



One of my responsibilities in the Iowa House of Representatives is to co-chair a budget sub-committee called Administration and Regulation. In overseeing this part of the state budget, I am tasked with appropriating approximately 60 million dollars from the general fund to the budgets of 14 departments, agencies, and state officers.

Examples of the department's we appropriate funding for are: the Departments of Revenue, Inspection and Appeals, Administrative Services, Management, Commerce, and Human Rights. Examples of the State officer budgets we fund are: the Governor's, Treasurer's, Auditor's, and Secretary of State's.

Additionally, several boards and commissions have their budgets reviewed for approval by our sub-committee. These boards and commissions include: banks, credit unions, and the state retirement fund known as IPER's.

The Department of Inspection and Appeals (DIA) is a very interesting budget to work with due to the variety of issues they deal with. Overall, the DIA consists of four major divisions: the Administration Division, the Administrative Hearings Division, the Health Facilities Division and the Investigations Division.

The Food and Consumer Safety Bureau, Social and Charitable Gambling Unit, and Targeted Small Business Certification Program are located in the Administration Division. The DIA also includes five administrative units: the Child Advocacy Board, the Employment Appeal Board, the Hospital Licensing Board, the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission and the State Public Defender.

There are 322 employees performing these important state jobs. The Department occupies the third and fourth floors of the Lucas Building, just east of the State Capitol.

Restaurants, grocery stores, and food processing plants in 54 Iowa counties are inspected by the Food and Consumer Safety Bureau. They also provide sanitary inspections in the hotels and motels in those counties.

All 19 casinos in Iowa are regulated by the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. They also enter into and implement agreements with the three Class I casinos in Iowa that are operated by Native American tribes. These are located in Onawa, Tama and Sloan.

An example of their work for consumers by incorporating new technology is a chance for you to see the recent inspection reports of the restaurants the Bureau inspects on your smart phone. Go to the Google or Apple store and download the app called 'IA Food Inspections'. You should be able to find the reports for your favorite restaurant.

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