

DEPARTMENT: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Proposal #	Title	Summary
	DPS Equipment Fund	<p><u>Background (e.g. current law or status):</u> The Iowa Department of Public Safety is uniquely dependent upon equipment as each sworn member must be individually equipped to perform their core duties. Approximately 98% of the Department's annual budget is dedicated to salaries and benefits, motor vehicle purchases, and infrastructure obligations. The remaining 2% must cover all other equipment costs.</p> <p><u>Solution:</u> The creation of a non-reverting equipment fund with a consistent revenue stream.</p> <p><u>Goal:</u> This type of funding mechanism would allow DPS to fill FTEs that are left open to fund necessary equipment. This would also allow the Department to plan for equipment needs in the future and be less reliant on RIFF/TRF requests.</p> <p><u>Fiscal and Jobs Impact:</u> DPS has mapped its equipment needs for the next 15 years. The total equipment need for that 15-year period is \$83,107,957, which equates to a yearly average of \$5,540,530. DPS currently uses costs savings from vacancies to fund needed equipment. Should a consistent revenue stream be established to fund equipment, the Department could fill outstanding vacancies.</p> <p><u>Has proposal been pre-cleared before? If so, prior legislative history?</u> HF539 (Public Safety) introduced 02/26/2019 HF2377 (Public Safety) introduced 02/13/2020 HF2635 (Appropriations) introduced 06/09/2020</p>