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The [Iowa Employment and Education Rides Initiative](#) was introduced into the Legislature. See the summary in the Legislation section below.

Budget Links[Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations](#)[Summary of Budget and Department Requests](#)**Federal Policy Update****WIOA Unified State Plan is Open for Comment!**

The second draft is now available for public comment: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/open-public-comment-0>

Also, Iowa Workforce Development is holding public meetings on the second draft of the state plan at the Wallace State Office Building Auditorium on Thursday, February 11, 2016. The first meeting is from 9-noon, the second runs from 1-4 p.m. The meetings are duplicative, so people only need to attend one time.

Important Dates**January 11** First Day of Session**February 11** AIWP Legislative Breakfast

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Legislative Dining Room

February 19 First Funnel

Final date for House bills to be reported out of House committees, and Senate bills out of Senate committees, to stay alive.

March 11 Second Funnel

Final date for Senate bills to be reported out of House committees, and House bills out of Senate committees, to stay alive.

April 19 Target Adjournment Date

100th calendar day of the session and the date per-diem expenses will end.

Legislation

[Senate File 2046](#) and [House File 2121](#) (successor to [House Study Bill 533](#)) Appropriates funds for a supported employment provider rate increase, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. Sponsored by Senator Ragan, referred to Senate

Human Resources Committee, and assigned to subcommittee with Ragan, Jochum, and Segebart. Sponsored by House Human Resources Committee and referred to House Appropriations Committee.

Senate File 2042 Establishes an Iowa Employment and Education Rides initiative and related fund in the state department of transportation. Sponsored by Senator Mathis. Referred to Senate Transportation Committee and assigned to subcommittee with Brase, Danielson, and Smith.

Senate Study Bill 3001 and **House Study Bill 518** Relates to the administration of programs by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) by modifying the high quality jobs program and creating renewable chemical production tax credit program. For the high quality jobs program, this would lower the maximum aggregate tax credit cap from \$170 million per fiscal year to \$105 million. This provision would be in effect for five fiscal years, beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2021. Proposed Economic Development Authority bill. Assigned to Senate Economic Growth subcommittee with Hart, Dotzler, and Chelgren. Assigned to House Economic Growth subcommittee with Hanusa, H. Miller, and Best.

House File 2070 Relates to the concurrent enrollment program between school districts and community colleges. Sponsored by Senators Winckler, Hunter, Mascher, Hanson, Wolfe, Anderson, Kearns, Bearinger, Berry, Ourth, Steckman, Abdul-Samad, Gaskill, Ruff, Wessel-Kroeschell, Lensing, Forbes, Dawson, McConkey, Dunkel, and Stutsman. Referred to Senate Education Committee.

Committee Assignments

[Click here](#) to view members of workforce-related committees and their corresponding workforce development region.

This update is a bi-weekly publication intended to share information and resources regarding legislative activities, events, and bills related to workforce issues in Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Gracie Brandsgard at gbrandsgard@sppg.com or 515-237-0340.