

Budget Presentation



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Iowa Attorney General

Attorney General Bird's Priorities

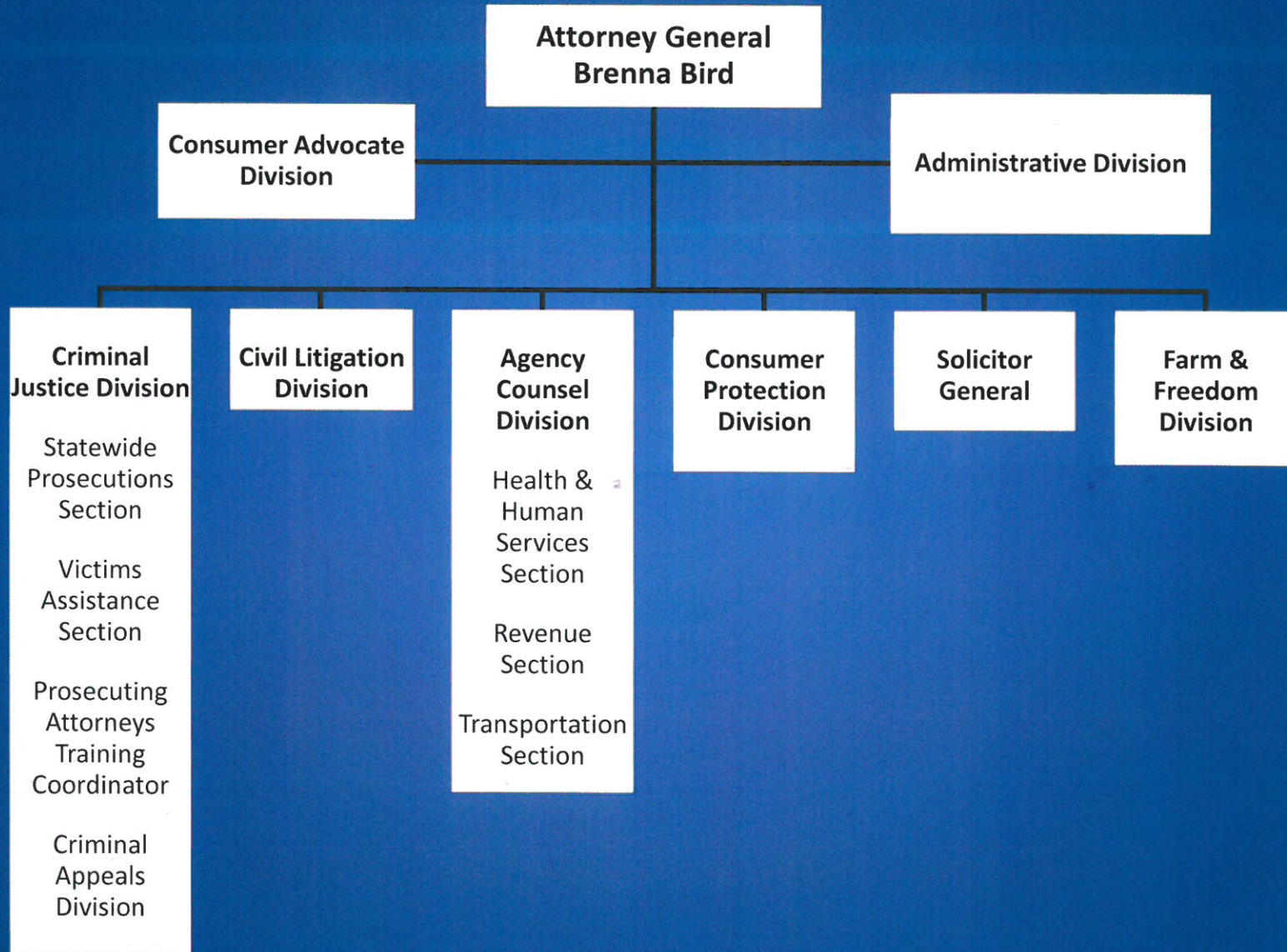
- Protecting Victims
- Supporting Law Enforcement
- Keeping Iowans Safe
- Pushing back on Federal Overreach
- Defending taxpayer dollars and our statutes in suits against the State

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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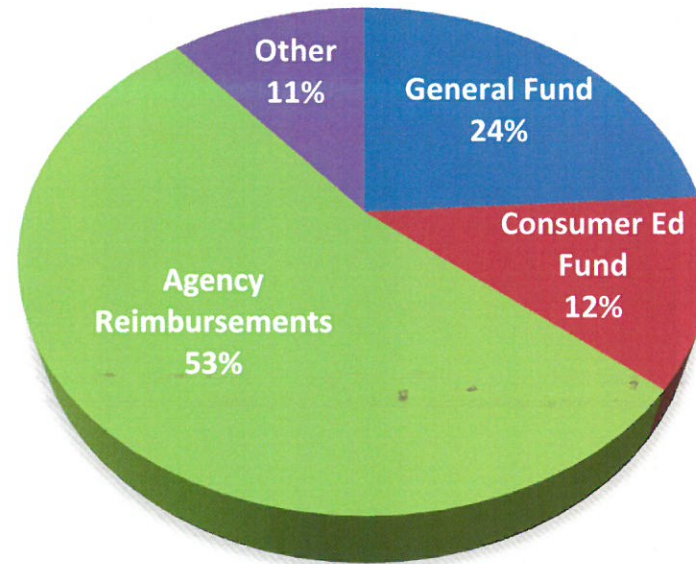


Attorney General's Office



Funding

Main AG Office



Only about \$7.8 million of the \$31.8 million Main AG Office budget is a General Fund appropriation

Funding Challenges

- The \$7.8 million General Fund appropriation funds only a small portion of the AG Office—including existing prosecutors and litigators.
- The other primary funding sources—agency reimbursements or consumer protection funds—can't be repurposed to pay for prosecutors or protecting against federal overreach.

Keeping Iowans Safe & Protecting Victims

- Iowa needs more prosecutors in the Attorney General's Statewide Prosecutions Section to assist county attorneys with major crimes.



TEENS CHARGED

IOWA TEACHER KILLED

WILLARD NOBLE CHAIDEN MILLER



JEREMY EVERETT GOODALE



INDEPENDENCE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF SEXUAL ABUSE



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FIVE COUNTS OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL ABUSE

**COULD FACE UP TO 125 YEARS
IN PRISON**





Former Clarksville, Iowa, police officer Michael Tobin Jr. was convicted of three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, all felonies, and eight counts of possession of a depiction of a minor in a sex act first offense, all aggravated misdemeanors. (Butler County Sheriff's Office)

Statewide Prosecutions Section

Over the last 25 years, major crimes in the state have nearly doubled.

	1997	Now
Homicides in Iowa	40	76 (90% Increase)
Rapes in Iowa	663	1360 (105% Increase)
AG Prosecutors for Violent Crimes	11	10 (+3 in FY2024)

We need 3 additional prosecutors to bring the total to 13

Crime statistics: FBI Crime Reporting Program

<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr>

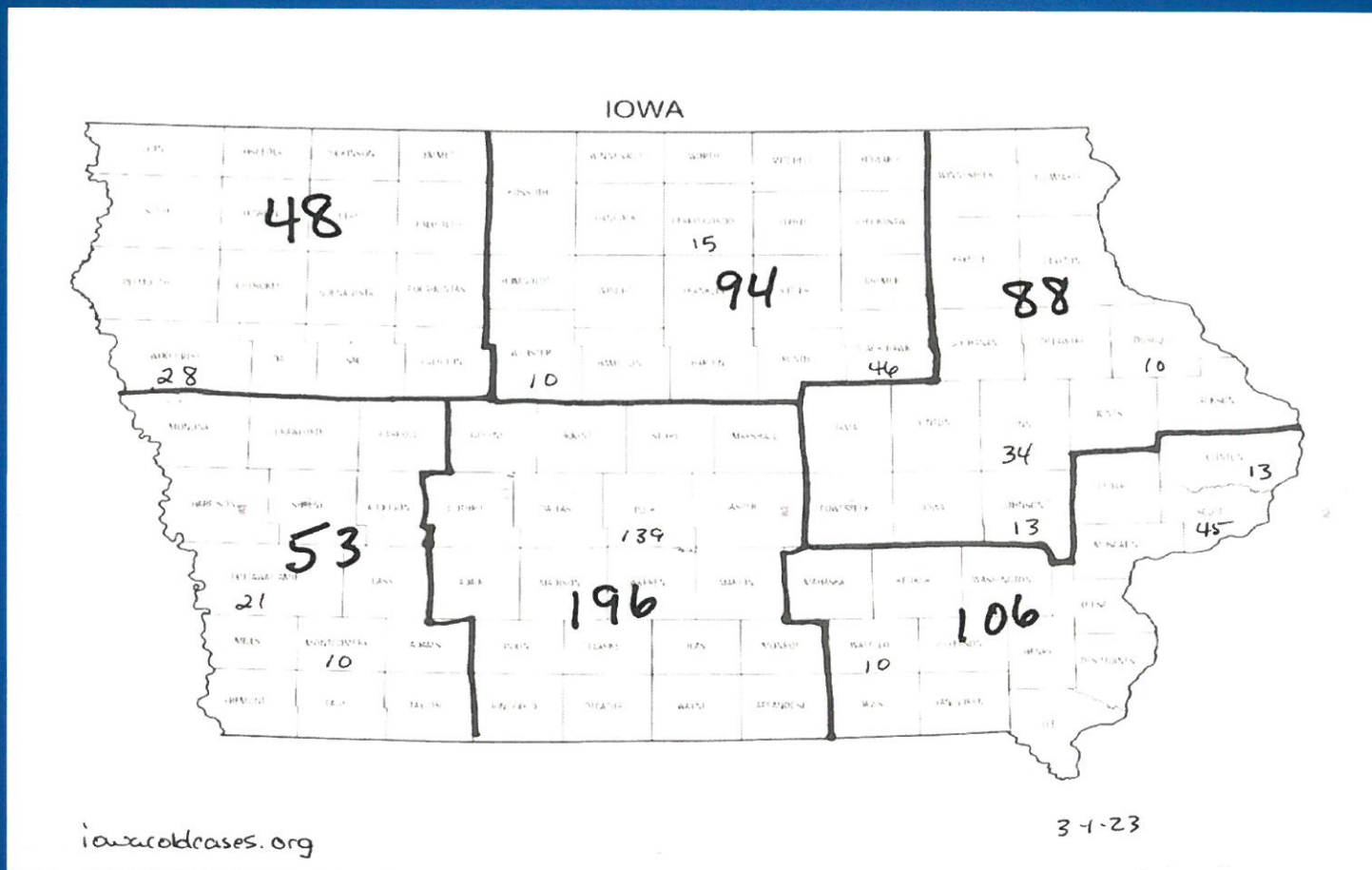
Hiring More Prosecutors

\$884,090 and 6 FTEs would fund:

- 3 attorneys
- 2 investigators
- 1 paralegals

This would properly staff the Statewide
Prosecutions Section

Cold Case Unit



585 Unsolved Cold Cases

Cold Case Unit

\$523,464 and 4 FTEs would fund:

- 3 investigators
- 1 prosecutor

There is at least one Cold Case in every county in the state.

Local law enforcement is excited to partner with the Attorney General on this initiative.

Farm & Freedom Division

\$286,596 and 2 FTEs would fund:

- 1 attorneys
- 1 paralegals

Protect Iowa's interests against federal overreach

Major actions: Massachusetts Question 3, year-round E15, California's electric truck mandate, and protecting the southern border.

Farm & Freedom Division

- Holding TikTok accountable for misleading parents about their children's access to inappropriate content on the company's app.



Farm & Freedom Division

Supreme Court curtails Clean Water Act



By Amy Howe
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Attorney General Bird led the charge on WOTUS, blocking the EPA's rule that would have affected 97% of land in the state.

Fund State Salary Increase

\$545,466 to fund the 3% increase provided to state employees who are funded by general appropriations.

Fund Flexibility

Same language from last year's budget bill, SF 562 (formerly HF 727), sections 23-25.

Support for victims of violent crime

\$4,589,421 is the anticipated cut in VOCA dollars to the victim services division.

This amounts to a 40% decrease in total funding for the office.

Support for victims of violent crime

- Reimburse crime victims
- Fund and assist local crime victim service programs
- Provide trainings to law enforcement, prosecutors, and social workers

Tobacco Settlement Replacement

Settlement brought \$137 million as a one time payment for bonding, and \$39 million into RIF.

\$1,164,377 to replace the vacated dollars after entering into the tobacco settlement agreement.

Improving Technology

- Maintaining the \$202,060 line-item for Cybersecurity and IT Infrastructure.
- Adding \$278,503 from TRF as recommended by the Governor.

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