**CALL TO ACTION**

**Standings Appropriations HF 729**

**May 3, 2023**

[HF 729](https://www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/search/document?fq=id:1373956&q=HF+729) and Amendment will likely be considered yet this afternoon. Contact your House and Senate Republicans and ask for support of the Rep. Devon Wood Amendment regarding AEA funding to HF 729 Standings Appropriations.

**Background:**

The Standings Bill typically cuts some programs that would otherwise be funded without legislative action. HF 729 Standings Appropriations is on the House Calendar. It cut the AEAs by an additional $5 million beyond the cut done last year. These funds help the AEAs provide special education services to all school districts and provide additional services to our school districts. Special needs students are among our neediest students. Focus on the needs of kids in your message.

**Contacts:**

Find your Senators and Representatives here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

Call and/or leave a message at the Statehouse: The House switchboard operator number is 515.281-3221. The Senate switchboard operator number is 515.281.3371. You can ask if they are available, leave a message for them to call you back, or just leave a short message such as “*Please support the Rep. Devon Wood Amendment to HF 729 Standings Appropriations restoring AEA funding.*”