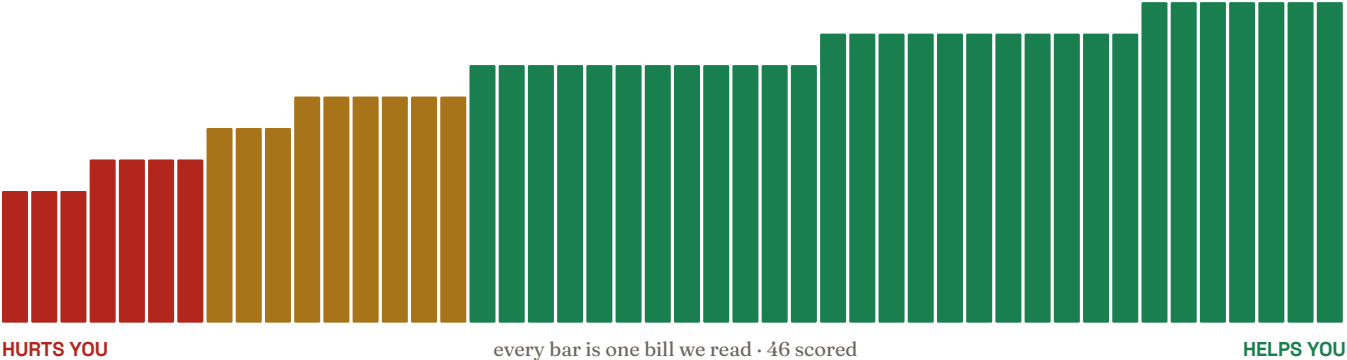




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Iowa Bill Book 2026

The Iowa bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 46 Iowa bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

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9/10	HF327	The Nurses Break Bill — Iowa nurses could get a tax break for teaching new ones
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9/10	HF2223	The Proposes Massive Bill — Iowa proposes massive property tax cuts for everyday homeowners
8/10	HF2733	The Water Quality Bill — New bill aims to improve Iowa's water quality and farming
8/10	HF2132	The Tuition Veterans Bill — Tuition waived for 100% disabled veterans at Iowa colleges
8/10	HF211	The Radon Fixes Bill — Iowa bill offers \$1,000 tax credit for radon fixes

The Employer Unemployment Bill

Iowa bill cuts employer unemployment tax rates

IA HF980 • Work & wages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Workers could see smaller unemployment checks or higher taxes later, while businesses get cheaper insurance, so the public should watch this bill now.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight or reporting requirements added..
The bill changes tax calculations but does not increase accountability.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Potentially reduces benefits for workers..
Lower employer contributions may shrink the unemployment fund.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Shifts cost from employers to workers or the fund..
Reduced taxes for employers could lead to higher costs for workers later.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill does not add transparency measures..
No new disclosure or public input requirements.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-05-14 — failed
Yes 1R/27D • No 59R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

A bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance taxes on employers.(Formerly HSB 315.)

IA HF980

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-27

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would lower the amount Iowa employers pay into unemployment insurance, which could shrink the fund that pays workers' benefits.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Employers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (IA HF980) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF980>

LegiScan — HF980 — <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF980/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf980-015995

YOUR NOTES

The Skip Public Bill

New \$4,000 tax credit pays parents to skip public school

IA HF2078 • Money & Damages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill creates a massive, open-ended drain on the state budget by handing out \$4,000 checks to parents who choose private school or homeschooling. Because the money comes straight from the general fund, it leaves less money for public schools, roads, and other services that everyone relies on. While it requires a yearly report to catch fraud, writing a blank check from public funds for private choices forces regular...

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Funding Tilt (hurts)** — Creates an open-ended drain on the state's general fund..
The bill appropriates 'an amount necessary' from the general fund to pay for all advanced...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts public tax dollars to private choices..
Taxpayers will fund the \$4,000 credits for families who choose not to use the public...
- Accountability (neutral)** — Includes basic fraud reporting..
Requires the department to file an annual report detailing the number of claims and any...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Eligible parents
Bearing the cost: State general fund

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

A bill for an act relating to resident dependents not enrolled in a public school or receiving an educational savings account payment by creating an opportunity tax credit available against the individual income tax, creating a fund, making appropriations, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-15

This bill would give parents \$4,000 per child to skip public school, pulling an unlimited amount of money directly from the state's general fund.

Everyday People

Official text (IA HF2078) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2078>

LegiScan – HF2078 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF2078/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf2078-081112

The Amish Owned Bill

Amish-owned businesses could opt out of unemployment insurance

IA HF2607 • Work & Wages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

While this bill is designed to respect the religious beliefs of Amish business owners who oppose government insurance, it does so by stripping a basic safety net from their workers. If a worker gets laid off, they will not get unemployment benefits to help them pay rent or buy groceries. Even though workers have to sign a waiver, giving up standard labor protections should not be a condition of getting a job.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — Carve-out for specific employers.
Lets a specific group of employers avoid paying into the state unemployment safety net.
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Removes worker safety net.
Workers at these businesses lose their right to collect unemployment benefits if they are...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts burden to laid-off workers.
If a worker loses their job, they bear the full financial burden without state help.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Requires written notice.
Requires employers to get a written agreement from workers so the loss of benefits is not...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

A bill for an act exempting service performed for certain employers from eligibility for unemployment insurance, and including applicability provisions.(Formerly HF 2319.)

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-19

This bill would let Amish-owned businesses stop participating in the state unemployment system, meaning their workers would not get unemployment checks if they are laid off.

Amish Business Owners

Official text (IA HF2607) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2607>

LegiScan – HF2607 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF2607/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf2607-119821

The Lure Corporate Bill

Iowa proposes tax breaks to lure corporate headquarters

IA SSB3103 • Work & Wages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, Iowa could spend tax revenue on incentives instead of services, while hoping the promised jobs actually materialize, so voters should watch the bill's progress.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no new oversight.
Bill creates program but does not add accountability measures
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — does not affect personal rights.
No change to individual legal rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — tax incentives reduce state revenue.
Tax breaks shift cost to taxpayers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — eligibility set by authority.
Eligibility criteria are defined but public input is limited

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

A bill for an act relating to matters under the purview of the economic development authority, the utilities commission, and the department of education, including creation of the headquarters expansion and development for growth and employment program, and the business incentives for growth program training fund; repeal of the new jobs tax credit program; the major economic growth attraction program; load forecasting and analysis of electric transmission system expansion plans; creation of the electric transmission system expansion planning and analysis and load forecasting fund; the industrial new jobs training program; and including effective date provisions.(See SF 2301, SF 2506.)

IA SSB3103

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-03

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would give big companies tax breaks if they move their headquarters to Iowa and promise new fulltime jobs and benefits.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Corporations

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (IA SSB3103) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SSB3103>

LegiScan — SSB3103 — <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/SSB3103/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-ssb3103-105055

YOUR NOTES

The Future Credits Bill

Iowa bill aims to end future tax credits

IA HF625 • Money & Damages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens should watch this bill because losing tax credits could raise costs for jobs and energy projects, shifting the burden to taxpayers while the state gains more revenue.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not add new oversight or accountability mechanisms.
- Rights & Protections** (hurts) — Negative.
Removes taxpayers' ability to claim future tax credits.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Negative.
Costs shift to taxpayers who lose credit benefits.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
Bill text is straightforward but does not detail implementation steps.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: gov_power
Bearing the cost: big_business

A bill for an act providing for the future repeal of tax credits.

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-28

The bill would cancel many tax credits and stop new credit programs, meaning less tax breaks for businesses and possibly higher taxes for everyday people.

Government Power

LegiScan – HF625 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF625/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf625-988296

The Airplane Money Bill

Iowa wants to give airplane tax money directly to airports

IA HF2183 • Money & Damages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



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helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill takes tax money collected when someone buys an airplane and locks it away for airport projects and marketing. Right now, that money goes into the state's main pot to pay for everyday things like schools, roads, and parks. By moving it to a special aviation fund, the state is giving a dedicated funding stream to the airport industry while leaving less money for everyone else.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Funding Tilt (hurts)** — Earmarks tax revenue for a specific industry.
Takes tax revenue from aircraft sales that currently benefits the general public and...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Reduces general state funds.
Reduces the general fund, leaving less money for everyday state services that ordinary...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Aviation Industry
Bearing the cost: State General Fund

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

A bill for an act crediting excise taxes imposed upon the sale of aircraft to the aviation fund.

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-28

The Amish Businesses Bill

Amish businesses could opt out of paying for unemployment

IA HF2319 • Work & Wages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Unemployment insurance is a safety net that helps you pay bills if you get laid off. This bill allows businesses owned by Amish people to skip out on this system because their religion does not believe in government insurance. While it respects their beliefs, it leaves anyone working for those businesses without a backup plan if they get let go. Workers do have to sign a paper saying they understand they will not get...

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Removes safety net.
Workers at these businesses lose the right to collect unemployment benefits if they are...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts burden to workers.
If laid off, workers must rely on their own savings or community help instead of the...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires worker consent.
Employers must get a signed paper from workers explaining they will not get benefits so...
- Accountability (neutral)** — Neutral.
The bill is a narrow religious exemption, not a broad shield against bad behavior.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Amish-owned businesses
- Bearing the cost:** State unemployment fund

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

A bill for an act exempting service performed for certain employers from eligibility for unemployment insurance, and including applicability provisions.(See HF 2607.)

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-06

This bill lets Amish-owned businesses stop paying into the state unemployment fund, meaning their workers cannot get unemployment money if they lose their jobs.

Amish-owned businesses

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf2319-110334

The Various Government Bill

State budget bill includes funding for various government services

IA HSB341 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it decides how much money goes to state services that help people. If you care about how your state is run, now is the time to pay attention.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (neutral) — General funding for state services.
The bill appropriates money for various state departments.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: State departments

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

THE BILL ITSELF

A bill for an act relating to and making appropriations for state government administration and regulation, including the department of administrative services, auditor of state, ethics and campaign disclosure board, offices of governor and lieutenant governor, department of inspections, appeals, and licensing, department of insurance and financial services, department of management, Iowa public employees' retirement system, public information board, department of revenue, secretary of state, treasurer of state, and utilities commission, and providing for properly related matters including the deposit of captive company premium tax revenue and professional licensure fee standardization.(See HSB 343, HF 1044.)

IA HSB341 Introduced · recorded 2025-04-30

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would set aside money for different state services and departments, affecting how government functions.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (IA HSB341) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB341>

LegiScan — HSB341 — <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HSB341/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hsb341-027579

YOUR NOTES

The Water Trail Bill

Tax break for nonprofit building Iowa water trail system

IA HSB774 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would cut the nonprofit’s tax bill and help it finish the water trail faster. But the state will collect less sales tax, so everyday Iowans will help pay for the project through other taxes. Voters should weigh the public recreation value against the lost revenue now that the bill is moving through committees.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight added.
Tax exemption does not change accountability of the nonprofit.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No impact on personal rights.
The bill does not affect individual legal rights.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State loses sales tax revenue.
Tax revenue shifts to other Iowa taxpayers.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
Bill follows normal committee and floor procedures.

WHO’S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

HOW THEY VOTED

House · 2026-04-15 — passed
Yes 17R/7D · No 0R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

A bill for an act exempting sales and use taxes incurred for constructing a regional water trail system by a nonprofit corporation, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.(See HF 2774.)

IA HSB774

Introduced · recorded 2026-04-08

WHAT IT DOES

The nonprofit that builds a regional water trail in Iowa would not have to pay sales tax on building materials and services.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Nonprofit

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (IA HSB774) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HSB774>

LegiScan — HSB774 — <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HSB774/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hsb774-141930

YOUR NOTES

The Expiration Date Bill

Iowa wants to put an expiration date on tax credits

IA HF2342 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Sunset bills like this are designed to force politicians to review whether tax breaks are actually working. While that is a great way to weed out wasteful corporate giveaways, this bill also puts a ticking clock on essential breaks for regular people, like the homestead credit, the earned income credit, and property tax relief for seniors. If lawmakers fail to renew them before the deadline, everyday people will face a quiet...

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Forces regular review of tax breaks.
By putting an expiration date on tax credits, the bill forces lawmakers to actively...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Risk of higher taxes for families.
If the legislature gets gridlocked and fails to renew essential family tax credits...
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Predictable review cycle.
The bill creates a clear, automatic five-year expiration rule for all future tax credits.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: State government
Bearing the cost: Iowa taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (6R / 1D)

A bill for an act providing for the future repeal of tax credits.

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-06

This bill would set an automatic expiration date for dozens of state tax credits, forcing lawmakers to either renew them or let them disappear.

Nobody / Symbolic

Official text (IA HF2342) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2342>

LegisScan – HF2342 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF2342/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf2342-110509

The Waivers & Benefits Bill

Iowa helps veterans with grants, fee waivers, and other benefits

IA HF912 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill aims to give veterans more support for their service. It would make it easier for them to get state grants and help with things like housing, food, and child care. It would also help veterans who own businesses by waiving some fees they have to pay to the state. Some people might say that giving veterans special preference could make it harder for non-veterans to get the same help or grants. But supporters believe...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Helps veterans access state support.
The bill would give veterans preference for state grants and public assistance programs...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Expands benefits for veterans.
Veterans would get preference for various public assistance programs, including housing...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — State budget pays for fee waivers and preferences.
The state would forgo fee revenue from veteran-owned businesses and would fund the...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No change to transparency.
The bill does not directly impact how transparent government processes are.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Veterans and veteran-owned businesses
Bearing the cost: State budget, potentially non-veterans

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

A bill for an act relating to state services and benefits provided to veterans, including state grants, public assistance programs, business fee waivers, substance use disorder programs, mental health and disability services, undergraduate tuition and fees, disabled veteran tax credits, department of natural resources' licenses and fees, permit to carry weapons fees, vehicle registration fees, and driver's licenses, making penalties applicable, making appropriations, and including effective date provisions.(Formerly HF 469.)

WHAT IT DOES

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf912-999598

YOUR NOTES

The Cities Clean Bill

Iowa helps cities clean up old, empty buildings

IA HF131 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill aims to clean up neighborhoods by helping cities get money to deal with old, empty, or problem buildings. If it passes, your town could get funds to tear down dangerous structures or fix up old sites, which might make your streets safer and boost property values. Some people might worry about using public money and tax credits for these projects, but supporters say it's a good way to improve communities and bring...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Cities must show successful cleanup for loan forgiveness.

The bill says 25% or more of a loan can be forgiven if the city successfully cleans up...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Improves community safety and property values.

By helping cities clean up abandoned and nuisance properties, the bill would make...

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Public funds and tax credits are used.

The bill would use money from the nuisance property remediation fund and the groundwater...

Process Transparency (neutral) — No change to transparency.

The bill does not change how transparent the process for applying for or receiving funds...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Cities and communities in Iowa

Bearing the cost: Iowa taxpayers (indirectly)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

A bill for an act relating to the redevelopment tax credit program, the nuisance property remediation assistance fund, and assistance for communities to address abandoned buildings.

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-27

This bill would help cities get money to fix up or tear down old, empty buildings, making neighborhoods safer and nicer for everyone.

Everyday People

Official text (IA HF131) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF131>

LegiScan – HF131 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF131/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf131-941939

The Nurses Break Bill

Iowa nurses could get a tax break for teaching new ones

IA HF327 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help advanced registered nurse practitioners who spend their time teaching new students without pay. They would get a tax credit of up to \$2,000. This could make more nurses want to teach, which means more new nurses could get trained. This is good because it helps make sure there are enough nurses to care for people. Some might say that giving tax breaks means less money for other state services. But...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not directly address accountability for harm or actions, but it does...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral.
This bill does not add or remove any rights or protections for ordinary people.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Cost to public.
The state would give a tax credit, meaning less tax money for other state services, which...
- Process Transparency** (helps) — Good reporting.
The bill requires the state to report yearly on how the tax credit is being used.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Advanced registered nurse practitioners
Bearing the cost: Iowa taxpayers (via foregone revenue)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (5R / 3D)

A bill for an act creating an advanced registered nurse practitioner preceptor tax credit available against the individual income tax, and including applicability provisions.

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-11

This bill would give Iowa nurses a tax break if they teach new nurses, helping more students learn and become nurses.

Nurses

Official text (IA HF327) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF327>

LegiScan – HF327 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF327/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf327-964788

The Adoption Credit Bill

Iowa bill raises adoption tax credit to \$20,000

IA HF965 • Money & Damages

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Adoptive families could get more tax relief, making adoption cheaper and encouraging more children to be placed with families. The state will lose tax revenue, but that cost is spread across all taxpayers.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight or reporting requirements..
The bill does not add accountability measures.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands tax benefit for adoptive families..
Higher credit improves financial support for families.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — Reduces state tax revenue, shifting cost to all taxpayers..
Refundable credit means the state pays out even if tax liability is low.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Bill text is clear and straightforward..
No hidden provisions.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: adoptive families
Bearing the cost: taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (29R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-04-17 — passed
Yes 16R/8D • No 0R/0D

A bill for an act relating to the adoption tax credit available against the individual income tax, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.(See HF 1026.)

Introduced · recorded 2025-03-17

The bill would let families claim up to \$20,000 for adoption costs, instead of the current \$5,000 limit.

Everyday People

Official text (IA HF965) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF965>

LegiScan – HF965 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF965/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf965-009215

The Adoption Credit Bill

Iowa bill boosts adoption tax credit to \$20,000

IA HF1026 • Money & Damages

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would give adoptive families a bigger tax break, cutting the cost of adoption and helping more children find homes. Supporters say it lifts families, but some worry the state will lose money.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No new oversight or reporting required..
The bill does not change how the credit is administered.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Expands financial help for adoptive families..
Higher credit gives families more ability to cover adoption costs.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost shifts to state revenue, not to individuals..
The state will collect less tax revenue, but families pay less out of pocket.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No new disclosure requirements..
The bill does not add reporting obligations.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: adoptive families
Bearing the cost: State

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Sponsorship unclear

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-05-12 — passed
Yes 63R/28D • No 0R/0D

A bill for an act relating to the adoption tax credit available against the individual income tax, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.(Formerly HF 965.)

Engrossed · recorded 2025-05-12

Families who adopt a child could claim up to \$20,000 of qualified expenses on their state income tax, even for adoptions finalized after Jan 1, 2024.

Everyday People

Official text (IA HF1026) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF1026>

LegiScan – HF1026 – <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF1026/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf1026-025003

The School Workers Bill

Unemployment pay for school workers during summer break

IA HF2156 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, many school support staff are forced to go without pay all summer. Even though they are out of work, the law blocks them from getting unemployment benefits just because they might get their jobs back in the fall. This bill fixes that unfair rule. If it passes, cafeteria workers, janitors, and bus drivers will finally get the financial help they need to survive the summer months. It is a huge win for working...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Expands benefits.
The bill removes a restriction that blocks non-instructional school employees from...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Shifts burden off workers.
Workers will no longer have to drain their own savings to survive the summer break...
- Funding Tilt (helps)** — State funding specified.
The bill requires school districts to pay for this mandate using state school foundation...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: School support staff
Bearing the cost: School districts

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 22D)

A bill for an act relating to the eligibility of certain individuals employed by educational institutions for unemployment insurance benefits between two successive academic years or terms.

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-26

This bill would allow school workers like bus drivers and cafeteria staff to collect unemployment pay during summer break when school is closed.

Workers

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/ia-hf2156-093394

The Proposes Massive Bill

Iowa proposes massive property tax cuts for everyday homeowners

IA HF2223 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, property taxes are getting too high for many families. This bill steps in to help regular people. It limits how much your taxes can go up each year. It also triples the basic tax break for owning a home and lowers the age for seniors to get extra help. If you own a home in Iowa, this bill would keep more money in your pocket.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects homeowners from sudden tax spikes..
Caps annual property tax increases at 4 percent for eligible homeowners.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Lowers costs for everyday people..
Shifts the cost of property taxes away from homeowners by using state funds to pay for...
- Funding Tilt (helps)** — Directly funds regular citizens..
Appropriates state money directly into a fund to send rebate checks to homeowners.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Iowa homeowners and seniors

Bearing the cost: State taxpayer relief fund

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 17D)

A bill for an act relating to local and state government finances by modifying provisions relating to homestead property tax credits, providing a residential property tax rebate, modifying provisions relating to retirement systems, making appropriations, and including applicability provisions.

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-30

This bill would lower property taxes for regular homeowners, expand tax breaks for seniors, and send out direct rebate checks.

Everyday People

Official text (IA HF2223) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2223>

LegiScan — HF2223 — <https://legiscan.com/IA/bill/HF2223/2025>

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The Water Quality Bill

New bill aims to improve Iowa's water quality and farming

IA HF2733 • Consumer Protection

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could lead to cleaner water for everyone and help farmers use better practices. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Supports monitoring and projects for better water quality..

Establishes a water quality monitoring network.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Encourages better farming practices..

Provides tax credits for agricultural best management practices.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Funding comes from state appropriations..

State funds are allocated for water quality initiatives.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Details on project funding are provided..

Includes appropriations for monitoring and initiatives.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: water quality initiatives

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 28D)

THE BILL ITSELF

A bill for an act relating to water quality, including a water quality monitoring network and the water quality initiative, an agricultural best management practices tax credit, an Iowa clean water farm program and property tax credit, and water quality practices loans, making appropriations, and including applicability provisions.

IA HF2733

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-09

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help clean Iowa's water and support farmers with tax credits and loans.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (IA HF2733) — <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2733>

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YOUR NOTES

The Tuition Veterans Bill

Tuition waived for 100% disabled veterans at Iowa colleges

IA HF2132 • Money & Damages

8/10

LIBERATE

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, the state would cover college costs for disabled veterans, easing their financial burden, but the money would come from the colleges' budgets, potentially affecting other students.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Institutions must follow waiver rule.
Ensures state fulfills promise to disabled veterans
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Creates new right to tuition waiver.
Expands education rights for disabled veterans
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Cost moved from veterans to colleges.
Public colleges cover tuition for eligible veterans
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Requires certification but process is straightforward.
Veteran must be certified by the VA and show no other aid

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Veterans

Bearing the cost: Colleges

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-02-12 — passed

Yes 11R/6D • No 0R/0D

A bill for an act providing for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at regents institutions for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities.(See HF 2491.)

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-21

The bill would let veterans with a 100% serviceconnected disability get all tuition and mandatory fees waived at Iowa public colleges if they have no other aid.

Everyday People

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The Radon Fixes Bill

Iowa bill offers \$1,000 tax credit for radon fixes

IA HF211 • Healthcare & Insurance

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Supporters say it helps families protect their homes from dangerous radon and saves money, while opponents may worry it reduces state revenue for other services.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — neutral.
The bill does not change who is accountable for radon safety.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — positive.
Creates a new right for taxpayers to claim a credit for radon mitigation.
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — negative.
Reduces state tax revenue, shifting cost to all taxpayers.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — neutral.
No new reporting or oversight mechanisms are added.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: state

Bearing the cost: taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-04-17 — passed

Yes 16R/8D • No 0R/0D

A bill for an act creating a radon mitigation system tax credit available against the individual and corporate income taxes, and including retroactive applicability provisions.(See HF 1027.)

WHAT IT DOES

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

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