

The background of the top half of the page is a photograph of the Iowa State Capitol building at night. The building is illuminated with warm yellow lights, and its central dome is particularly prominent. The sky is dark blue with some light streaks. The title "Iowa Legislative Agenda" is overlaid on the bottom of this image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Iowa Legislative Agenda

2026 Governing Principles

- Economic development should remain a top priority in the state and include leveraging the benefits of private/public partnerships.
- Continued investment in transportation infrastructure is critical to Iowa's economic development success.
- We support a strong preschool through post-secondary education system to ensure that Iowa has a globally-prepared, informed, and civically-engaged workforce.
- We support a transparent health care access, delivery, and financing system for all Iowans.
- We support continued progress towards a simplified regulatory and tax climate conducive to making Iowa a more competitive location for attracting business expansion opportunities and fostering business growth.
- We support streamlined governments at all levels that are efficient, cost effective, and responsive to business needs.
- We support a fiscally-disciplined approach to state spending, including limiting the growth in state expenditures to a rate that does not exceed the rate of inflation.
- State environmental policies and regulations should be no more stringent than their federal counterparts.
- We support protection of Iowa's Right to Work law.

2026 Legislative Priorities

Economic Development

- Maintain Tax Increment Financing (TIF) as an economic development tool, including workforce housing.
- Protect the responsible use of economic development tools, including the following credits: Targeted Jobs Withholding, High-Quality Jobs, Historic Preservation Tax Credit, and Research Activities Credit.
- Fully fund the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) and its programs, including tourism.
- Restructure economic development incentive programs to allow Iowa to compete for large scale projects.

Workforce Growth

- Support full funding and stable eligibility for the *Last Dollar Scholarship*.
- Continue emphasis on STEM fields and Career and Technical Education (CTE).
- Preserve existing workforce training funds, such as 260E, 260F, and 260G.
- Support affordable workforce housing incentives and initiatives.
- Support access to quality and affordable childcare assistance for all Iowans.

Quality of Life

- Support funding for quality-of-life projects that directly correlate to business and employee recruitment and retention. These placemaking projects leverage local communities' assets.
- Create a long-term, equitable solution to environmental issues impacting public health.

Pre-K-12 Education Funding

- Embrace a system to fund each student at a uniform district cost per pupil, while pursuing equalized property tax receipts per pupil statewide.
- Property tax reform needs to take into consideration how it affects education funding.
- Increase weighted preschool funding for children living below 200% of the federal poverty level and allow flexible spending of preschool dollars to meet student needs.
- Support updates to the school funding formula to address more resources and services for districts serving a disproportionate number of at-risk students, low-income families, and English Language Learners (ELL).
- Expand support for addressing children's behavioral health needs in schools.
- Encourage the Legislature to set Supplemental State Aid levels at least 14 months prior to the certification of the school district's budget per statute.
- Support predictable, consistent, and timely funding for Area Education Agencies (AEAs).

Higher Education Funding

- Support adequate funding for Iowa Community Colleges to keep total costs affordable.
- Support continued funding of the Iowa Tuition Grant and National Guard Education Assistance Program.

Taxes & Governance

- Support simplification and continued reduction of business and personal income taxes.
- Support continued modernization of the property tax system to be predictable, stable, and competitive.
- Distinguish between higher taxes generated by rising values and the new revenue produced by growth.
- Recognize situations requiring local and regional decision-making and adhere to Iowa's Home Rule law.
- Prohibit the use of eminent domain for private projects.

Health Care

- Maintain level funding at \$750,000 for the Iowa Poison Control Center (IPCC).
- Support employer-directed medical care in workers' compensation cases.
- Invest in initiatives to help retain and attract health care providers.
- Support the commitment to ensure equitable access to behavioral health care services for all Iowans.
- Maintain block grant funding with community mental health centers to support vulnerable populations.
- Support enhanced Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) transparency.

Transportation

- Sustain current funding and service levels at Iowa's commercial service airports.
- Support the Iowa Department of Transportation's RISE program.