

# Iowa Legislative Report

Iowa Bowhunters

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Week 14: 12th – April 19th, 2015

It was an interesting week at the Capitol. The Senate Democrats proposed a budget with \$7.341 billion in GF spending. The amendment is equal to the amount proposed by Governor Branstad. Democrats said that their plan includes 2.625% increase in state supplemental aid (SSA) for schools, a tuition freeze at state universities and fully funding property tax credits, including commercial property tax credits. The Democrats included an early retirement incentive plan that is projected to save the state \$16.1 million which offsets the \$16.1 million increase over the Governor's proposal.

This is the first break we have had in the budget process. Legislators are less than two weeks from their per diem running out. May 1st is the 110 day of the session and many legislators have leases that run out at the end of April. Usually adjournment occurs shortly after the per diem runs out, but this year may be an exception to that practice.

The House has not released budget targets yet. The difference between the House and Senate/Governor spending levels is about \$166 million. The House and Senate are also about \$75 million apart in supplemental state aid for schools (SSA), with the House at 1.25% and the Senate at 2.625%. The response in the paper from House leaders is not indicative of any movement towards consensus on the budget and adjournment may drag out until close to the end of the fiscal year on June 30th.

**The apprentice hunter bill (SF 392) and the deer and turkey reporting bill (HF 467) have been signed by the Governor. We also have a new version of the I Will initiative (SSB 1172) in Senate Ways and Means (still no House companion). Another bill of interest is HF 619 that imposes additional restrictions on the use of eminent domain and appears to be directed at the proposed Osceola Lake. It is on the calendar in the House.**

The following is a **short** list of bills of interest and their status. Please take a look at the bills and give us any feedback you have on them. The bills are hot linked to the state system.

## [Senate File 427](#)

A bill for an act relating to the making, transferring, and possession of firearms and suppressors, and providing penalties. (Formerly [SSB 1263](#).)

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Message from House, with amendment [S-3117](#). [S.J. 832](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

## [Senate File 409](#)

A bill for an act extending the period of time for collecting sales tax for deposit in the secure an advanced vision for education fund. (Formerly [SF 255](#); see [SF 477](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Anderson. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Education.

## [Senate File 393](#)

A bill for an act creating the invasive forest pests revolving loan program and fund and including appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1207](#).)

Mar. 12 15

Subcommittee, Wilhelm, Dvorsky, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 591](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

#### [Senate File 392](#)

A bill for an act relating to hunter education license requirements, providing for a hunting license with an apprentice hunter designation, and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1206](#).)

Effective 7-1-15.

Apr. 08 15

Signed by Governor. [S.J. 830](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

#### [Senate File 382](#)

A bill for an act relating to air quality, by providing for the establishment, assessment, and collection of fees, establishing a fund, and making appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1222](#); see [SF 488](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Bolkom, Petersen, and Smith. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

#### [Senate File 218](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of a snowmobile within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1119](#).)

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Sent to Governor. [S.J. 864](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

#### [Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Jan. 20 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).

Sponsored by Taylor.

#### **Senate Study Bill 1272** **New bill - I Will**

A study bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation by increasing the sales and use tax rates, establishing transfers to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date provisions. 4/6/15 Subcommittee: Hogg, Bolkom, and Behn

#### [Senate Study Bill 1272](#)

#### [Senate File 357](#) **Funneled**

A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation by increasing the sales and use tax rates, establishing transfers to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date provisions.

Mar. 03 15

Subcommittee, Johnson, Bolkcom, and Dearden. [S.J. 429](#).  
Sponsored by Johnson and Dearden.

### **Senate Study Bill 1197**

A study bill for an act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection. 2/18/2015  
Subcommittee: Dvorsky, Wilhelm, and Chapman  
[Senate Study Bill 1197](#)

### [Senate File 218](#)

A bill for an act relating to the operation of a snowmobile within the right-of-way of an interstate highway or freeway and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1119](#).)  
Apr. 14 15  
Sent to Governor. [S.J. 864](#).  
Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

### **Senate Study Bill 1106**

A study bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. 1/28/2015 Subcommittee: Hogg, Allen, and Behn  
[Senate Study Bill 1106](#)

### [Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.  
Jan. 20 15  
Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).  
Sponsored by Taylor.

### [House File 640](#)

A bill for an act relating to air quality, by providing for the establishment, imposition, and collection of fees, the creation or administration of funds and programs, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 219](#))  
Apr. 14 15  
Fiscal note. HCS.  
Sponsored by Ways & Means.

### [House File 625](#)

A bill for an act relating to the payment of writing fees when purchasing a combination package of hunting or fishing licenses. (Formerly [HF 486](#)) (Formerly [HSB 194](#))  
Apr. 16 15  
Read first time, referred to Ways & Means. [S.J. 884](#).  
Sponsored by Ways & Means.

### [House File 619](#)

A bill for an act relating to the use of eminent domain authority, modifying and establishing related procedures, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 223](#))

Apr. 01 15

Introduced, placed on calendar. [H.J. 737](#).

Sponsored by Government Oversight.

#### [House File 578](#)

A bill for an act relating to the observation of a department of natural resources investigation by a property owner or person in charge of the property. (Formerly [HF 415](#))

Apr. 09 15

Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [S.J. 835](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

#### [House File 529](#)

A bill for an act relating to drainage and levee districts, by providing for mergers, repairs and improvements, and elections. (Formerly [HF 401](#))

Apr. 14 15

Sent to Governor. [H.J. 842](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

#### [House File 467](#)

A bill for an act relating to violations of deer and wild turkey harvest reporting requirements and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [HF 278](#))

Apr. 14 15

Sent to Governor. [H.J. 842](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources.

#### [House File 299](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the use of agreements concerning private land owners entered into by the loess hills development and conservation authority or the loess hills alliance.

Apr. 09 15

Placed on calendar under unfinished business. [S.J. 835](#).

Sponsored by Windschitl.

#### [House File 117](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the hunting or taking of cougars and making penalties applicable.

Feb. 03 15

Subcommittee, Baudler, Koester, and Thede. [H.J. 248](#).

Sponsored by Deyoe.

#### **House Study Bill 211**

A study bill for providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. 3-4-15 Subcommittee assigned, Hein, Grassley, and Ruff. H.J. 467.

#### [Senate Study Bill 1258](#)

[House Study Bill 211](#)

[Senate File 433](#)

A bill for an act providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1258](#).)

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Subcommittee, Bolkom, Behn, and Quirnbach. [S.J. 591](#).

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