Fiscal Committees

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House Appropriations Committee

Website

Membership; bills in committee and study bills; and meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"All bills to appropriate money shall be referred to the appropriations committee, and all bills pertaining to the levy, assessment, or collection of taxes or fees shall be referred to the committee on ways and means" (House Rule 32).

Subcommittees

- Federal and Other Funds Appropriations

House Ways and Means Committee

Website

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Joint Appropriations Subcommittees

Websites

- Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee
- Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
- Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee

- Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee
- Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
- Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee

Members; documents; reports; and meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes available on website.

Legislative Fiscal Committee

Website

Membership; committee documents; and meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"**Powers of legislative fiscal committee.**

"The legislative fiscal committee may, subject to the approval of the legislative council:

1. "*Budget.* Gather information relative to budget matters for the purpose of aiding the legislature to properly appropriate money for the functions of government, and to report their findings to the legislature.
2. "*Examination.* Examine the reports and official acts of the executive council and of each officer, board, commission, and department of the state, in respect to the conduct and expenditures thereof and the receipts and disbursements of public funds thereby. All state departments and agencies are required to immediately notify the legislative fiscal committee of the legislative council and the director of the legislative services agency if any state facilities within their jurisdiction have been cited for violations of any federal, state, or local laws or regulations or have been decertified or notified of the threat of decertification from compliance with any state, federal, or other nationally recognized certification or accreditation agency or organization.
3. "*Reorganization.* Make a continuous study of all offices, departments, agencies, boards, bureaus, and commissions of the state government and shall determine and recommend to each session of the legislature what changes therein are necessary to accomplish the following purposes:

- "a. To reduce expenditures and promote economy to the fullest extent consistent with the efficient operation of state government.
- "b. To increase the efficiency of the operations of the state government to the fullest extent practicable within the available revenues.
- "c. To group, coordinate, and consolidate judicial districts, agencies and functions of the government, as nearly as may be according to major purposes.
- "d. To reduce the number of offices, agencies, boards, commissions, and departments by consolidating those having similar functions, and to abolish such offices, agencies, boards, commissions, and departments, or functions thereof, as may not be necessary for the efficient and economical conduct of state government.
- "e. To eliminate overlapping and duplication of effort on the part of such offices, agencies, boards, commissions, and departments of the state government.

4. "*Administration of legislative database.* Determine the policy for the content and administration of a legislative database.
5. "*Information needs determination.* Determine the information needs of the general assembly and report them to the director of the department of administrative services who shall consider such needs in establishing the operating policies for a database management system" (Iowa Code §2.46).

Senate Appropriations Committee

Website

Membership; bills in committee and study bills; and meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The appropriations committee shall receive bills committed to it and shall assign each to one of the appropriations subcommittees. The appropriations subcommittees shall be named:

- "Administration and Regulation
- "Agriculture and Natural Resources

- "Economic Development
- "Education
- "Health and Human Services
- "Justice System
- "Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals

"The appropriations subcommittees shall receive bills assigned to them or may originate proposed bills within the subcommittee's jurisdiction as defined by the appropriations committee for consideration by the appropriations committee. Each subcommittee may submit amendments to bills together with the subcommittee's recommended action to the appropriations committee.

"If a bill or proposed bill is submitted to the appropriations committee by an appropriations subcommittee the appropriations committee may:

1. report the bill or approve the proposed bill for introduction by the appropriations committee;
2. report the bill with any appropriations committee-approved amendments incorporated;
3. draft a new bill for sponsorship by the appropriations committee and report it; or
4. re-refer it together with the appropriations committee's objections to the appropriations subcommittee from which it was originally referred or which originated the draft bill.

"The appropriations committee and subcommittees may meet jointly with the appropriations committee of the house of representatives" (Senate Rule 37).

Senate Ways and Means Committee

Website

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Purpose/Jurisdiction

Undefined.