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Iowa Rural Power is a grassroots campaign run by member-consumers of Iowa's electric cooperatives. The **2020 Congressional Voter Guide** is intended to provide information for Co-op Voters on congressional candidates' plans for rural Iowa and the future of energy in the United States. The information in this Voter Guide is based on candidate questionnaires that were made available to all candidates and information from each candidate's website.





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## ABBY FINKENAUER

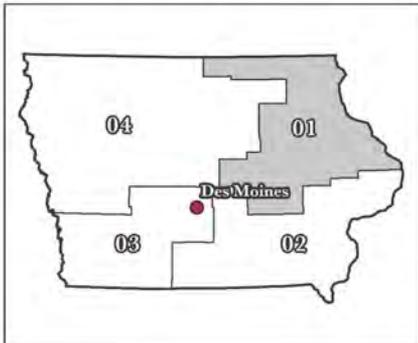
**U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN**

In November 2018, Congresswoman Finkenaue was elected to the United States House of Representatives.

In Congress, she serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee where she is vice chair of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee, and also serves on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee. She also sits on the Small Business Committee, where she chairs the Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship Subcommittee. She is also the Assistant Whip for the House Majority.

Congresswoman Finkenaue was raised in Sherrill, a small town in rural Dubuque County. After graduating from Drake University in Des Moines, she was elected to the Iowa State House of Representatives at the age of 25.

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## ***How will your energy plans provide affordable and reliable power to rural Iowa?***

Iowa has offered affordable energy to help move our economy forward while recently leading the way in the development of homegrown and renewable energy and we should be proud of that. Iowa's REC's have been at the forefront of ensuring rural areas have the power they need and I will continue working with them when considering legislation to make sure Iowa's needs are met. Iowa's REC's play an important role in providing power and internet service and we must work together to ensure they can continue meeting those needs.

***Iowa's electric co-ops are successful proponents of renewable energy resources. However, obstacles still remain for shifting to a 100% renewable portfolio. How will your energy plan compensate for electricity needs on days when the sun isn't shining, wind isn't blowing, and cold temperatures limit energy storage?***

As we look to increase our share of renewable energy and move toward more clean-burning sources of energy, we have to be cognizant of existing generation sources and ensure any transition protects consumers and we preserve and continue good-paying jobs for Iowans. When discussing development of new renewable energy projects, Iowa's REC's, farmers, businesses, and consumers must have a seat at the table and we must be recognized for the progress we've made. We should be investing in our infrastructure and R&D around new technologies to move our country forward.

***Click here to view Abby Finkenauer's complete Candidate Questionnaire.***



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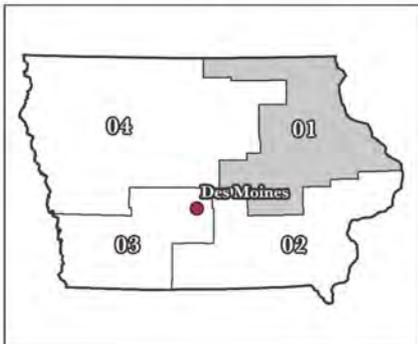
# ASHLEY HINSON

STATE REPRESENTATIVE



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Representative Hinson is a current Iowa House representative, a former award-winning journalist and a proud mom.

An Iowa native, Representative Hinson is the first woman to represent Iowa's 67th district, which covers Hiawatha, Robins, Cedar Rapids and Marion, where she currently resides.

Prior to serving in the Iowa House, Representative Hinson was a reporter for KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, where she earned recognition as a two-time Midwest regional Emmy award, an RTDNA Health Reporting Fellow and a Waypoint Tribute to Women Honoree.

***Representative Hinson has not yet completed the Iowa Rural Power Candidate Questionnaire. To learn more about her policy stances, visit [ashleyhinson.com](http://ashleyhinson.com).***



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