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State Policy Update

Target Adjournment

The target adjournment date is set for this upcoming Tuesday, April 17, which marks the 100th day of session and the date when per diem expenses end. While this date is an unofficial target for legislators, it is not uncommon for session to go beyond the 100th day if there is unfinished business. Currently, lawmakers are still working on approving a budget and negotiating details for a promised tax cut.

Legislation

[House File 2321](#) Relates to the duties of the department of workforce development regarding criminal history checks and certain state unemployment insurance law matters. Passed by House on March 5, 2018 and passed Senate on March 28, 2018. Governor signed the bill into law on April 4, 2018.

[House File 2458](#) creates the Future Ready Iowa Act to strengthen workforce development by establishing a registered apprenticeship development program, a volunteer mentoring program, Future Ready Iowa skilled workforce scholarship programs, and other initiatives. Passed by House on March 13, 2018 and passed the Senate on March 19, 2018. Governor signed the bill into law on April 3, 2018.

[Senate File 2353](#) Related to the membership and duties of the state and local workforce development boards and related responsibilities of the department of workforce development. Passed by Senate on February 28, 2018 and referred to House Labor Committee. Passed out of committee and amendments have been filed.

Important Dates

April 17 Target Adjournment Date

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 Michelle Rich at mrich@sppg.com.