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(DES MOINES) – Gov. Terry Branstad today commended negotiators from his administration and the State Police Officers Council (SPOC) on their contract agreement, which was ratified this afternoon.

The agreement includes the following:

- Employees pay 20 percent of their health insurance premium
- Implementation of a wellness program through which employees can decrease their employee contribution toward their health insurance premium
- A one percent bonus in July and January in both FY 2014 and FY 2015 in lieu of increases in base pay
- Implementation of merit-based step pay increases in each FY 2014 and FY 2015

“This was a good faith negotiation that was professionally handled by both sides,” said Branstad. “In the end, this agreement is a good result. The officers and staff have agreed to a contract that is equitable, will improve the health of their employees, and is a fair bargain for the taxpayers of Iowa.”

The total cost of the contract to all funds is estimated at \$5.9 million, with \$4 million of that amount coming from the state’s general fund.

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