



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Economic Development Budget HF 2493

Status of Bill: House Calendar
Committee: Appropriations (15-10)
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Summary

HF 2493 appropriates \$38.7 million for the Economic Development budget, which funds the Department of Cultural Affairs, Economic Development Authority, Iowa Finance Authority, Public Employment Relations Board, and Iowa Workforce Development. The bill appropriates \$670,000 more than FY18, with all departments, except Iowa Finance Authority, receiving an increase. The bill also appropriates \$26 million in other funds in FY 19, \$2.5 million less than FY 18.

Amendments

H-8395 by Running-Marquardt: Changes to the Special Employment Security Contingency Fund

Currently IWD is pulling money from the Special Employment Security Contingency Fund to pay for the marketing for Future Ready Iowa. The amendment takes away IWD's authority to spend money from the Special Employment Security Contingency Fund on marketing and consultants for Future Ready Iowa.

H-8396 by Running-Marquardt: Iowa Workforce Development Field Offices

The amendment mandates IWD receive legislative approval before closing any field offices, closing any satellite offices, or changing the number of regions for IWD.

H-8408 by McKean: Amending What "Small City" Means for Workforce House Tax Incentives

The amendment changes the definition of "small city" in code for the purpose of the workforce housing tax incentive program. In order to be eligible for a tax credit a city cannot be in one of the eleven most populous counties. Currently when a city is located in more than one county, it is considered to be located in the county having the greatest taxable base within the city. This amendment strikes that language and instead mandates a small city must be wholly within one or more of the eleven most populous counties to be ineligible for the tax incentive. House File 2463, which passed the House unanimously this session but died in the Senate, has the same language.

H-8411 by Best: Joint Report between Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Department of Revenue

The bill adds new language that mandates IEDA submit an annual report to the Legislature that details every loan, forgivable loan, tax credit, tax exemption, tax refund, grant, and any other financial assistance given to a person or business. The amendment makes it a joint report with the Department of Revenue so more loans, tax credits, grants, etc. get reported.

H-2493 by Best: Agreed-to Amendment with the Senate

- \$25,000 less for Economic Development Authority.
- \$25,000 more for World Food Prize, bringing the funding up to \$400,000 which is what it was funded in FY18.
- Moves \$1 million for the Registered Apprenticeship Program for Future Ready Iowa, from other funds to general funds under the Economic Development Authority.
- \$50,000 more for workers comp division through IWD.
- \$20,000 less for field offices for IWD.
- \$50,000 less for offender reentry program, the original bill gave an additional \$100,000 to fund another FTE.
- Moves \$250,000 for a summer youth intern pilot program for Future Ready Iowa, from other funds to general funds under IWD.
- Moves \$150,000 for a Future Ready Iowa Coordinator from other funds to general funds under IWD.
- \$50,000 more for worker misclassification, the original bill cut \$50,000. This restores the funding to FY18 level.
- \$1 million more for high quality jobs in other funds brings the total to \$13 million (\$2.9 million less than what they received in FY17).

H-8412 by Hall: Iowa Finance Authority Not Moving

The amendment cancels any lease to move operations for the Iowa Finance Authority from its current location.

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