

the General Assembly in 1965. In 1986, the responsibilities of the commission were included in the duties of the Department of Elder Affairs, which acts as the State Unit on Aging. The Department was established under the "Elder Iowans Act" (Iowa Code chapter 231), which sets forth the state's commitment to its older Iowans and their dignity, independence, and rights. The Department is an advocate for Iowans age 60 and older and is responsible for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system of services and activities for older people through 13 designated Area Agencies on Aging across the state. The department's featured programs are: elder rights and legal assistance; substitute decision making; elder abuse prevention; nutrition and wellness; mature workers; and case management for the frail elderly (www.iowa.gov/elderaffairs). Within the Department of Elder Affairs is the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which advocates for the rights of residents living in health facilities. The Iowa Governor's Conference on Aging is administered by the department and serves as the state's premier annual event on aging issues. An 11-member commission is the policymaking body with seven members appointed by the Governor, two by the House, and two by the Senate for four-year terms. The commission designates the Area Agencies on Aging and approves and monitors the area plans for the area agencies. The Governor appoints an executive director subject to confirmation by the Senate.

The department advocates for older Iowans by reviewing and commenting upon all state plans, budgets, laws, rules, regulations, and policies which affect older Iowans and by providing technical assistance to any agency, organization, association, or individual representing the needs of older Iowans.

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Kevin Concannon, Director, Department of Human Services		Statutory
Dean A. Lerner, Director, Department of Inspections and Appeals		Statutory
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Nancy Boettger	Harlan	Statutory
Amanda Ragan	Mason City	Statutory

House

David Heaton	Mount Pleasant	Statutory
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The Office of Energy Independence was created in June 2007 to coordinate state activities concerning energy independence.

The director is appointed by the Governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serves at the Governor's pleasure. The director is responsible for the administration of the office and the fund. The director and the office are responsible for coordinating state and federal energy policy and