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Iowa General Assembly Spending Data for 2008

In our continuing effort to make Iowa's fiscal issues more transparent to our citizens, we bring you our compilation of spending patterns by the Members of the Iowa State Legislature for the 2008 legislative session.

There are currently no cumulative records available to allow citizens to see how their Legislators have voted on spending bills which have come before the Iowa Legislature. This is the first effort to bring that data directly to the people of Iowa. The list is separated into two parts, one for the 50 Members of the State Senate and one for the 100 Members of the Iowa House of Representatives, because the two houses did not vote on all the same appropriations. The list begins with those Legislators who voted for bills which spent the highest amount of taxpayer funds and continues to those who voted for bills which spent the least amount of taxpayer funds.

The software to accomplish this task was adapted from software used by the National Taxpayers Union to evaluate the taxpayer's

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Total Spending by Members of Iowa Senate - 2008

LastName	FirstName	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Fraise	Gene	D	46	\$4,849,712,444
Rielly	Tom	D	38	\$4,849,712,444
Stewart	Roger	D	13	\$4,849,712,444
Wood	Frank	D	42	\$4,849,712,444
Schoenjahn	Brian	D	12	\$4,849,702,444
Gronstal	Michael E.	D	50	\$4,849,619,444
Kibbie	John P. "Jack"	D	4	\$4,849,619,444
Horn	Wally E.	D	17	\$4,849,605,544
Seng	Dr. Joe M.	D	43	\$4,849,605,544
Hancock	Tom	D	16	\$4,849,595,544
Dearden	Dick L.	D	34	\$4,849,407,703
Olive	Rich	D	5	\$4,848,601,444
Beall	Daryl	D	25	\$4,845,212,444
Bolkcom	Joe	D	39	\$4,845,212,444
Danielson	Jeff	D	10	\$4,845,212,444
Dvorsky	Robert E.	D	15	\$4,845,212,444
Hatch	Jack	D	33	\$4,845,212,444
Quirnbach	Herman C.	D	23	\$4,845,212,444
Ragan	Amanda	D	7	\$4,845,212,444
Schmitz	Becky	D	45	\$4,845,212,444
Dotzler, Jr.	William A.	D	11	\$4,845,105,544
Hogg	Rob	D	19	\$4,844,101,444
Heckroth	Bill	D	9	\$4,720,720,326
Warnstadt	Steve	D	1	\$4,716,924,426
Lundby	Mary	R	18	\$4,544,257,381
Connolly	Michael	D	14	\$4,539,757,381
Appel	Staci	D	37	\$4,398,592,433
McCoy	Matt	D	31	\$4,394,073,459
Black	Dennis H.	D	21	\$4,365,586,210
Putney	John	R	20	\$4,016,214,323

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Total Spending by Members of Iowa House - 2008

LastName	FirstName	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Bailey	McKinley	D	9	\$4,851,735,374
Bell	Paul	D	41	\$4,851,735,374
Cohoon	Dennis	D	88	\$4,851,735,374
Dandekar	Swati	D	36	\$4,851,735,374
Davitt	Mark	D	74	\$4,851,735,374
Gayman	Elesha	D	84	\$4,851,735,374
Kelley	Doris	D	20	\$4,851,735,374
McCarthy	Kevin	D	67	\$4,851,735,374
Murphy	Pat	D	28	\$4,851,735,374
Palmer	Eric	D	75	\$4,851,735,374
Reasoner	Mike	D	95	\$4,851,735,374
Reichert	Nathan	D	80	\$4,851,735,374
Shomshor	Paul	D	100	\$4,851,735,374
Thomas	Roger	D	24	\$4,851,735,374
Wise	Philip L.	D	92	\$4,851,735,374
Zirkelbach	Ray	D	31	\$4,851,667,444
Lykam	Jim	D	85	\$4,851,628,474
Schueller	Tom	D	25	\$4,851,628,474
Wenthe	Andrew	D	18	\$4,851,628,474
Swaim	Kurt	D	94	\$4,848,828,474
Mertz	Dolores	D	8	\$4,848,809,500
Berry	Deborah	D	22	\$4,847,235,374
Bukta	Polly	D	26	\$4,847,235,374
Frevert	Marcella	D	7	\$4,847,235,374
Gaskill	Mary	D	93	\$4,847,235,374
Kressig	Bob	D	19	\$4,847,235,374
Kuhn	Mark	D	14	\$4,847,235,374
Miller	Helen	D	49	\$4,847,235,374
Olson	Donovan	D	48	\$4,847,235,374
Taylor	Dick	D	33	\$4,847,235,374
Taylor	Todd	D	34	\$4,847,235,374
Wendt	Roger	D	2	\$4,847,235,374
Whitaker	John	D	90	\$4,847,235,374
Whitead	Wes	D	1	\$4,847,235,374
Ford	Wayne	D	65	\$4,843,964,374
Hunter	Bruce	D	62	\$4,843,964,374
Jacoby	David	D	30	\$4,843,964,374
Jochum	Pam	D	27	\$4,843,964,374
Lensing	Vicki	D	78	\$4,843,964,374
Mascher	Mary	D	77	\$4,843,964,374
Oldson	Jo	D	61	\$4,843,964,374
Petersen	Janet	D	64	\$4,843,964,374
Wessel-Kroeschell	Beth	D	45	\$4,843,964,374
Winckler	Cindy	D	86	\$4,843,964,374
Smith	Mark	D	43	\$4,843,896,444
Foege	Ro	D	29	\$4,843,857,474
Olson	Tyler	D	38	\$4,843,633,374
Quirk	Brian	D	15	\$4,791,585,254
Staed	Art	D	37	\$4,731,175,624
Olson	Rick	D	68	\$4,548,293,311

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LastName	FirstName	Party	District	Sum Of Total Cost
Huser	Geri	D	42	\$4,545,492,507
Abdul-Samad	Ako	D	66	\$4,399,763,019
Heddens	Lisa	D	46	\$4,315,026,216
Dolecheck	Cecil	R	96	\$345,449,620
Anderson	Rich	R	97	\$29,482,845
Gipp	Chuck	R	16	\$29,482,845
Hoffman	Clarence	R	55	\$29,482,845
Clute	Dan	R	59	\$29,422,845
Baudler	Clel	R	58	\$29,414,915
Miller	Linda	R	82	\$29,414,915
Van Fossen	Jamie	R	81	\$29,414,915
Lukan	Steven	R	32	\$29,375,945
Wiencek	Tami	R	21	\$29,375,945
Granzow	Polly	R	44	\$29,308,015
Heaton	Dave	R	91	\$29,308,015
Schickel	Bill	R	13	\$29,308,015
Tymeson	Jodi	R	73	\$29,308,015
Tomenga	Walt	R	69	\$29,011,845
Struyk	Doug	R	99	\$28,989,041
Worthan	Gary	R	52	\$28,977,015
May	Mike	R	6	\$24,914,915
Jacobs	Libby	R	60	\$22,786,845
Rayhons	Henry	R	11	\$17,414,915
Arnold	Rich	R	72	\$17,308,015
Boal	Carmine	R	70	\$17,308,015
Deyoe	Dave	R	10	\$17,308,015
Drake	Jack	R	57	\$17,308,015
Forrinstall	Greg	R	98	\$17,308,015
Grassley	Pat	R	17	\$17,308,015
Horbach	Lance	R	40	\$17,308,015
Huseman	Dan	R	53	\$17,308,015
Kaufmann	Jeff	R	79	\$17,308,015
Olson	Steven	R	83	\$17,308,015
Rasmussen	Dan	R	23	\$17,308,015
Sands	Tom	R	87	\$17,308,015
Upmeyer	Linda	R	12	\$17,308,015
Chambers	Royd	R	5	\$17,115,015
Greiner	Sandy	R	89	\$17,115,015
Rants	Christopher	R	54	\$17,075,945
Paulsen	Kraig	R	35	\$17,008,015
Pettengill	Dawn	R	39	\$16,684,715
Soderberg	Chuck	R	3	\$15,708,015
Windschitl	Matt	R	56	\$14,037,015
Tjepkes	Dave	R	50	\$12,808,015
Roberts	Rod	R	51	\$10,619,945
Watts	Ralph	R	47	\$10,612,015
De Boef	Betty	R	76	\$10,552,015
Alons	Dwayne	R	4	\$10,312,015
Van Engelenhoven	Jim	R	71	\$9,012,015
Raecker	J. Scott	R	63	\$5,619,015

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cost of the votes taken by Members of Congress. The methodology used for this list is detailed on page four of this newsletter. The information is also on line at www.iowatransparency.org.

We are also working to use similar software to bring you another set of revealing statistics about your state Legislators. The second study will show how much of your tax dollars would have been spent if all of the legislation sponsored by your state Legislators had been passed into law. It is part of our effort to help bring more transparency and accountability to the legislative spending process. This is our initial effort in what will be an ongoing process to “shine light” on the spending habits of your elected Legislators.

The total expenditures by the State for FY2009 are estimated by the State Auditor to be \$6,588,800,000 of which only \$4,851,735,374 can be “identified” through this methodology in House votes and only \$4,849,712,444 in Senate votes. The General Assembly reporting system is not designed to make it easy to capture the level of overall spending or spending by Member. It would be a service to all Iowans if the legislature was more forthcoming regarding their spending practices by Member, as well as detailing the amount of spending which has been shifted from the General Fund to other Trust Funds in State government to cover ongoing expenditures.

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Gaskill	E. Thurman	R	6	\$4,009,218,323
Mulder	Dave	R	2	\$3,790,506,449
Courtney	Thomas G.	D	44	\$3,075,709,866
Kreiman	Keith A.	D	47	\$2,779,122,733
Seymour	James A.	R	28	\$2,219,680,631
Boettger	Nancy J.	R	29	\$1,391,571,380
Hahn	James F.	R	40	\$966,297,972
Noble	Larry	R	35	\$878,835,678
Zaun	Brad	R	32	\$871,728,037
Johnson	David	R	3	\$482,171,738
Zieman	Mark	R	8	\$482,171,738
Houser	Hubert	R	49	\$461,684,738
Wieck	Ron	R	27	\$354,290,620
McKinley	Paul	R	36	\$353,975,879
Kettering	Steve	R	26	\$347,594,620
Behn	Jerry	R	24	\$347,575,646
Hartsuch	David	R	41	\$347,365,779
Angelo	Jeff	R	48	\$342,089,646
Ward	Pat	R	30	\$79,763,835
McKibben	Larry	R	22	\$17,281,041

Iowa Vote Tally Methodology

Iowa Vote Tally measures the amount of spending voted for by each Senator and Representative during the 2008 Second Session of the 82nd Iowa General Assembly, as reflected by his or her floor votes in the House and the Senate. Vote information is taken from the Senate and House journals. Only “yes” votes are counted for the amount of spending at stake. “No” votes and abstentions or absences are counted as zero.

Iowa Vote Tally covers votes taken on the final floor action on authorization or appropriation bills. Amounts are recorded from fiscal information contained in the Notes on Bills and Amendments and Fiscal Notes posted on the Iowa Legislature website.

Pass-through legislation dealing with non-State-generated funds is excluded. Spending bills are included for the General Fund as well as the other funds maintained by the State government.