction and Exemptions*) which creates several new exemptions from the Iowa Individual Income Tax, reduces the Corporate Income Tax rates, and makes changes to tax credits. Under the bill, Iowans would pay a 3.9% income tax bracket for all Iowans, lowers the Corporate Tax rate (cutting the top rate gradually from 9.8% to 5.5%), eliminates taxes on retirement income, and reduces some corporate tax exemptions. The tax legislation has an additional exemption to retired farmers beginning in tax year 2023. It is anticipated that the bill would result in a reduction of tax revenues of \$1.9 billion per year going into the state's general fund.

HF 2317 was sent to the Governor's Office on 2/24 awaiting her signature. The bill represents the 3rd major tax cut she has addressed during her tenure as Governor. In 2018, Governor Reynolds signed a bill to cut taxes and in 2021, a bill was signed into law which phased out the state's inheritance tax and made changes to the way the state funded mental health.

LEGISLATION THAT PASSED OUT OF THE HOUSE CHAMBER

House File 2416 – Student eligibility requirements in community colleges athletics based on sex. An amendment was adopted to include eligible students attending Community Colleges or Regent Institutions. Senate File 2342 is the companion bill in the Senate which is on the Senate Calendar for consideration.

House File 2083 - Matters under the purview of the college student aid commission, including grant programs and the definition of accredited private institutions.

LEGISLATION THAT PASSED OUT OF THE SENATE CHAMBER

Senate File 2279 – An act regarding the electronic submission of bids for public improvement contracts.

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

Senate File 2337 – Third-party testers and test examiners for commercial driver's license knowledge and driving skills tests.

Senate File 2362– Work-based learning and the recruitment of health care professionals.

HOUSE BILLS ON THE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

House File 2302 – Relates to Ransomware penalties.

House File 2278 – 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).

House File 2306 – Establishes a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program scholarship program.

House File 2437 – Prohibits the burdening of a person's free exercise of religion by governmental entities, officials, and employees.

House File 2361 – Establishes the Cybersecurity Simulation Training Center at ISU.

House File 2461 – Relating to ransomware.

House File 2526 – Conduct of elections.

SENATE BILLS ON THE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE

Senate File 2130 - A bill for an act relating to schools that are required to register with the college student aid commission.

Senate File 2250 – Carrying, transportation, or possession of firearms on real property

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comprising a person's place of employment.

Senate File 2256 – An act regarding donated leave by state employees.

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*.

Senate File 2112 – Directs the Iowa Department of Education to convene an achievement gap working group.

Senate File 2343 – Conduct of Elections.

Senate File 2284 – Prohibiting the burdening of a person's free exercise of religion.

ACTIVE LEGISLATION NOT MOVED TO THE CALENDARS FOR DEBATE

Senate Study Bill 3148 – Education Appropriations (Governor's bill)

House Study Bill 647 – 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.

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