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## NY ethanol rule sparks Iowa lawsuit

Out-of-state plants could face fuel sales reporting

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Iowa and Missouri are suing to block an edict by New York requiring their and other ethanol and biodiesel producers to report how much of the renewable fuel might be sold in the state.

The Iowa and Missouri attorneys general call the reporting requirements, part of New York's efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change, an "unconstitutional attempt to regulate businesses, consumers and individuals beyond its borders."

"New York bureaucrats cannot tell Iowa farmers and ethanol and biofuel producers how to do their job or what regulations they need to follow. It's as simple as that," Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird said in a statement Thursday, May 14.

Iowa is the nation's largest producer of ethanol and biodiesel. Plants in the state use about half of Iowa's annual corn crop to make ethanol and oil from about 24% of the state's yearly soybean harvest to make biodiesel.

"By forcing a radical green agenda through unrealistic reporting requirements on any biofuel that may unknowingly end up in New York, these unelected bureaucrats are putting excessive financial requirements on producers. That means higher costs of fuel for Iowans and all Americans," Bird said.

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## Reynolds signs law requiring parental consent for HPV vaccination

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Iowa children are barred from getting the vaccine for human papillomavirus, HPV, without a parent's permission, under a law Gov. Kim Reynolds has signed.

Senate File 304 alters part of Iowa law that granted juveniles the legal right to consent to medical services to prevent, diagnose or treat a sexually transmitted disease or infection, rescinding the right to consent to "a vaccination for a sexually transmitted disease or infection."

The law goes into effect July 1.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the HPV vaccine can prevent more than 90% of cancers, such as cervical cancer, linked to the virus. HPV causes nine out of 10 cases of cervical cancer, the CDC says.

It also been linked to a lower risk of developing head and neck cancers, particularly among men and boys.

The new law also affects the vaccine for Hepatitis B, a liver disease caused by the virus of the same name.

Republican supporters tout the law as protecting parents' rights, while Democrats lambast it as a change that would further spike Iowa's sky-high cancer rates.

It passed the House in a 63-29 vote, with Rep. Matthew Rinker, R-Burlington, breaking from his party to oppose it. The Iowa Senate passed it in a 33-14 party-line vote in 2025 and kept it alive for consideration this year.

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Ames' Sophia Hatcher crosses the hurdle during the 4A girls 100-meter hurdle relay during the Iowa state high school co-ed track and field meet at Drake Stadium on May 23 in Des Moines.

## A leap for glory

The 2026 co-ed Iowa high school state track and field state championships were held May 27-30 at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. Ames High's Sophia Hatcher enjoyed a big weekend, setting the school record in the long jump and placing second.

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Gilbert's Logan Bleich celebrates after placing third in the 3A boys 1600-meter run during the Iowa state high school co-ed track and field meet at Drake Stadium on May 23. PHOTOS BY NIRMALENDU MAJUMDAR/AMES TRIBUNE

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