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The Iowa House adjourned yesterday and the Senate adjourned today, ending the 2014 session of the 85th General Assembly. Legislative staff are still analyzing final legislation, so another AIWP Policy Update will be sent when summaries are available to clarify the implications of key legislation.

For instance, rather than passing as a stand-alone bill, the Apprenticeship Training Program was inserted into the Economic/Workforce Development Appropriations bill, [HF 2460](#). The next AIWP Policy Update will summarize the program structure in the final legislation when the Legislative Services Agency analysis is available. The amounts appropriated are below in the Legislation section.

The conference committee version of the Education Appropriations bill, passed by both chambers, appears to have the same amounts of funding for workforce training programs as the version in the last policy update. [Click here for the LSA summary.](#)

The proposed \$1 million Iowa Employment Rides initiative, which would have provided funds to public transit systems to provide employment transportation to lowans, did not pass. (The Senate included it in the “standing” appropriations bill, but the House removed it, and the Senate agreed to the House’s final version.)

Final legislation on issues of interest to AIWP, such as apprenticeships, child care assistance, and Home Base Iowa, will be reviewed more closely and summarized in the next Policy Update.

The Governor has 30 days from the end of the session to sign or veto bills he received after adjournment. (Any bills he takes no action on in that time period become law automatically.)

### Important Dates

- APRIL 22**      **TARGET ADJOURNMENT DATE**  
(100th calendar day of session)
- MAY 2**      **SESSION ADJOURNMENT**

### Legislation

[Senate File 2363](#) (Formerly [SSB 3224](#)) Supplemental Appropriations Bill. A bill for an act relating to state and local finances by making transfers and appropriations, providing for properly related matters, and including effective date and applicability provisions. Provision of workforce interest:

- » \$400,000 to Economic Development Authority for **Home Base Iowa** initiative to: 1) Conduct a professional and occupational licensure analysis for connecting military occupations with Iowa's professional and occupational licensure rules (to help licensing boards develop policies providing veterans with credit in the licensing process for military education, training, and service and to identify military occupations that are most closely aligned with Iowa's professional and occupational licensures; 2) Mitigate costs incurred by licensing boards in implementing policies providing veterans with credit in the professional and occupational licensing process for military education, training, and service; 3) Support increased workforce-related data capabilities for veterans in Iowa, to allow effective tracking of progress of assisting veterans with workforce issues.

Sponsored by Appropriations. Committee report, approving bill. Introduced, placed on Appropriations calendar. Deferred. Amendment [S-5195](#) filed, adopted. Passed Senate, ayes 26, nays 22. Messaged to House. Read first time, referred to Appropriations. Passed committee. Committee report, recommending passage. Asked and received unanimous consent for the immediate consideration. Several amendments filed and lost, were withdrawn, or were found not germane. Deferred, retained on calendar.

**Senate File 2347 (Formerly SSB 3213) Education appropriations bill.**

Funds the College Student Aid Commission, Department for the Blind, Department of Education, and State Board of Regents.

Workforce training appropriations:

- » Community Colleges General Aid is increased by \$8 million over FY 2014.
- » **Adult Literacy for the Workforce Program:** \$5.5 million
- » **PACE** (Pathways for Academic Career and Employment program): \$5 million
- » **Gap Tuition Assistance:** \$2 million
- » Statewide Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network: \$1.5 million
- » **Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grants:** \$5 million
- » **Workforce Preparation Outcome Reporting System:** \$200,000

Sponsored by Appropriations. Read first time, placed on Appropriations calendar. Committee report, approving bill. Committee amendment [H-8248](#) adopted. Various other amendments filed; none adopted. Passed House, ayes 53, nays 45. Messaged to Senate with amendment [S-5157](#). Senate refused to concur with [S-5157](#). Messaged to House. House insisted. House conference committee appointed: Dolecheck, R. Taylor, Highfill, Winckler, and Steckman. Senate conference committee appointed: Schoenjahn, Horn, Quirnbach, Sinclair, and Boettger. Conference committee report filed and adopted in House and Senate. Passed Senate, ayes 28, nays 21. Passed House, ayes 90, nays 8.

**House File 2460 (Formerly HSB 683 and SSB 3212) Economic/**

**Workforce Development budget bill.** Makes FY 2015 appropriations to the Department of Cultural Affairs, Economic Development Authority, Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Finance Authority, Public Employment Relations Board, Board of Regents and Regents institutions. Highlights:

- » \$3 million to the Job Training Fund (newly created fund)
- » \$2.75 million to the Apprenticeship Training Program Fund (newly created fund)
- » \$1 million for a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Internship Program in the Economic Development Authority. IEDA is to collaborate with employers providing internships for Iowa students that lead to permanent employment. Employers will

be reimbursed for paying student interns, with a maximum of \$5,000 for each internship.

- » \$9,179,413 from the general fund to IWD for field offices
  - \$150,000 of that to State Library to license an online resource that prepares people to succeed in the workplace through improving jobs skills and vocational test-taking abilities
  - At least \$1,130,602 of that for the operation of 3 satellite field offices projected by IWD to serve the most people from the offices in Decorah, Fort Madison, Iowa City, or Webster City
- » \$1,766,084 from Special Employment Security Contingency Fund to IWD for field offices
- » \$400,000 from Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund to IWD for field offices
- » \$358,464 for an offender reentry program to provide offenders with employment skills; IWD to partner with Department of Corrections
- » \$100,000 to IWD “to develop a long-term sustained program to train unemployed and underemployed central lowans with skills necessary to advance to higher-paying jobs with full benefits.”

**Total amount for IWD field offices: \$11,345,497**

Sponsored by Appropriations. Introduced, placed on Appropriations calendar. Amendments filed; Amendments [H-8193](#), [H-8194](#), [H-8183](#) lost. Amendments [H-8187](#), [H-8195](#) adopted. Amendment [H-8190](#) withdrawn. Passed House, ayes 97, nays 2. Secretary’s report on correction in engrossment. Messaged to Senate. Read first time, referred to Appropriations. Committee report, recommending passage. Amendment [S-5192](#) filed, adopted. Passed Senate, ayes 27, nays 23. Messaged to House. Senate amendment [H-8349](#) filed (same as S-5192 passed by Senate). Messaged from House to Senate, with amendment [S-5207](#) (amends the first Senate amendment). Senate concurred with [S-5207](#). Passed Senate, ayes 27, nays 20.

[Senate File 2251](#) (Formerly [SF 2143](#)) Relates to state child care assistance program eligibility and application provisions.

Sponsored by Human Resources. Introduced, placed on calendar. Committee report, approving bill. Fiscal note. Passed Senate, ayes 48, nays none. Messaged to House. Read first time, referred to Human Resources. Subcommittee, Heaton, Costello, and Dawson. Passed

subcommittee. Fiscal note. Committee report, recommending amendment and passage. Committee amendment [H-8106](#) filed and adopted. Passed House, ayes 96, nays 2. [Explanation of vote](#) from absent member. Messaged to Senate with amendment. Amendment [S-5112](#) to [S-5080](#) filed, lost. Senate refused to concur with [S-5080](#). Messaged to House.

[House File 2199](#) (Formerly [HSB 601](#)) Conforms the voluntary shared work program under the state unemployment insurance law to the requirements of the federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. Sponsored by Labor. Introduced, placed on calendar. Fiscal note. Passed House, ayes 98, nays none. Explanation of vote. Messaged to Senate. Read first time, referred to Labor and Business Relations. Subcommittee, Brase, Anderson, and Dotzler. Committee report, recommending passage. Passed Senate, ayes 46, nays none. Reported correctly enrolled, signed by Speaker and President. Sent to and signed by Governor.

## Committee Assignments

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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 Stacie Bendixen at [sbendixen@sppg.com](mailto:sbendixen@sppg.com) or 515-237-0338.