

Iowa Innovation Council Bill Passes

In an effort to boost Iowa's high-tech industry and create jobs, the House and Senate have sent the Governor a bill that would establish an Iowa Innovation Council (ICC).

Under House File 2076, the council would include members of Iowa's targeted industries of advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and biosciences. The ICC will help develop innovation and entrepreneurship in science, manufacturing, and technology driven businesses. They will also help with mentoring and recruitment of management talent.

This nonpartisan and industry lead group would also be responsible for coordinating and executing state applications for federal funds related to science and technology. Another goal of the council will be to improve a technically ready workforce.