



## Lavender Wire

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### Iowa to be Discrimination-Free

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver signed a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, public accommodations, housing, education, and credit practices.

**The partnership between statewide GLBT rights group Equality Iowa and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force helped pass this measure, making Iowa one of four states to pass nondiscrimination bills this year.** Three states (Colorado, Iowa, Oregon) passed sexual orientation and gender identity/expression protections and Vermont passed a gender identity/expression nondiscrimination bill. The Colorado bill is awaiting signature from its governor, who has pledged to sign it.