

Budget Unit Brief

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Boiler Safety Fund

Purpose and History

Boiler inspection laws were first enacted by the Iowa General Assembly in 1941 ([1941 Iowa Acts, chapter 97](#)). The [Iowa Division of Labor](#) (Iowa Workforce Development Department) regulates boilers and unfired steam pressure vessels according to Iowa Code chapter [89](#). Some hot water heating boilers used for pools or spas are regulated by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Certain repairs and alterations must be authorized in advance by an authorized inspector. Covered objects must be inspected by state inspectors or authorized insurance company inspectors.

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Fund is established in Iowa Code section [89.8](#) (2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1107 – Equipment and Installation Safety Programs Act). Moneys in the Fund are appropriated to the Labor Commissioner to pay the actual costs and expenses necessary to operate the [Boiler and Pressure Vessel Board](#) and perform the duties related to the inspection of all boilers and unfired steam pressure vessels, low-pressure heating boilers, and other equipment used for generating or transmitting steam for power or for using steam under pressure for heating or steaming purposes located within the state.

The original enactment of the Fund had a repeal date of July 1, 2012. This repeal was later removed (2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1023 – [SF 2304](#) (Boiler and Pressure Vessel and Elevator Safety Revolving Funds Act).

Funding

The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Fund receives fees for the following services: special inspector commission, certification, inspections, and attempted inspections. Over the last three fiscal years, the fee revenue has averaged \$830,000 annually. Prior to the collection of fees, the costs associated with boiler and pressure vessel inspections was part of the General Fund appropriation to [Iowa Workforce Development](#).

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [89](#)

[875](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapters [80](#), [81](#), [82](#), [83](#), [84](#), [85](#), [90](#), [91](#), [92](#), [93](#), [94](#), [95](#), [96](#)

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More Information

Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Inspectors: http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/boiler_inspection_.htm

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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