Quality of Life
Enhance Iowa & CAT
SF 2308 establishes the Enhance Iowa board to effectively replace the Vision Iowa program, and will expand to include programming for sports tourism. Funding will be subject to annual appropriation.

SF 2324 is the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) appropriations bill containing $5 million for the Community & Tourism (CAT) program. CAT will be managed by the Enhance Iowa board to consider grants for projects that provide recreational, cultural, entertainment, and educational attractions.

SF 2308 Passed Senate 49-0; Passed House 96-0; Signed by Governor 5/27/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen

SF 2324 Passed Senate 27-22; Passed House 85-13; Signed by Governor 5/27/16
Yea: David Dawson, Chris Hall, Ron Jorgensen, Chuck Holz
Nay: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand

Transportation
Ride Sharing
HF 2414 establishes mandatory insurance requirements for drivers in the employ of ride sharing services like Uber or Lyft. It also establishes a minimum driver age of 19, minimum driver record standards, digital receipt records, vehicle make and model disclosure, and several other regulatory items.

Passed Senate 50-0; Passed House 97-0; Signed by Governor 5/9/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Ron Jorgensen
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Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)
HF 2454 is the agriculture and natural resources appropriations bill that contains $16 million in funding, for REAP, which invests in state and local parks, greens spaces, and other natural public amenities.

Passed Senate 31-19; Passed House 91-7; Signed and partially vetoed by Governor 5/27/16
Yea: Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen
Nay: Bill Anderson

Workforce
Career & Technical Education
HF 2392 modernizes the career and technical education program and mandates a plan for progress through high school for each 8th grade student. The bill also provides for the establishment of regional career academies between multiple school districts.

Passed Senate 50-0; Passed House 98-0; Signed by Governor 5/26/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen
Before the 2016 Iowa Legislature convened, the Siouxland Chamber Government Relations Committee and Board of Directors approved a progressive, pro-business legislative agenda. Below is a final summary of action taken during the 2016 legislative session on legislation supported or monitored during the session. Please note that recorded votes are final votes taken on the final version of the bills.

### Budget

In the closing weeks of the session, the Legislature was able to reach agreement on a package of spending bills appropriating funds for the State’s $7.35 billion general fund budget. Health and human services and education account for 75% of state expenditures, and economic development appropriations continue to hold ground. State budgets are adjusting to the 2013 spending commitments for commercial property tax reform, education, and Medicaid expansion. 2017 budgets were constrained somewhat by a $46 million reduction in available revenues in the March Revenue Estimating Conference estimate. Reserves are full at $700 million, though surplus funds are estimated at $80 million for FY17—down from $900 million four years ago.

**HF 2455** appropriates $43.1 million for the departmental budgets of IEDA, Department of Cultural Affairs, and the state tourism office. The appropriation represents an overall decrease of 1.6% for economic development program administration, including a cut of $400,000 for IEDA.

**HF 2443** passed Senate 49-0; Passed House 93-1; Signed by Governor 5/26/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen

**HF 2455** passed Senate 27-23; Passed House 88-6; Signed by Governor 5/27/16
Yea: Rick Bertrand, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen
Nay: Bill Anderson, David Dawson

### Coupling & Consumables

**HF 2433** makes changes to the Iowa tax code to conform with changes made at the federal level, a process known as “coupling,” that allows business owners and farmers to write off up to $500,000 of certain business purchases for the 2015 tax year. The bill also clarifies Iowa tax code to eliminate sales tax paid on materials consumed during the manufacturing process, replacing and scaling back changes made to Iowa Administrative Code during the interim. General fund cost for coupling is $97.6 million, and consumables will cost $29 million.

Passed House, 79-18; Passed Senate, 50-0; Signed by Governor 3/21/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, David Dawson, Chris Hall, Chuck Holz, Ron Jorgensen

### Economic Development

**Economic Development Programs & Budget**

**HF 2443** makes modifications to certain Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) programs and funding levels for economic development programs. Funding levels remain largely status quo from FY16. The bill also moves responsibility for the Iowa Historic Tax Credit (HTC) program from the Department of Revenue to IEDA and makes certain technical changes to the HTC program.

**SF 174 & SF 175** - Formerly known as “allowable growth,” the supplemental state aid (SSA) figure was set at 2.25%, or $138 million, for the K-12 2016-17 academic year. Factoring in all education spending, including the Teacher Leadership Program funding passed in 2013, the total increased to $153.8 million in additional spending. Though SSA was set earlier in the session than last year, it was set several weeks later than statute stipulates, and the Legislature remains a year behind, per statute, in setting SSA for the 2017-18 school year.

**SF 174** passed Senate 44-6; Passed House 55-41; Signed by Governor 4/6/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, Ron Jorgensen, Chuck Holz
Nay: David Dawson, Chris Hall

**SF 175** passed Senate 44-6; Passed House 55-41; Signed by Governor 4/6/16
Yea: Bill Anderson, Rick Bertrand, Ron Jorgensen, Chuck Holz
Nay: David Dawson, Chris Hall

**Higher Education**

**SF 2323** appropriates funds for education, including higher education. Iowa community colleges received an increase of $3 million, resulting in an estimated increase for Western Iowa Tech Community College of $167,000. The Regents universities also received an increase in funding of $6.3 million. The Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center received level funding of $96,000. The Iowa Tuition Assistance Grant received an increase of $500,000 to $48.9 million, and the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program appropriation was cut by 60% to reflect a prioritization towards federal funding.

Passed Senate 27-22; Passed House 52-41; Signed by Governor 5/27/16
Yea: Rick Bertrand, Ron Jorgensen, Chuck Holz
Nay: Bill Anderson, David Dawson, Chris Hall

**School Infrastructure & Water Quality**

Extension of the Statewide School Infrastructure Sales and Service Tax (“state penny”) past 2029 was tied to proposals early in the session for financing projects addressing water quality. Neither water quality nor the state penny extension were passed by the Legislature this year, setting up a continuation of the debate in 2017.