

Friday, March 15, 2024, was a triple deadline for the Iowa Legislative Session. It included the 2nd funnel deadline, legislative candidate filing deadline, and REC (revenue) estimates.

**Candidate Filing:** We now know that **16 legislators are not running** again:

- Sen. Jeff Edler (R-Marshall) - he's Chair of HHS Committee
- Sen. Pam Jochum (D-Dubuque)
- Sen. Todd Taylor (D-Linn) – running for Linn Co. Auditor; he's Ranking Member of Justice Systems Budget (and an ally)
- Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad (D-Polk)
- Rep. Brian Best (R-Carroll)
- Rep. Ken Carlson (R-Woodbury)
- Rep. Dave Deyoe (R-Story)
- Rep. John Forbes (D-Polk) – running for Polk Co. Supervisor
- Rep. Joel Fry (R-Clarke)
- Rep. Stan Gustafson (R-Warren)
- Rep. Anne Osmundson (R-Clayton)
- Rep. Brad Sherman (R-Iowa)
- Rep. Art Staed (D-Linn) – he running for Sen. Todd Taylor's seat
- Rep. Sharon Steckman (D-Cerro Gordo)
- Rep. Luana Stoltenberg (R-Scott)
- Rep. Phil Thompson (R-Boone)
  
- **Seven (7) legislators** will face a primary challenge in June:
  - Sen. Waylon Brown (R-Mitchell)
  - Sen. Claire Celsi (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Jane Bloomingdale (R-Worth)
  - Rep. Elinor Levin (D-Johnson)
  - Rep. Josh Meggers (R-Grundy)
  - Rep. Mike Sexton (R-Hardin)
  - Rep. David Young (R-Dallas)

- **Forty-nine (49) legislators** do not yet have an opponent. That includes 6 Senate Republicans, 1 Senate Democrat, 23 Democrats, and 19 House Republicans.
  - Sen. Adrian Dickey (R-Jefferson)
  - Sen. Mike Klimesh (R-Winnishiek)
  - Sen. Tim Kraayenbrink (R-Webster)
  - Sen. Charlie McClintock (R-Linn)
  - Sen. Janet Petersen (D-Polk)
  - Sen. Jeff Taylor (R-Sioux)
  - Sen. Dan Zumbach (R-Delaware)
  - Rep. Jerome Amos (D-Black Hawk)
  - Rep. Austin Baeth (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Mike Bergan (R-Winneshiek)
  - Rep. Jacob Bossman (R-Woodbury)
  - Rep. Timi Brown-Powers (D-Black Hawk)
  - Rep. Sue Cahill (D-Marshall)
  - Rep. Jeff Cooling (D-Linn)
  - Rep. Zachary Dieken (R-Sioux)
  - Rep. Tracy Ehlert (D-Linn)
  - Rep. Ruth Ann Gaines (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Eric Gjerde (D-Linn)
  - Rep. Martin Graber (R-Lee)
  - Rep. Austin Harris (R-Appanoose)
  - Rep. Helena Hayes (R-Mahaska)
  - Rep. Chad Ingels (R-Fayette)
  - Rep. Dave Jacoby (D-Johnson)
  - Rep. Lindsay James (D-Dubuque)
  - Rep. Craig Johnson (R-Buchanan)
  - Rep. Megan Jones (R-Cherokee)
  - Rep. Bobby Kaufmann (R-Cedar)
  - Rep. Barb Kniff McCulla (R-Marion)
  - Rep. Jennnifer Konfrst (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Bob Kressig (D-Black Hawk)
  - Rep. Monica Kurth (D-Scott)
  - Rep. Shannon Latham (R-Franklin)
  - Rep. Mary Madison (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Ann Meyer (R-Webster)
  - Rep. Brian Meyer (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Thomas Moore (R-Cass)

- Rep. Amy Nielsen (D-Johnson)
  - Rep. Carter Nordman (R-Guthrie)
  - Rep. Rick Olson (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Sami Scheetz (D-Linn)
  - Rep. Jeff Shipley (R-Van Buren)
  - Rep. Megan Srinivas (D-Polk)
  - Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell (D-Story)
  - Rep. Skyler Wheeler (R-Sioux)
  - Rep. Ross Wilburn (D-Story)
  - Rep. Elizabeth Wilson (D-Linn)
  - Rep. John Wills (R-Dickinson)
  - Rep. Devon Wood (R-Taylor)
  - Rep. Adam Zabner (D-Johnson)
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- Three former legislators are running again - Garrett Gobble, Andy McKean, and Craig Williams. Hiawatha's first transgender city council member [Aime Wichtendahl](#) is running for retiring Rep. Art Staed's seat. There are several county supervisors stepping up to run along with the head of the University of Iowa's "School of the Wild" and a former Florida legislative candidate who calls himself "He-Man."

**REC Estimates:** Legislature will use December estimates since they are lower than March. Likely they'll underspend the 99% limit to squirrel away money for tax cuts.

- For current Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the REC predicts revenues will be about \$9.6265 billion, which is 2.2% lower than FY 2023. This is about \$120 million below December's REC estimate and \$218 million below FY 2023.
- For FY 2025 revenues (the budget the Legislature will soon begin to put together), the REC estimates revenues will be about **\$9.6978 billion**, which is 0.7% higher than the FY 2024 estimate.

- The REC also noted that the State has amassed roughly **\$5.46 billion in various savings accounts**. Those include \$224 million in the Economic Emergency Fund, \$671 million in the Cash Reserve Fund, \$1.83 billion in revenues from the current fiscal year which are unallocated, and \$2.74 billion in the Taxpayer Relief Fund.
  
- Legislators have also been **spending less than the 99% limit** for several years:
  - 2019 Session Budget (FY 2020): \$7.819 billion
  - 2020 Session Budget (FY 2021): \$7.823 billion
  - 2021 Session Budget (FY 2022): \$8.124 billion
  - 2022 Session Budget (FY 2023): \$8.209 billion
  - 2023 Session Budget (FY 2024): \$8.517 billion
  - 2024 Governor's Request (FY 2025): \$8.919 billion (91%)
  - Amount allowed to be budgeted in FY 2025: \$9.576 billion (99%)