

# Budget Presentation



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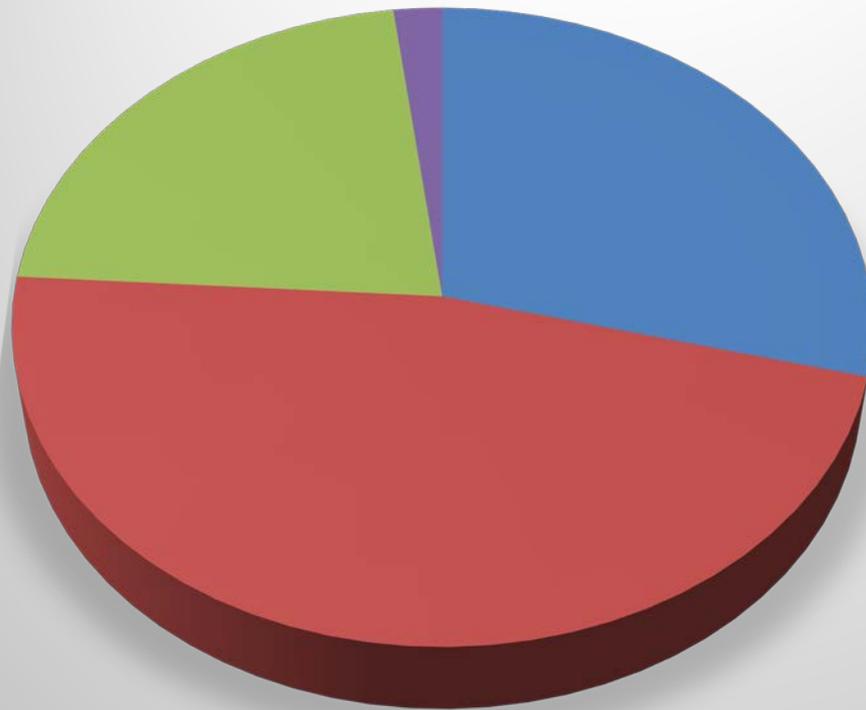
# Attorney General Bird's Priorities

- Protect and empower victims of violent crime
- Support law enforcement
- Defend taxpayer dollars
- Professional licensing enforcement



# Funding

## Main AG Office \$37.2 million



- General Fund: 29%  
\$10.9 million
- Agency Payments: 47%  
\$17.5 million
- Consumer Funds: 22%  
\$8 million
- Federal Grants: 2%  
\$648,920

# Funding Challenges

- The \$10.9 million General Fund appropriation funds only a portion of the AG Office—including criminal prosecutors, the cold case unit and litigators.

# Statewide Prosecutions

Approximately 55%  
of the cases  
prosecuted by  
Statewide involve  
sexually violent  
predator  
commitments,  
accounting for 42  
trials in 2025



Jeremiah Estrada – sentenced to 75  
years for 3 counts of sexual abuse in  
Worth and Cerro Gordo County

# Statewide Prosecutions

A special victims unit bringing sexual predators and human traffickers to justice would protect the most vulnerable Iowans



**TANA  
TORRES**



**JAROD  
ANDERSON**

Jarod Anderson was sentenced to life after trafficking a 17-year-old girl in Linn County

# Statewide Prosecutions

38 other criminal jury trials have been prosecuted by Statewide in 2025



Karina Cooper was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of her husband in Tama County

# Statewide Prosecutions

The Cold Case Unit  
is currently  
engaged in the  
investigation and  
prosecution of  
numerous cases  
across Iowa



James Bachmurski is one such case, he was found guilty of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder of a teenager who went missing in 2017 – the victim's body was never found. Trial held in Winneshiek County.

# Statewide Prosecutions

7 felony cases filed  
against people  
voting without U.S.  
citizenship.

Counties: Marshall,  
Palo Alto, Johnson,  
Kossuth, Henry,  
Hancock and Iowa.



# Statewide Prosecutions

We are requesting \$803,068 and 4 FTEs for 3 prosecutors and 1 paralegal to fund a special victim's unit.

This map shows the counties in 2025 where statewide provided support.



# Salary and Benefit Increases

- Merit, cost of living, and benefit expenses increase every year for our general fund employees. This is the baseline number we need to break-even in FY27.
- Total: \$444,763

# Protect and Empower Human Trafficking Victims

\$150,000 for trafficking victims was allocated last year, and this funding made a huge impact – helping 45 victims of trafficking find safe housing.

Additional dollars will help survivors rebuild their lives and foster long-term safety and stability.

Request: \$1,000,000



# Professional Licensing Enforcement

## Ankeny in-home care provider for disabled kids charged with possession of child pornography

According to a criminal complaint, Kenneth Wayne Clark "unlawfully downloaded and/or possessed" more than 50 videos consistent with child sex abuse material.



Credit: Polk County Jail

Polk County

## Iowan suspected of stealing hospice patients' drugs surrenders license

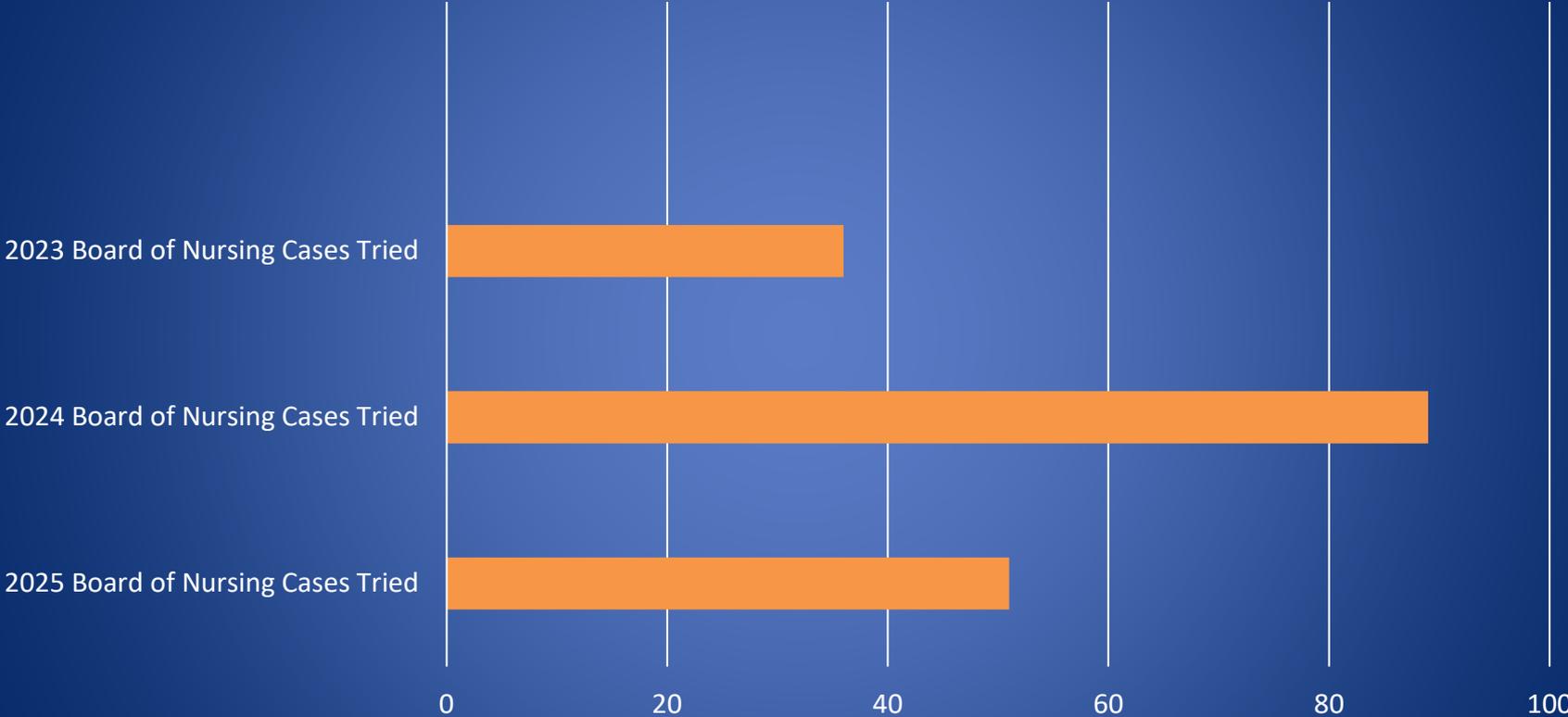
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Howard County

\$515,367 to hire 2 attorneys and one paralegal for the rising number of these cases

# Professional Licensing Enforcement

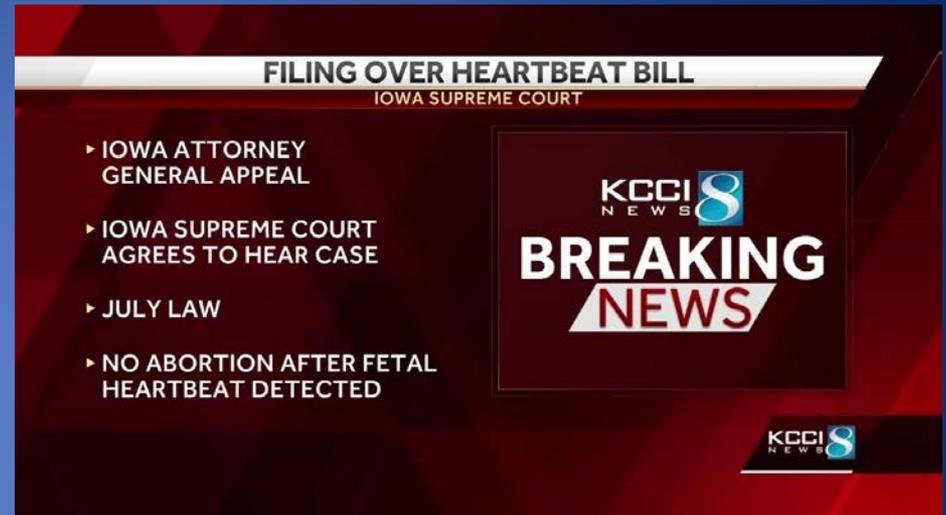


# Defending State Agencies in Litigation

- \$1,168,242 to hire 6 attorneys.
- These attorneys will be dedicated to defending the state and safeguarding taxpayer dollars from tort claims and lawsuits.
- Their work is critical—at any given time, only a handful of attorneys in the office stand between the State of Iowa and billions of dollars in potential liability.

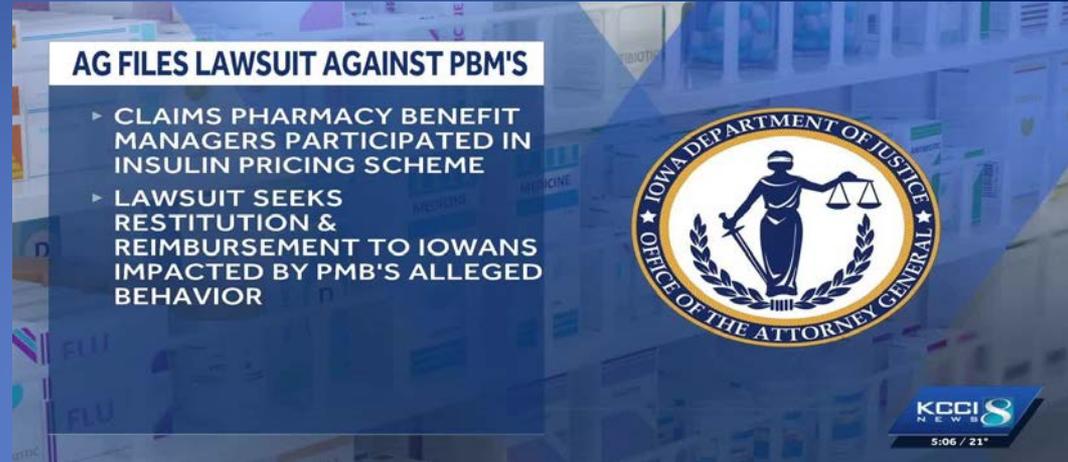
# Defending State Laws

The Solicitor General and his team have secured victories and defended laws on year-round E-15, age-appropriate books in schools, and the heartbeat law, among others



# Consumer Protection Division

Our team continues to defend Iowans from bad corporate actors and scammers, protecting families across the state



# Improving Technology

- Maintaining the \$202,060 line-item for Cybersecurity and IT Infrastructure.
- Adding \$278,503 from TRF for continued technological needs.
- New laptops and modern case-management software are immediate needs.

# Thank you for your support!

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