

# Department of Inspections Appeals and Licensing 2026 Budget

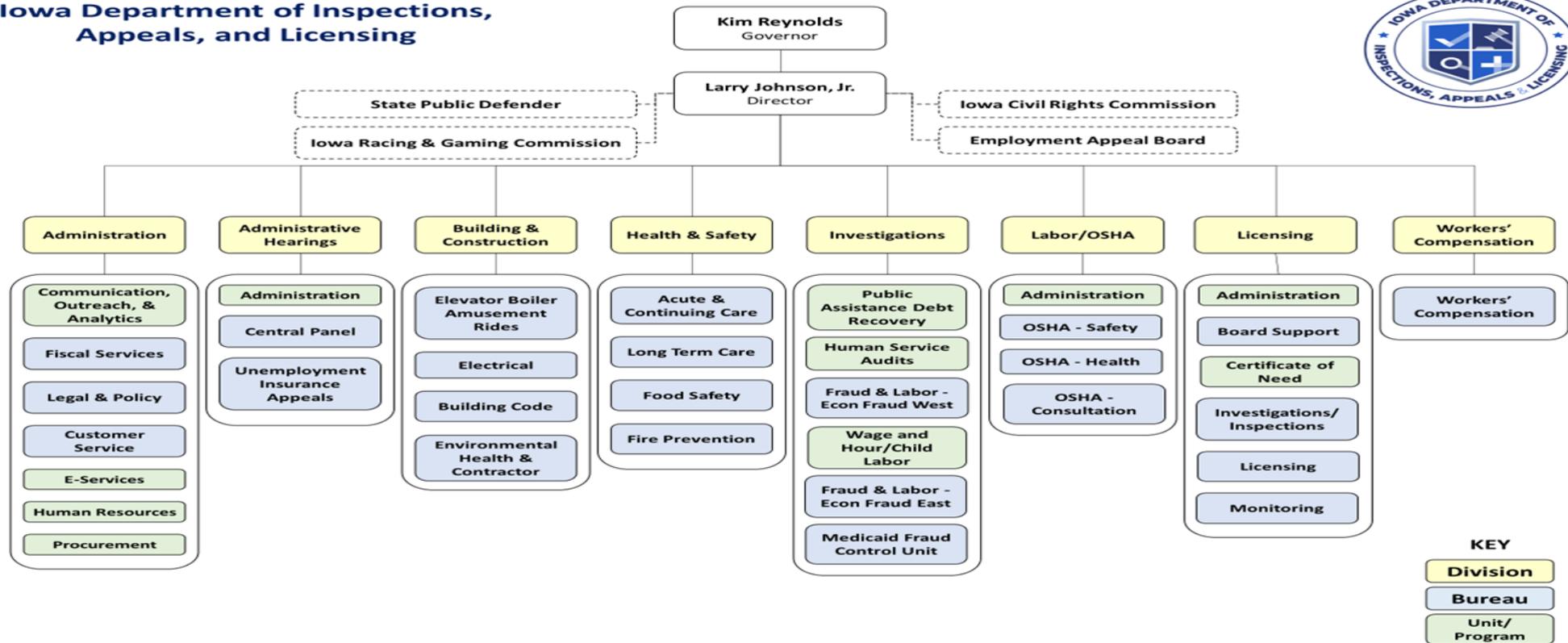
IOWA LEGISLATURE – ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

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# State Agency Overview

## Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing



# Accomplishments and upcoming goals



- ▶ Modernization and consolidation of 6 licensing databases: Project ALIGN
- ▶ Space: consolidation from 10 buildings, 12 floors, 3 private leases: 1 building, 1 floor, 0 private leases
  - ▶ Admin. Hearings Division and Workers' Compensation will move in in February.
- ▶ DIAL met LTC Survey performance guidelines for FFY 2024 (CMS Requirement: State Survey agencies to conduct recertification surveys for each LTC no more than 15.9 months after the last survey it completed).
  - ▶ <https://dial.iowa.gov/press-release/2024-10-24/dial-meets-2024-cms-guidelines>
- ▶ Red Tape Review: reducing redundancy and simplifying the administrative code. In 2023, reviewed 244 chapters and eliminated 41 chapters
- ▶ Public outreach: DIALED IN podcasts: <https://dialeidinpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>
  - ▶ Current episodes: Special Focus Facility Programs, LTC Complaint inspection process and how to search LTC database, CMS Performance Measures for State Survey Agencies after 2020, LTC Fining process

# DIAL Department Bills

## SUMMARY

- ▶ [HSB 1](#) – clarifies the process laid out last year for immediate jeopardy citations applies to nursing homes and not all 135C facilities.
- ▶ [HSB 18](#) – makes cleanup changes from PERB functions being given to EAB.
- ▶ [HSB 25](#) – annual changes to scheduling of drugs to match the federal rescheduling.
- ▶ [SSB 1032](#) – cleanup bill discovered through the red tape review process and trying to modernize, standardize and simplify our department's processes.

# Budget Request

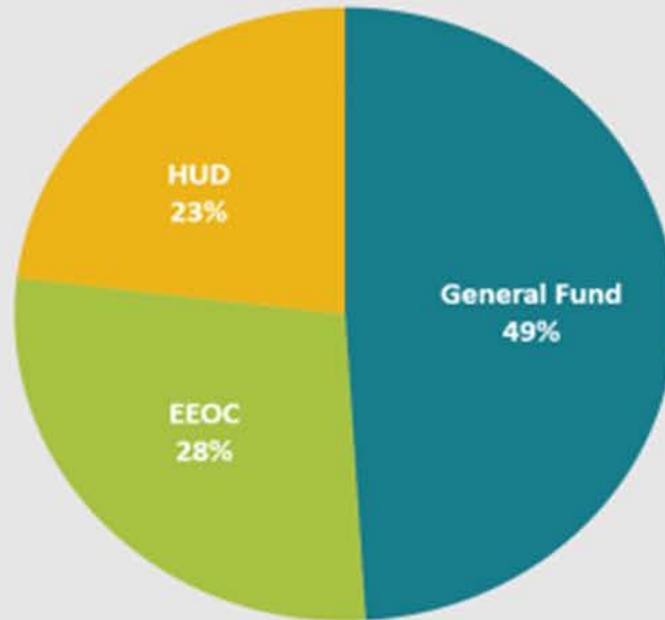
- ▶ Status quo budget + \$887,840 (2% salary adjustment)
- ▶ DIAL-EAB: PERB Savings
  - ▶ Previous appropriation: \$1,296,403 and 4 FTEs
  - ▶ Appropriation request: \$490,776 and 0 FTEs
    - ▶ General fund savings: \$805,627 due to consolidation of EAB and PERB and ALJ decisions sent to DIAL Admin. Hearings

# Iowa Office of Civil Rights

## FY24 Highlights

- Over 2000 civil rights inquiries received
- Issued over 1400 investigative reports with legal analysis
- 40% increase in completed housing investigations from FY23
- 13% increase in employment investigations from FY23
- 8 determinations of probable cause
- 86 successful mediations
- Participated in multiple outreach events reaching over 3,000 Iowans
- Facilitated over 10 civil rights legal and professional trainings
- Passage of SF2385 Restructuring of Commission to the Iowa Office of Civil Rights
- Passage of SF2268 Clarifying assistance animal housing accommodation requirements

Funding Sources



FY26 Budget Request

General Fund	\$1,385,921
EEOC Estimated Contract	\$ 788,500
HUD Estimated Contract	\$ 653,696

## Personnel – 27 FTEs

- Executive Director
- 4 Compliance and Legal Managers
- 4 Senior Civil Rights Attorneys
- 1 Civil Rights Attorney
- 11 Civil Rights Specialists
- 1 Education and Outreach Coordinator
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 3 Clerk Specialists



Thank you.

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