
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES
INPUT WITH IDEAS PROVIDED TO:
STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION COMMISSION**

Submissions received as of October 27, 2009, by:

- Administration and Regulation Appropriation Subcommittee
 - Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Education Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee
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**ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Submissions by:

Representative Kelley
House Republican Subcommittee Members
Representative Wagner

Representative Doris Kelley:

Suggestion it to pare down the Human Rights Division to just a few people with those folks working on all the separate commission agencies.

Amendments

H-1410 by Alons, Helland, Wagner, Drake Requires DAS to privatize the state vehicle fleet

H-1412 by Alons Prohibits the purchase of vehicle add-ons like GPS systems and bug shields

H-1413 by Wagner Suspends per diem for legislative ex officio members for FY 2010

H-1414 by Wagner 50% reduction for all office supplies, service contracts, equipment purchases

H-1415 by Alons 20% reduction for all printing, binding, communications and a 50% reduction for advertising and publicity

H-1417 by Helland Prohibits expenditures for cell phones and PDAs for state employees

H-1419 by Helland Eliminates all funded, unfilled FTE positions that have been open for 6 months

H-1422 by Alons Requires an RFP to privatize grass cutting and yard work at the Capitol complex

H-1423 by Wagner Requires an RFP to lease or sell the Iowa Communications Network

H-1424 by Helland Requires consolidation of state information technology and email systems

Here is one idea from Representative Wagner:

Elimination of the duplication of the Pension system for Police and Firefighters and IPERS. Why do we have two boards doing the same thing?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Submissions by:

Co-Chairs: Senator Dotzler and Representative Jacoby
Representative Isenhardt
Representative Schueller
House Republican Subcommittee Members

After discussions with departments, the Co-Chairs of the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee would like to explore the following ideas:

1. Assess records retention, including what records are considered historical records and how long they are kept. This will reduce records stored in the Records Center and reduce storage costs to State agencies.
2. Assess our departments' leases and review budget reduction terminations of leases. Work with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to find suitable State owned places for agencies who terminate leases. Specifically, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Records Center and the Department of Economic Development's (DED's) lease on E. Grand in Des Moines.
3. Reduce travel for meetings of boards, commissions, and other public meetings, by utilizing video conferencing.
4. **Create health and safety programs for State workers to cut Workers Compensation cost to the State.**
5. Eliminate certain inspections if they are unnecessary and do not pose a safety hazard.

The following additional ideas have been submitted by the specified members of the Subcommittee:

- Use labor-management committees to identify potential efficiencies and reorganization opportunities by tapping the vast knowledge and expertise of State workers.
(Representative Chuck Isenhardt)

- Assess if all construction license processes can be placed under one department with one fee, paid on line, with the same time period and due dates. This would include, and not be limited to, plumbing license, electrical license, lead abatement, elevator licensing, and contractor registration. Individual boards would also have to be considered with their ability still to handle appeals, suspensions, and license requirements.
(Representative Tom Schueller)

- Ideas submitted by House Republican Subcommittee members:

1. Eliminate expenditures for cell phones and Personal Data Assistants (PDAs) for State employees.
2. Eliminate all out-of-state travel for State employees. A waiver may be provided in the event it is determined essential by the Executive Council.
3. Require all State employees to provide receipts for expenses incurred while traveling on official business. Example, the process of reimbursement for meals, rather than take the maximum allocation, require receipts.
4. Reduce funding for the operation of archiving the Governor's records by 50.0%.
5. **Require the DAS to defer the purchase of replacement motor vehicles.**
6. Eliminate all funded, unfilled FTE positions that have been open for six months.
7. Eliminate funding for rent for the Cultural Affairs State Records warehouse and require the department to find a new place to store the records within six months.
8. Implement a 50.0% reduction for all office supplies, service contracts, equipment purchases.

9. Implement a 20.0% reduction for all printing, binding, communications and a 50.0% reduction for advertising and publicity.

Note: The idea in bold and italic above may be outside the purview of the Subcommittee. The DAS is responsible for the State Worker Safety Program. The purchase of replacement vehicles that are not pool vehicles may be within the purview of the Subcommittee.

**EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Submission by:

House Republican Subcommittee Members

The House Republican members of the Education Appropriations subcommittee submit the following ideas for making state government more efficient and effective.

These suggestions were also offering in 2009 legislative session during the debate on the SF 470, the Education Appropriations bill.

H-1553 by Raecker – **Regents Library Acquisitions** For one year the Regents universities are required to spend 50% less on library acquisitions. **FY10 Savings: \$12 million**

H-1547 by May - 20% reduction in **printing, binding**; 50% reduction in **advertising**

H-1552 by Dolecheck - Eliminates all **funded, unfilled FTE positions** that have been open for 6 months

H-1554 by Raecker - 50% reduction for all **office supplies, service contracts, equipment purchases**

H-1555 by Tymeson - Prohibits expenditures for **cell phones** and PDAs for state employees.

H-1556 by Rants - **Fleet** purchases deferred

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Conference Call held October 6, 2009

**STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION COMMISSION - JOINT
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CONFERENCE CALL**

October 6, 2009

Subcommittee Co-Chairpersons. Senator Jack Hatch and Representative Lisa Heddens

Background. The co-chairpersons of the State Government Reorganization Commission, Senator Staci Appel and Rep. Mary Mascher, requested that members of the joint appropriations subcommittees meet or otherwise engage in a process to consider whether there is duplication among the boards and commissions under the purview of the subcommittee and to consider other opportunities available for achieving potential costs savings or promoting efficiency. The HHS Subcommittee held a telephone conference meeting.

Boards and Commission. Jess Benson, LSA, reviewed a listing of 71 statutorily authorized boards and commissions in these four departments addressed by the subcommittee: 52 at Department of Public Health (DPH), 17 at Department of Human Services (DHS), and one each for the Department on Aging and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of the boards are funded through retained fees from regulated professions and others through state or federal funding, or both. The subcommittee co-chairpersons proposed classifying each board as either a policy or advocacy board for purposes of considering whether the functions of the advocacy boards could be incorporated into a related policy board and the advocacy board eliminated.

Updates. Updates were provided on reform efforts underway.

MHI Task Force. Former State Representative and subcommittee co-chairperson, Ro Foege explained the process undertaken by the task force that is considering the potential effects of closing one of the four state mental health institutes (MHIs) and consolidating those services among the remaining MHIs.

Department of Public Health (DPH). Kathy Stone, Division Administrator, DPH, explained the department's process to improve efficiencies among the units that address addictions - substance abuse, gambling, and tobacco. The areas of focus are training and workforce development, surveys and external evaluations, working with service contractors, and data systems and other infrastructure.

Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS Director Charles Krogmeier described an internal review underway to restructure DHS, that is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Council on Human Services in November. In addition, he noted that a staff group is working on a comprehensive mental health plan and DHS is staffing the MHI task force and participating in the workgroup on mental health and developmental disabilities facilitated by legislative staff.

**JUSTICE SYSTEM
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Submission by:

House Republican Subcommittee Members
(proposed amendments included)

After consulting with our members on the Justice System Budget Subcommittee, we would like to submit our cost saving amendments that were offered this spring.

The following cost saving amendments are attached to this email:

- H-1606 - 50% reduction of office supplies, with protection for supplies essential to officers.
- H-1607 - 20% reduction in printing, binding, and communications. 50% reduction in advertising and publicity.
- H-1608 - Eliminate open FTE's.
- H-1609 - Eliminate funding for non-essential cell phones and pda's.
- H-1611 - Eliminate out-of-stae travel.
- H-1613 - Require receipts for employee expense reimbursement.
- H-1621 - Defer purchase of vehicles.

House Amendment 1606

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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. OFFICE EXPENSES == MANDATORY REDUCTION.
1 6 For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
1 7 June 30, 2010, the appropriations from the general
1 8 fund of the state to a state department or state
1 9 agency to which appropriations are made pursuant to
1 10 this Act are reduced by such amount, as necessary to
1 11 effect a 50 percent reduction in the amount
1 12 appropriated for expenditures for office supplies,
1 13 service contracts, and equipment purchases. However,
1 14 equipment that is critical to the execution of the
1 15 duties of officers of the department of corrections or
1 16 the department of public safety, is exempt from the
1 17 reduction. The reduction of the individual
1 18 appropriations shall be determined by the department
1 19 of management in consultation with the affected
1 20 departments and agencies on the basis of the expected
1 21 expenditures for such items by the affected state
1 22 department or agency for the fiscal year without the
1 23 reduction required by this section. The specific
1 24 amount that each individual appropriation is reduced
1 25 shall be outlined in a memorandum prepared by the
1 26 department of management which shall be submitted to
1 27 the general assembly and legislative services agency
1 28 within 30 days of the effective date of this section
1 29 of this Act. The reduction of an individual
1 30 appropriation pursuant to this section shall be
1 31 applied prior to any reductions in full-time
1 32 equivalent positions. The reduction of an individual
1 33 appropriation pursuant to this section shall be in
1 34 addition to any other reduction required by law and
1 35 general fund appropriations reduced pursuant to this
1 36 section shall not be expended for any other purposes
1 37 but shall be retained in the general fund of the
1 38 state.>
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House Amendment 1607

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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT EXPENSES ==
1 6 MANDATORY REDUCTION. For the fiscal year beginning
1 7 July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, the
1 8 appropriations from the general fund of the state to a
1 9 state department or state agency to which
1 10 appropriations are made pursuant to this Act are
1 11 reduced by such amount, as necessary to effect a 20
1 12 percent reduction in the amount appropriated for
1 13 expenditures for printing, binding, and
1 14 communications, and a 50 percent reduction in the
1 15 amount appropriated for expenditures for advertising
1 16 and publicity. The reduction of the individual
1 17 appropriations shall be determined by the department
1 18 of management in consultation with the affected
1 19 departments and agencies on the basis of the expected
1 20 expenditures for such items by the affected state
1 21 department or agency for the fiscal year without the
1 22 reductions required by this section. The specific
1 23 amount that each individual appropriation is reduced
1 24 shall be outlined in a memorandum prepared by the
1 25 department of management which shall be submitted to
1 26 the general assembly and legislative services agency
1 27 within 30 days of the effective date of this section
1 28 of this Act. The reduction of an individual
1 29 appropriation pursuant to this section shall be in
1 30 addition to any other reduction required by law and
1 31 general fund appropriations reduced pursuant to this
1 32 section shall not be expended for any other purposes
1 33 but shall be retained in the general fund of the
1 34 state.>
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House Amendment 1608

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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. ____ . VACANT, FUNDED FULL=TIME EQUIVALENT
1 6 POSITIONS. Notwithstanding any provision to the
1 7 contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009,
1 8 and ending June 30, 2010, the director of a department
1 9 or state agency to which appropriations are made
1 10 pursuant to this Act shall revert to the general fund
1 11 of the state at the close of the fiscal year an amount
1 12 equal to the salary and benefits cost of each
1 13 full=time equivalent position funded with an
1 14 appropriation made in this Act that remains vacant for
1 15 a period of six months or more.>
1 16 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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House Amendment 1609

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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. EXPENDITURES FOR CELLULAR TELEPHONES
1 6 AND PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANTS PROHIBITED.
1 7 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, other
1 8 than for employees covered under a collective
1 9 bargaining agreement, employees performing
1 10 inspections, or employees whose use of the devices
1 11 addressed by this section is critical in the execution
1 12 of the duties of the employee, or employees who are
1 13 otherwise normally performing their primary duties
1 14 away from a fixed location more than 70 percent of the
1 15 time, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, a
1 16 department receiving appropriations in this Act shall
1 17 not expend moneys appropriated from the general fund
1 18 of the state to pay for or reimburse the initial or
1 19 associated service costs for cellular telephones,
1 20 personal digital assistant devices, or handheld
1 21 computers. However, the executive council may
1 22 authorize an exception on a case=by=case basis, to
1 23 address an emergency situation for a period of time
1 24 not more than three consecutive calendar months in
1 25 length or to complete the minimum period specified
1 26 under the terms of a lease or contract.>
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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. ____ . OUT=OF=STATE TRAVEL == RESTRICTIONS.
1 6 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, for the
1 7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June
1 8 30, 2010, out-of-state travel by an employee of a
1 9 department or state agency to which appropriations are
1 10 made pursuant to this Act shall not be authorized
1 11 unless the executive council authorizes the travel as
1 12 necessary for the performance of official state
1 13 business.>
1 14 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 4 following:
1 5 <Sec. ____ . EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT == REQUIREMENTS.
1 6 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, for the
1 7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June
1 8 30, 2010, the director of a department or state agency
1 9 to which appropriations are made pursuant to the
1 10 provisions of this Act shall require employees, in
1 11 order to receive reimbursement for expenses, to submit
1 12 actual receipts for meals and other costs.
1 13 Reimbursement up to the maximum amount shall only be
1 14 allowed in an amount equal to the sum of the actual
1 15 receipts submitted.>
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House Amendment 1621

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1 1 Amend Senate File 475, as passed by the Senate, as
1 2 follows:
1 3 #1. Page 1, line 22, by striking the figure
1 4 <2,400,000> and inserting the following: <4,000,000>.
1 5 #2. Page 21, by inserting after line 1 the
1 6 following:
1 7 <Sec. ____ . VEHICLE PURCHASES DEFERRED.
1 8 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary,
1 9 except as otherwise provided by this section, the
1 10 department of administrative services shall defer the
1 11 purchase of replacement motor vehicles paid for from
1 12 the general fund of the state or from such moneys
1 13 credited to the depreciation fund maintained pursuant
1 14 to section 8A.365. The purchase deferral is
1 15 applicable to the remainder of the fiscal year
1 16 beginning July 1, 2008, commencing on the effective
1 17 date of this section, and to the succeeding fiscal
1 18 year. This section does not apply to the purchase of
1 19 motor vehicles for the department of public safety,
1 20 division of state patrol. The executive council may
1 21 authorize an exception to such deferral requirement to
1 22 allow purchase of a replacement vehicle when the
1 23 purchase is less costly than all other alternatives.
1 24 2. The \$1.6 million in savings achieved by
1 25 deferring the purchase of motor vehicles pursuant to
1 26 this section is appropriated to the department of
1 27 justice for victim assistance grants.>
1 28 #3. Page 23, line 11, by striking the words <The
1 29 section> and inserting the following:
1 30 <1. The section>.
1 31 #4. Page 23, by inserting after line 14 the
1 32 following:
1 33 <2. The section of this Act providing for deferral
1 34 of the purchase of motor vehicles, being deemed of
1 35 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>
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**TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND
CAPITALS
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Submissions by:

Senator Hamerlinck
Senator McCoy

Suggestions from Senator Hamerlinck:

1. Instill Lean Thinking processes throughout each department. In this process customer value is increased while waste, inefficiencies and barricades to productivity are broken. Instead of sustaining a series of isolated points within departments, lean processes requires less human effort, less space, less capital, and less time to complete tasks and services at far less costs and with much fewer defects.

By definition it is the opposite of bureaucratic growth. Any step, action and or member of staff which does not add direct value to both the quality and quantity of service to the public is eliminated.

The ideology behind lean enterprises suggests government does not exist for its own sake but rather its ability to offer a product which cannot be provided elsewhere. Functions which can be reproduced more efficiently external from government are done outside of government.

2. Support Senate File 102, "A bill for an act relating to the establishment of a searchable budget database website for the public to access the details of the expenditure of state tax revenues and a searchable tax rate database for the public to access the details of each tax rate for all taxing districts in the state." This piece of legislation will allow every resident of Iowa an opportunity to assist in designing budgets and finding cost saving measures.
3. Objectively, rather than politically, consider amendments and alternatives during session.
4. Employ zero based budgeting principles in each department.
5. Follow the 99% spending limitation set by code.
6. Sunset Authorization of Every State Program:
 - o Allow for a systematic process wherein every program funded by state government will be sunset (de-authorized) by a date certain unless the Governor and Legislature reauthorize that program. This will force a thorough top-to-bottom review of every existing program funded by state government to determine whether the program is effectively and efficiently meeting the needs for which it was created, or if the need even continues to exist.

Senator McCoy's suggestion:

- **Combine the Iowa Highway Patrol and the Vehicle Enforcement officers who monitor commercial truck traffic and weights.** Running two sets of enforcement peace officers is expensive and inefficient. In many areas of the state, the Highway Patrol acts as a small town's police operation.