



Bill Watch List / 2026 Session

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SUPPORT:

Abortion Related Bills:

- **HF2563** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2563>) – **Prohibition on Distribution of Abortion-Inducing Drugs (Formerly HSB 704) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed House Committee – Still alive because it was referred to the Appropriations Committee which is exempt from “funnel dates.” – Prohibits the distribution of abortion-inducing drugs in Iowa, including by mail or telehealth, and establishes criminal and civil penalties for violations. (Formerly HSB 704)

Church Related Bills:

- **HF2579** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2579>) – **Religious Worship Protection – 2026**
3/11/2026 – Passed House Ways and Means Subcommittee – Still alive because it is in the House Ways and Means Committee which is exempt from “funnel dates.” – Prohibits a person from intentionally engaging in conduct that substantially obstructs, prevents, or interferes with the orderly conduct of a religious service or religious assembly, such as creating persistent or unreasonable noise, physically obstructing an entrance, or causing congregants to reasonably fear danger. Makes such conduct a Class “D” felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine.

Civil Rights Related Bills:

- **SF579** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF579>) – **Local Civil Rights Ordinance Limitations – 2026**
3/13/2026 – SIGNED into law – Prohibits local governments from adopting civil rights provisions that expand, redefine, or alter protected classes, standards, or enforcement mechanisms beyond those established in the Iowa Civil Rights Act.

CO2 Pipeline Related Bills:

- **HF2104** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2104>) – **Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Eminent Domain Prohibition – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Scheduled for a vote by the full Senate – Prohibits the exercise of eminent domain for carbon oxide (CO₂) pipelines, ensuring that private property cannot be taken by government authority for these pipeline projects. EDITOR'S NOTE: A senate amendment to the bill allows for the use of eminent domain to which we are opposed.

Driver's License Related Bills:

- **SF2187** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2187>) – **Citizenship Verification for Driver's Licenses Act (Formerly SSB 3024) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed Senate & House Committee – Requires the Department of Transportation to verify an applicant's U.S. citizenship or lawful immigration status using the federal SAVE system before issuing or renewing a driver's license or state ID, and to deny the application if legal presence cannot be confirmed. (Formerly SSB 3024)

Drug Related Bills:

- **SF2192** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2192>) – **Kratom Controlled Substance Classification (Formerly SF 2013) (Companion to HF2133) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed Senate Judiciary Committee – Companion, HF 2133, passed the House – Designates kratom (an Asian plant with leaves used for their stimulant and opioid-like effects) and its chemical compounds as a Schedule I controlled substance and establishes escalating criminal penalties—from misdemeanor to felony—for possession and repeat offenses. (Formerly SF 2013) (Companion to HF2133)

Elementary & Secondary Education Related Bills:

- **HF2538** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2538>) – **Discipline Procedures for Student Disorderly Conduct (Formerly HF 2122) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Education Committee – Sets clear rules for disciplining students who engage in disorderly conduct, gives teachers authority to remove disruptive students, outlines suspension and alternative placement options, and provides protections and immunity for school staff. (Formerly HF 2122)
- **SF2428** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2428>) – **Student Disruption Discipline Standards (Formerly SF 2044) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed Senate & House Committee – Strengthens public school authority to discipline disruptive students, standardizes discipline policies, and prioritizes classroom safety and instructional continuity while maintaining due-process protections. (Formerly SF 2044)

Firearms Related Bills:

- **SF2263** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2263>) – **Weapon Transportation and Possession on Public Property – 2026**
4/2/2026 – Passed Senate & House Committee – Allows individuals to carry, transport, or possess dangerous weapons inside a locked, privately owned vehicle on publicly accessible parking lots operated by state or local government — as long as the weapon is lawful and out of sight.

Foster Care Related Bills:

- **SF473** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF473>) – **Religious and Moral Protections for Foster and Adoptive Parents – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed Senate & House Committee – Prevents the Department of Health and Human Services from requiring foster care providers or adoptive parents to support policies about sexual orientation or gender identity if it goes against their religious or moral beliefs.
- **SF2096** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2096>) – **Foster Care Training Requirement Reform (Formerly SSB 3016) (Companion to HF2163) – 2026**
3/3/2026 – Passed House and Senate – Waiting for the Governor’s signature or veto – Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to

tailor foster care training requirements based on a provider's experience and a child's needs rather than fixed hourly mandates. (Formerly SSB 3016)
(Companion to HF2163)

Free Speech Related Bills:

- **HF2336** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2336>) – **Protection of Student Religious and Political Speech in Schools (Formerly HF 2106) (Companion to SF2300) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed House – Companion, SF 2300, passed Senate Committee – Prohibits schools from discriminating against religious, political, or ideological expression, and allows penalties and lawsuits against schools that violate those rights. (Formerly HF 2106) (Companion to SF2300)
- **SF2300** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2300>) – **Protection of Student Religious and Political Speech in Schools (Formerly SF 2062) (Companion to HF2336) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Companion, HF 2336, passed House – Strengthens student speech rights by prohibiting schools from punishing religious, political, or ideological expression, including speech in classwork, clubs, clothing, and gatherings. (Formerly SF 2062) (Companion to HF2336)

Higher Education Related Bills:

- **HF2361** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2361>) – **American History and Government Course for College Students (Formerly HSB 543) (Companion to SF2232) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed House – Companion, SF 2232, passed Senate Committee – Requires public colleges and universities to include at least three credit hours of American history and American government in undergraduate general education or core curricula. (Formerly HSB 543) (Companion to SF2232)
- **HF2487** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2487>) – **Ban on DEI and Critical Race Theory in Regents' University Core Curricula (Formerly HSB 542) (Companion to SF2303) – 2026**
3/19/2026 – Passed House – Companion, SF 2303, passed Senate Committee – Requires the state board of regents to make sure that courses related to diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and critical race theory are not part of

required general education or core classes at public universities under the board's control. (Formerly HSB 542) (Companion to SF2303)

- **HF2544** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2544>) – **Higher Education Antisemitism Reporting and Prohibition (Formerly HSB 646.) (Companion to SF2336) – 2026 3/19/2026 – Passed House Committee – Companion, SF 2336, passed Senate Committee** – Requires K-12 schools, public universities and community colleges to issue an annual report about antisemitism incidents on campus. Schools would also be required to “prohibit antisemitism” and treat harassment or discrimination motivated by antisemitic intent the same as other forms of discrimination. (Companion to SF2336)
- **SF2232** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2232>) – **American History and Government Course for College Students (Formerly SF 2033.) (Companion to HF2361) – 2026 3/19/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Companion, HF 2361, passed the House** – Requires public colleges and universities to include at least three credit hours of American history and American government in undergraduate general education or core curricula. (Companion to HF2361)
- **SF2303** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2303>) – **Ban on DEI and Critical Race Theory in Regents' University Core Curricula (Formerly SF 2063) (Companion to HF2487) – 2026 3/19/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Companion, HF 2487, passed House** – Requires the state board of regents to make sure that courses related to diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI), and critical race theory are not part of required general education or core classes at public universities under the board's control. (Formerly SF 2063) (Companion to HF2487)
- **SF2336** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2336>) – **Higher Education Antisemitism Reporting and Prohibition (Formerly SSB 3095.) (Companion to HF2544) – 2026 3/19/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Companion, HF 2544, passed House Committee** – Requires K-12 schools, public universities and community colleges to issue an annual report about antisemitism incidents on campus. Schools would also be required to “prohibit antisemitism” and treat harassment or discrimination motivated by antisemitic intent the same as other forms of discrimination. (Companion to HF2544)

Justice System Related Bills:

- **HF2542** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2542>) – **Repeat Offender 20-Year Mandatory Sentence (Formerly HSB 666) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Creates a point-based “habitual offender” system requiring a mandatory 20-year prison sentence for repeat criminals who accumulate multiple qualifying convictions.
- **HF2619** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2619>) – **Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act (Companion to SF2371) (Formerly HF 2277) – 2026**
3/24/2026 – Passed House and Senate – Waiting for the Governor’s signature or veto – Creates a uniform process for resolving certain family law disputes through arbitration, while keeping major issues like divorce and child custody in court and requiring safeguards for fairness, safety, and child protection. (Companion to SF2371) (Formerly HF 2277)
- **SF2371** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2371>) – **Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act (Formerly SSB 3158) (Companion to HF2277) – 2026**
3/23/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Companion, SF 2619, passed House – Creates a structured process for parties to resolve family law disputes (such as divorce, custody, and support issues) through arbitration instead of court litigation. (Formerly SSB 3158) (Companion to HF2277)

LGBTQ+ Related Bills:

- **HF2253** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2253>) – **“Pregnant Female” Statutory Language (Formerly HSB 501) – 2026**
4/1/2026 – Passed House and Senate – Waiting for the Governor’s signature or veto – Corrects terminology throughout the Iowa code by replacing “pregnant person” with “pregnant female.” (Formerly HSB 501)

Parental Rights Related Bills:

- **HF2557** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2557>) – **Parents’ Right to Raise Children Consistent with Their Gender (Formerly HSB 669) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Ensures that parents and caregivers can raise children in ways consistent with the child’s sex without those

actions being classified as abuse, endangerment, or a basis for adverse licensing or custody decisions. (Formerly HSB 669)

Pornography Related Bills:

- **HF864** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF864>) – **Age Verification Requirement for Online Obscene Material – 2025**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Requires a commercial entity that knowingly or intentionally publishes or distributes obscene material on the internet to use reasonable age verification methods to verify that the individual attempting to access the material is not a minor. (Companion to SF443)

Religious Liberty Related Bills:

- **HF571** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF571>) – **Medical Ethics Defense Act – 2026**
3/23/2026 – Passed House and Senate – Waiting for the Governor’s signature or veto – Medical Right of Conscience Bill. Allows medical providers, doctors, nurses, and institutions to refuse to participate in medical procedures that violate their conscience, and allows them to speak out against wrongdoing and engage in free speech without fear of discrimination or retaliation.

School Choice Related Bills:

- **SF2231** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2231>) – **Education Access and Tax Provision Changes (Formerly SF 2060) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed Senate & House Committee – Expands preschool access, requires school districts to partner with community providers, allows religious schools to participate in certain education programs and tax benefits, and removes restrictions tied to sectarian use. (Formerly SF 2060)

State Government Related Bills:

- **HF2296** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2296>) – **Prohibition on Local Government Identification Cards (Formerly HSB 552) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Bans cities and counties from creating their own ID cards for residents, while still allowing state-issued IDs and work IDs for government employees and elected officials.
- **HF2694** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2694>) – **Governor Emergency Authority Reform**

(Formerly HF 2145.) – 2026

3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Prevents the governor from closing churches, mandating vaccines, regulating private homes, or forcing businesses to shut down during emergencies. NOTE: An amendment was added by the Senate State Government committee that, in addition to the House bill, would allow state government funding to continue into a new fiscal year if lawmakers fail to strike a budget deal by June 30.

Vaccine Related Bills:

- **SF304** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF304>) – **Parental Consent Requirements for STD Vaccines for Minors – 2025**
3/26/2026 – Passed by the Senate in 2025 – Placed on the House calender under unfinished business on 3-26-26. – Eliminates a minor’s legal right to consent to a vaccination for a sexually transmitted disease or infection.

Woke Ideology Related Bills:

- **HF2711** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=HF2711>) – **Ending Affirmative Action Rules on Race, Gender, and Citizenship (Formerly HSB 668) – 2026**
3/26/2026 – Passed House & Senate Committee – Ends affirmative action rules in state jobs, schools, and some licensing programs, and requires the state to treat applicants equally without giving preference based on race, gender, or citizenship. (Formerly HSB 668)

WATCH:**State Budget Related Bills:**

- **SF2461** (<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=91&ba=SF2461>) – **Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Years (Formerly SF 2388, SSB 3176) – 2026**
3/3/2026 – Passed Senate Committee – Still alive because it is in Appropriations Committee which is exempt from the funnel – Ensures that if the legislature fails to pass a new state budget by July 1, state agencies will automatically receive the same funding as the previous year so government operations can continue without interruption.

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” – 1 Timothy 2:1, 2

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