

2022 Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Summer Policy Conference

State Policy Statements

Bond Referendum Notification

Local government and school boards should be required to mail information directly to residents about the property tax impacts a minimum of 30 days before a bond referendum or reverse referendum.

Energy

Iowa should maintain a balanced electrical energy generation portfolio to ensure energy reliability and resiliency at an affordable cost.

Iowa electrical energy policy should not promote new wind and solar energy generation on viable and productive agricultural ground. Existing structures and nonproductive ground should be utilized to expand our energy production.

Energy Infrastructure (Pipelines & Transmission Lines)

Farmers should be compensated for crop yield reductions within a pipeline easement regardless of how long ago the pipeline was installed. Supplemental compensation should also be available for actual crop yield reduction losses in excess of the amount paid under a settlement.

Farmers should be authorized to file a complaint with the Iowa Utilities Board when a pipeline company or its contractor fails to follow the ag land restoration standards.

When multiple properties are involved, a threshold for voluntary easements from landowners representing a minimum of 90% of the easement area should be obtained by a nongovernmental entity before the entity is granted eminent domain authority. In addition, the percentage of voluntary easements should be publicly reported.

Raccoon

Hunting or trapping of raccoons for nuisance control should be allowed year-round without restrictions from the Iowa DNR.

Veterinary Scope of Practice

Licensed veterinary technicians should be authorized to perform expanded practices for livestock medical care, consistent with their training, and under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian.