

2026 Session Priority Action (As of 2/2/2026)

Property Tax Relief: The Governor, the Senate, and the House all have property tax proposals in play. The House has moved the Governor's study bill and its own proposal out of subcommittee, both of which are assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee. The Senate has not yet scheduled a subcommittee hearing on either its own bill or the Governor's bill. RSAI is registered undecided on all three proposals. There are concerns about all three bills, and there is not yet much information on how each proposal, in total, might impact taxpayers and local government revenues. Biggest concerns are:

Proposal	Comments / Major Concerns
Senate SSB 3001	The state takes on a larger share of the school aid formula, making it harder to afford adequate SSA. Unknown impact of the combination of levy limits, larger property tax credits, and phase-out of rollbacks. Concerned about management fund levy limits at arbitrary thresholds.
Governor HSB 563 and SSB 3034	Grateful for sparing education in the growth limits and other provisions. Very concerned about the acceleration of 30% of SAVE for property tax relief by 2030, with over 175 school districts obligated via bonds without protection. (Drops SAVE to schools by about \$170 million by 2030.)
House HSB 596	Spares schools for growth limits. Great policy on new taxpayer statements. Concerned about requiring a 60% super majority vote to authorize schools to bond against SAVE beginning July 1, 2026.

See a comparison of the three bills in this table prepared by ISFIS at: [ISFIS Property Tax Comparison Side-by-Side](https://www.isfis.org/property-tax-comparison). Express your concerns to the House Ways and Means Committee Members immediately and all legislators over the next week or two. Find the Committee members and their email addresses here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=91&groupID=683>

School Funding: The Governor recommended 2% SSA on Jan. 12, with the release of her FY 2027 State Budget Recommendation. The Senate introduced SSB 3100 on Mon., Feb. 2, with a subcommittee scheduled at 11:30 on Tues., Feb. 3. The bill includes the following:

- Sets 1.75% increase in the state cost per pupil for regular program district cost and for categoricals.
- Continues the property tax replacement payment.
- Includes the budget guarantee amount in combined district cost, rather than property taxes (would cost an estimated \$47 million).
- Includes a second enrollment count on Feb. 1, allowing districts to base their subsequent budget on the higher of the October or February Enrollment (would likely offset the on-time funding MSA request to SBRC in the Fall of the next year).

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Thanks to all of you for your energy and voice on behalf of the students in your schools!