



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2256	House Committee:	PASSED 1/29/26 (12-5)
Committee:	Health & Human Services	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Ann Meyer	Senate Floor:	
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Staff:	Natalie Ginty (281-7479)		

CINA Child Abuse

- This bill broadens the ability for the court to determine a child to be a CINA if the parent is unable to secure treatment and their efforts have been exhausted and unsuccessful.
- **Fiscal Note:** The total annual cost is estimated to be \$10.5 million state general fund based on increased QRTP utilization. HHS is assuming that 20% of CINA cases that are currently rejected will be accepted with an increase of 89 CINA placement at QRTPs. DHHS is assuming negligible federal Title IV-E support.
 - Oddly, in 2024 the House passed House File 2671 that contained this exact language in this bill. Just two years ago this exact language had a \$0 fiscal note.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 232.96A)

Broadens the ability for the court to determine a child to be a child in need of assistance if the parent is unable to provide treatment for their mental health disorder that compromises the child's safety or other's in the household and the parent's efforts to secure treatment have been exhausted and unsuccessful.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 232.96A)

Conforming code change