LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

The Legislative Information Office (LIO) provides information concerning the Iowa General Assembly. As part of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency (LSA), the Legislature’s legal, fiscal, and computer services agency, the LIO has access to the most current information on the actions and procedures of the Iowa Legislature. The LIO responds to inquiries from the general public, private and public agencies, and business interests with nonpartisan information about the Iowa General Assembly. The office includes two public access computer terminals, for any member of the public to access legislative information using the Iowa General Assembly’s Internet site: www.legis.iowa.gov.

Email: lioinfo@legis.iowa.gov
Legislative Information Office – Room G16
Legislative Services Agency
Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Telephone: 515.281.5129

LIO Publications and Services

• Bill Status
  o The LIO responds to both telephone and email inquiries regarding the Iowa General Assembly, which include providing current bill status; finding the bill numbers of pending legislation; locating information regarding legislators; and supplying contact information for legislators.
  o Session Daily is an online publication which lists all bills dealt with the previous day in both the Senate and House. All bills and committees are hyperlinked for more detailed information. This publication is also available on the Listserv email delivery system.

• Educational Materials

• LIO Outreach
  o The LIO staff is available to speak about the legislative process at on-site and off-site locations during the interim between sessions.
  o The LIO produces digital audio and video productions regarding Iowa, the Iowa State Capitol, and Iowa government.
  o The LIO provides both historical and contemporary photograph and text archiving.
  o The LIO also serves as the international protocol office, welcoming international guests and dignitaries. International guests are provided with information on the legislative process in Iowa. Staff coordinates meetings between Iowa legislators and visiting international dignitaries, and assists in arranging diplomatic receptions for international guests.
  o The LIO offers an assortment of gifts for purchase by legislators, legislative staff, and the general public representing the state of Iowa or Iowa State Capitol. These gifts are used by legislators for fund-raisers, silent auctions, and may be presented as gifts or as recognition of accomplishment. Many international visitors also receive these items as gifts.
Tours of the Capitol
The Iowa Capitol Tour Guides conduct tours of the Capitol weekdays and Saturdays free of charge. Tours can be scheduled between 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tours last approximately one hour. The tour guides also provide general information at the information desk located in the northwest corner of the center of the rotunda on the ground floor of the Capitol. The Iowa State Capitol Gift Shop is also located in the tour guide area.

• Contact
  o To schedule tours Monday through Saturday, call 515.281.5591, or access electronic scheduling available on the Iowa General Assembly’s Internet site.
  
  o Building Hours—Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Iowa State Capitol Gift Shop
  o Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
Another primary source for information concerning the Iowa General Assembly is the LSA.

Legislative Services Agency
Room G01, Iowa State Capitol
515.281.3566

The LSA publishes reports, calendars, budget documents, issue reviews, legal briefings, and many other items. The LSA also publishes the interim calendar and the “Fiscal Update” periodically during the interim. These publications are available on the Iowa General Assembly’s Internet site and through the Listserv email delivery system.

Computer Services
The Computer Services Division provides nonpartisan technology solutions and support to the General Assembly and its staff. The Division maintains the General Assembly’s computer systems, local area network, and Internet and Intranet sites.

Legislative Computer Services
Miller Building
Des Moines, Iowa  50319
515.281.6766

IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTERNET SITE
www.legis.iowa.gov
The Iowa General Assembly’s Internet site is a source for the Iowa Legislature. Data is available on all legislation introduced, status of bills, and subsequent actions by the Governor. A current log of daily floor action is featured during session, in addition to audio and video links to each chamber during floor debates. Legislator listings, photos, and contact information are accessible.

Legislation
Bills are an important part of the legislative process. Bill tracking is provided on the Internet. Multiple versions of a bill or study bill (committee sponsored bill) can be located on the website. Bill versions, amendments, resolutions, study bills, bill histories, fiscal notes, and sponsor information are listed. Bills can be located by number, subject, legislator (or floor manager), or committee. Amendments can be located by amendment number or bill number, by sponsor, and by date.
Bill lists in order to follow a specific interest are available on the Internet site. Enrolled bills (bills passed by both chambers in identical form), similar and companion bills, and bill dispositions are also featured. Fiscal notes and fiscal analysis of bills, analysis of fiscal impact on administrative rules, and appropriations tracking are listed, as well as general budgeting information, interactive budget references, and Fiscal Services publications.

**Committees**

Standing committees, joint appropriations committees, Legislative Council, permanent statutory committees, and interim committees are listed.

**Legislative Central Staff Agencies**

Central nonpartisan staff, including the LSA (which includes Administrative Services, Computer Services, Legal Services, and Fiscal Services divisions) and the office of the Citizens’ Aide/Ombudsman, are detailed.

**Iowa Laws**

The Iowa Code, Administrative Code, Iowa Acts, and the Iowa Constitution are accessible on the site, as is the Iowa Administrative Bulletin and Iowa Court Rules (judicial branch).

**Publications**

All legislative publications and archival records are listed and stored on the Internet site. A complete listing can be found on the website. An audio/video presentation page is available featuring legal, fiscal, and Capitol audio and/or video items of interest.

**Lobbyists**

Lobbyist information is also available, including a lobbyist registration form, amendment/cancellation form, lobbyist client report, reception report, and declaration forms for both Senate and House files.

**CONTACTING LEGISLATORS**

To reach Legislators during session, contact them at their home address and telephone (call the LIO, or most home contact information for legislators is also located on the Iowa General Assembly’s Internet site). Legislators may also be reached during session through the switchboards.

- Iowa Senate Switchboard (during session only)
- Iowa House of Representatives Switchboard (during session only)

**STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA—LAW LIBRARY**

The State Library of Iowa—Law Library provides information and research on the Code of Iowa; research on past legislation (1846 to present); 50 state codes and case law information; legal journals and individual titles on special subjects; federal laws; and regulation and case law.

- Location
  - Second floor, Iowa State Capitol.
- Contact
  - Call the State Library of Iowa—Law Library at 515.281.5124, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The LIO is available to assist with Iowa General Assembly Internet navigation and all information concerning the Iowa General Assembly.

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