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Session Update

Legislators last day of per diem was Tuesday (100th day of the Legislative Session) however adjournment cannot happen until they pass a budget. The House and Senate are still at an impasse trying build consensus amongst their chambers on tax reform before passing the state budget. During the tax negotiations this week the House began to pass their budget bills through the appropriation process. Each year the chambers rotate which budget bills are started in each chamber. In an effort to push the process forward the House moved forward passing their version of the Agriculture & Natural Resources ([HF 2491](#)), Economic Development ([HF 2493](#)), Judicial Branch ([HF 2495](#)), Justice Systems ([HF 2492](#)) and Transportation ([HF 2494](#)) budgets on Wednesday.

Each chamber released their separate budget targets this week reflecting the difference of opinions between the two chambers. The House is proposing an increase in spending of \$235 million and a \$7.489 billion budget. The Senate is proposing \$5 million less overall, with slightly more for education and human services, and slightly less for standings (salaries) and justice systems.

The table below represents a comparison between the Governor, Senate and House proposed budgets. Obviously, consensus must be reached between the House and Senate before budgets can be finalized and legislators can be sent home.

	Est. Net FY 18	Gov. Inc. '19	Senate Inc. '19	House Inc. '19	House v. Senate
Admin and Reg.	47,024,224	462,371	500,000	1,360,712	860,712
Ag. & Nat. Rrs	38,532,522	104,962	750,000	900,000	150,000
Eco. Development	38,116,345	1,750,001	2,100,000	700,100	-1,399,900
Education	896,062,127	25,986,220	17,600,194	15,696,552	-1,903,642
Human Services	1,761,280,865	70,464,196	74,100,000	72,000,000	-2,100,000
Justice Systems	733,838,741	11,732,148	12,200,000	16,062,188	3,862,188
Unassign Standing	3,739,446,103	81,726,218	122,582,488	128,147,564	5,565,076
Grand TOTAL	7,254,300,927	192,226,116	229,832,682	234,867,116	5,034,434

Bills on the Move

The Senate attempted to bring up and pass a traffic camera ban by amending [SF 220](#), the bill that passed the House that regulated traffic cameras, rather than banning them. The floor manager, Senator Brad Zaun, called the bill up but then deferred on the bill after it was unclear whether they had the votes to pass the ban or not. This bill is still eligible for debate and may be called up again.

The House passed [HF 2131](#), which deals with motel room taxes by increasing the number of days that a motel room must be rented consecutively to 90 days before the rental is exempt from the motel tax. Currently, the law requires 30 days before the exemption sets in. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The House passed [HF 2478](#), a bill that deals with construction equipment sales and taxation. The bill strikes language excluding the purchase of construction equipment purchases for a subsequent lease/rental from the sale-for-resale sales tax exemption. The House passed the bill as amended 98-0; it now goes to the Senate.

Forums

Below are links to calendars containing information for legislative forums. As more forums are published, more links will be available.

House Democrat Legislative Forums
Senate Democrat Legislative Forums
Senate Republican Legislative Forums

In the News

1. [Is Iowa Paying Too Much for Prescription Drugs?](#)
2. [Deal Close on Tax Cuts?](#)
3. [Traffic Cameras a Negotiating Tool?](#)
4. [Congressional Leadership Fund Super PAC will Support Blum](#)