

Studies Compilation

2022 Legislative Interim Study Information

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Overview. This is a compilation of studies and studies-related information, including legislative appointments, mandated reports by the executive branch, and major state board and commission changes, for consideration by the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council. Except for the list of executive branch studies, items are listed in bill or resolution order. Attached to the compilation is an appendix containing the original legislation or document that caused the item to be included. Each appendix item is marked to correspond with the listing number in this document; for example, item 1 under part A is marked as A-1.

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A. Mandated or Authorized Legislative Studies in Code or Session Law

1. The **Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee** is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee consists of five legislators from each chamber appointed by the Legislative Council, and is required to meet at least two times annually during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and to make recommendations. (Iowa Code §2.45(6))

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

None

C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Adopted or Filed Resolutions

None

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

1. The Legislative Council is requested to establish a study committee to **study and address**

the climate impacts and other environmental consequences of carbon emissions in Iowa, including possible state actions to address carbon emissions in the transportation, agricultural, and other sectors. (Letter from Representative Charles Isenhardt submitted July 7, 2022)

E. Executive Branch Studies Involving Legislative Appointments or a Special Directive

Education-Related Items

1. The **College Student Aid Commission** shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly by January 1 that reports the number of mental health professionals who received loan repayment pursuant to the **Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program**. The report shall also include where the professionals practiced, the amount paid to each professional, and other information the commission has identified as an indicator of the program's outcomes. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2549, §1)
2. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a report regarding **activities, projects, and programs** funded with moneys appropriated for **capacity-building infrastructure**, which shall include a list of metrics agreed to by the Board of Regents and the Economic Development Authority, to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §16)
3. The Iowa State University of Science and Technology is required to annually submit a report regarding the total amount of **private contributions to the Industrial Incentive Program**, the proportion of contributions from small businesses and other businesses, and the proportion for directed contract research and nondirected research of benefit to Iowa businesses and industrial sectors to the General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §16)
4. The Department of Education shall submit a written report to the General Assembly detailing the department's **antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures** for such programming for the 2022-2023 fiscal year by January 15, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2575, §5)
5. The **Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division** shall submit a written report by January 15, 2023, to the General Assembly regarding the division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2575, §5)
6. The **Iowa Reading Research Center** is required to submit a report regarding the expenditure of moneys for practitioner preparation programs and to establish and oversee the **advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement** to the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2575, §5)
7. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit **quarterly financial reports** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency. The report for the quarter ending December 31, 2022, shall include the five-year graduation rates for the regents universities. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2575, §7)
8. A **Special Education Task Force** is required to submit a report, including findings and recommendations, regarding how to **better serve students enrolled in nonpublic schools**

who receive special education services, particularly in rural areas, to the General Assembly by December 1, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2197, §1)

****No legislative appointments required****

Transportation-Related Items

- 9. The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority Alternative Funding Advisory Committee**, to be established by the Department of Transportation, shall submit a report, including its findings and recommendations regarding the most effective and efficient methods to increase funding for the **Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority** without raising property taxes, to the General Assembly by December 15, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2579, §19)

****Ex officio legislative appointments required, one appointment by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one appointment by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointment by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and one appointment by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives****

Human Services-Related Items

- 10. The Council on Homelessness** shall file a “point-in-time” report on homelessness with the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2258, §8)
- 11. The Department of Public Health** shall submit a report listing the deposits in, expenditures from, and carryover funds for the **Opioid Antagonist Medication Fund** to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on the Justice System and to the Legislative Services Agency on or before December 31 of each year. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2573, §4)
- 12. The Department on Aging** is required to submit a report regarding the outcomes of a pilot initiative to allow non-Medicaid eligible consumers to return to the community following a nursing facility stay to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §1)
- 13. The Department of Human Services** shall advise the General Assembly on a quarterly basis regarding the amount of appropriated funds expended on the **family investment program, state child care assistance program payments, and the family investment program share of system costs for eligibility determination and related functions** in the prior quarter. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §7)
- 14. The Department of Human Services** is required to report at least monthly to the General Assembly concerning the department’s **operational and program expenditures**. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §28)
- 15. The Department of Human Services** is required to submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the **More Options For Maternal Support Program** by October 1 of each year beginning October 1, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §67)
- 16. The Department of Human Services** is required to submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the **provision of postpartum services** to the recipients of pregnancy-related Medicaid coverage for the period beginning January 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2022. The

Department shall submit its report by December 15, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §68)

17. The **Department of Inspections and Appeals**, in coordination with the Investigations Division, is required to submit a report concerning the division's activities relative to **fraud in public assistance programs** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to the General Assembly by December 1, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §12)

Defense-Related Items

18. The **Department of Public Defense** is required to submit a report regarding **projects funded or intended to be funded** with moneys appropriated to the department for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the General Assembly by December 15, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2579, §1)

Health-Related Items

19. Health care organizations that receive moneys appropriated for the purposes of the **Children's Grief and Loss Rural Pilot Program**, in collaboration with the Department of Education, shall submit a report by September 30, 2023, to the General Assembly detailing the expenditures of moneys received for the purposes of the program. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2575, §5)
20. A **nationally affiliated volunteer eye organization with an established program dedicated to preserving sight and preventing blindness** is required to submit a report regarding the use of moneys appropriated for that purpose, including the objectives and results of the program, to the General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §3)
21. A recipient of funds for the **creation or continuation of a Center of Excellence Program to encourage innovation and collaboration among rural regional health care providers** shall submit periodic reports regarding the expenditure of funds as specified by the Department of Public Health to the Governor and General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §3)
22. The **Iowa Department of Public Health** is required to submit a report regarding **newborn screenings** to the General Assembly by December 31 of each year. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2345, §2)

Justice Systems-Related Items

23. The Judicial Branch shall submit **monthly financial statements** to the Legislative Services Agency and the Department of Management regarding the dollars and percentage spent of **budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures** on a cumulative basis of **full-time equivalent positions and dollars**. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2558, §1)
24. The Judicial Branch shall submit a **semiannual update** to the Legislative Services Agency specifying the amounts of **finances, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa court information system** since the last report. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2558, §1)
25. The Judicial Branch shall submit a report concerning the amounts **received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and plans for expenditures for the 2022-2023 fiscal year** to the General Assembly by January 1, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2558, §1)

26. The **Court Administrator** shall submit a copy of each **actuarial valuation of assets and liabilities of the Judicial Retirement Fund** to the General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2558, §10)
27. The **Department of Justice** is required to include **information on funding** from sources other than the General Fund provided to the department or to the Office of Consumer Advocate, and certain actual and expected reimbursements information, in a report submitted to the General Assembly by January 15, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2559, §1)
28. The **Department of Corrections** shall submit a report regarding **offenders employed in the private sector** to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis beginning on July 1, 2023. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2559, §7)
29. The **Department of Corrections** shall provide a report on **electronic monitoring** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2023. The report shall include the number of persons being electronically monitored and provide a breakdown of the number of people being monitored by offenses committed. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2559, §8)

Veterans Affairs-Related Items

30. The **Department of Veterans Affairs** shall submit the **Iowa Veterans Home Expenditure Report** to the General Assembly on a monthly basis. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2578, §5)

Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items

31. The **Department of Administrative Services** is required to prepare a **state fleet qualified renewable fuels compliance report** and submit it to the Governor and General Assembly by March 1 of each year. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2128, §37)
32. The **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** is required to submit a report each quarter of the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated supporting the **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's administration, regulation, and programs**. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2560, §1)
33. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report each quarter of the 2022-2023 fiscal year to the Legislative Services Agency, the Department of Management, the members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the chairpersons and ranking members of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, detailing the expenditure of moneys appropriated supporting the **Department of Natural Resources' administration, regulation, and programs**. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2560, §13)
34. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report regarding **deer population, the environmental and financial impacts of deer, and the spread of disease in deer and other cervidae wildlife** to the General Assembly by October 1, 2024, and every three years thereafter. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 581, §10)

Professional Licensure-Related Items

35. Each **licensing board, agency, and department** regulated under Iowa Code chapter 272C is required to annually submit a report providing information and statistics on **the licensure of military veterans** to the Governor and General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2383, §21)

Administration and Regulation-Related Items

36. Each department administering a tax expenditure shall **review each tax expenditure and file a report detailing the review** with the General Assembly no later than December 15 of the year the credit is scheduled to be reviewed. The report may include recommendations for better aligning tax expenditures with the original intent of the legislation that enacted the expenditure. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2317, §61)
37. The **Department of Revenue** must submit proposed corrections to references to chapters 450 and 450B in the Iowa Code to the General Assembly by the 2024 Regular Session of the Ninetieth General Assembly. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2552, §71)

Economic Development-Related Items

38. The **Economic Development Authority** must submit an annual report on or before January 15 to the General Assembly regarding the **Tourism Office's activities** funded with state appropriations for advertising, promoting, placing, and implementing the **authority's Strategic Plan for Tourism and Travel**. The report must include metrics and criteria that allow the General Assembly to quantify and evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the Tourism Office's activities. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §3)
39. The **Economic Development Authority** shall submit an annual report detailing the amount of every **direct loan, forgivable loan, tax credit, tax exemption, tax refund, grant, or any other financial assistance** awarded to a person during the prior fiscal year under an economic development program administered by the Authority to the General Assembly by November 1, 2022. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §5)
40. The **Economic Development Authority** shall report to the General Assembly on or before September 1 of each year on the effectiveness of each entity that conducted **statewide tourism marketing services** and efforts in the immediately preceding fiscal year. The report must include metrics and criteria that allow the General Assembly to quantify and evaluate the effectiveness and impact of each entity's statewide tourism and marketing services and efforts. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §18)
41. The **Iowa Finance Authority**, in coordination with a nonprofit organization with the primary activity of promoting the construction, remodeling, or rehabilitation of homes for low-income families, shall submit a report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2023, describing the **community, economic, and financial impact** of the **Housing Renewal Program**. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2564, §20)

F. Mandatory and Requested Future Legislative-Related Studies

1. The **Legislative Fiscal Committee** of the Legislative Council is required to meet during the legislative interim immediately preceding the 2026 regular Legislative Session. The committee

shall review the **enforcement of Iowa Code chapter 455C** and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than January 31, 2026. The Attorney General is required to submit a report regarding legal proceedings arising under Iowa Code chapter 455C since January 1, 2023, to the General Assembly prior to the meeting of the Legislative Fiscal Committee. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2378, §18)

G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Changed in 2022 Acts

1. Members of the **Advisory Council to the Board of Pharmacy** are now to be appointed by the Board of Pharmacy instead of the Governor and must consist of a minimum of one licensed pharmacist, one physician, one prescribing practitioner, and any other members deemed necessary by the Board of Pharmacy. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2201, §13)
No legislative appointments required
2. The number of members on the **Council on Homelessness** is reduced from 38 to 20; 11 of whom are voting members and nine of whom are nonvoting members. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2258, §§1-6)
No legislative appointments required
3. The number of members on the **Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council** is increased from 15 to 17 members. The additional two members must be the State Public Defender or the State Public Defender's designee and a police chief. The member that was a licensed substance abuse treatment specialist has been replaced with a certified alcohol and drug counselor. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2367, §2)
No legislative appointments required
4. Provisions relating to the membership of the **Iowa Sheep and Wool Promotion Board** are changed. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2581, §22)
No legislative appointments required
5. The membership of the **Local Food and Farm Program Council** is changed. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2581, §28)
No legislative appointments required
6. The **Congenital and Inherited Disorders Advisory Committee** is established. (2022 Iowa Acts, SF 2345, §2)
No legislative appointments required

H. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Abolished in 2022 Acts

1. The **Legislative Tax Expenditure Committee** is eliminated. (2022 Iowa Acts, HF 2317, §60)