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Week in Review

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The second week of the 88th General Assembly was full of activity centered around subcommittee and committee work. Hundreds of bills have now been filed and are making their way through the legislative process. Legislators were busy with committee work and visiting with constituents that descended upon the Capitol. Additionally, several budget subcommittees met this week and heard from various speakers to educate the committee members on various topics related to the funds received from each individual budget. This is a process that will continue throughout the session.

The non-partisan Legislative Services Agency published revenue numbers for December 2019. The state took in \$44.1M more than December 2018, which represents a 6.6% increase from the last year. Notably this puts revenue 2.1% higher than the projects set by the Revenue Estimating Conferences December projection. While the growth isn't exceptional, revenue continues to beat projections, which is a good thing and indicates Iowa has a healthy, growing economy.

Bills on the Move

Several bills moved out of subcommittee and a handful were voted out of full House or Senate committees this week. Bills of interest that moved were:

- *Driving Farm Equipment.* [SSB 3001](#) This bill passed the full Transportation committee in the Senate and changes the definition of where a person without a driving license who is driving a tractor or implement of husbandry from a farm building to a farm operation. Current law only allows driving to an adjacent or nearby farm operation; this bill strikes the language limiting the driving to an adjacent or nearby farm operations.
- *Vaping.* [SSB 3052](#) moved through a Senate subcommittee and would include vaping products under Iowa's Smoke Free Air Act, which would prohibit vapers from vaping in public places. The bill now goes to the full Senate Human Resources committee.
- *Tobacco Age Limit.* [SSB 3016](#) is a bill that moves the smoking age from 18 to 21 in Iowa law. The bill moved through a State Government subcommittee this week, which was chaired by Senator Cournoyer (R – LeClaire). Cournoyer had teenager constituents phone into the meeting to express their reasons for supporting the bill. The bill now moves to the full committee.
- *Insulin Prices.* [HSB 501](#) was voted out of the House Human Resources committee unanimously. The bill caps the amount an insured will pay for insulin drugs that are a part of their insurance plan formularies.



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Governor Launches Iowa Governor’s School Safety Bureau

The Governor announced the formation of the Iowa Governor’s School Safety Bureau this week. The bureau’s purpose is to focus on school safety, being proactive rather than reactive to school safety concerns. The bureau includes the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Education. Three specific areas will be the focus of preparedness: training, reporting and investigation.

For training purposes, the Bureau will include a full-time core set of instructors dedicated to providing school safety training throughout the state upon request for students, faculty and staff members, and first responders. For reporting purposes, an anonymous statewide tool that will allow individuals to report concerning behaviors without fear of retaliation. For investigation, a dedicated team of special agents will assist in cyber investigations to monitor social media, messaging apps and gaming platforms to flag concerning behaviors/threats.

In the News

Below are articles of interest from the week. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

1. [Four Cities Break Records in 2019 as metro construction Eclipses \\$2B](#)
2. [Senator Grassley Says More Good Ag News For Iowa](#)
3. [Majority Leader Windshittl, Ready to Listen, Praised for Fairness](#)
4. [Speaker Grassley will Post Record-Breaking Fundraising Haul](#)
5. [Grassley Signs USMC, Sending it to Trump’s Desk](#)
6. [Iowa Law Proposal to Protect People with Pre-Existing Conditions if ACA is Overturned](#)

Iowa Caucus Update

With the first-in-the-nation Iowa Caucus less than two weeks away. Here’s some quick facts about the Iowa caucuses that may be of interest.

- The latest Focus on Rural America poll of Iowa finds Vice President Joe Biden at 24 percent, Sen. Elizabeth Warren at 18 percent, Pete Buttigieg at 16 percent, Sen. Bernie Sanders at 14 percent, and Klobuchar at 11 percent. Sanders (+5), Buttigieg (+4), and Klobuchar (+3) have gained ground since September, when the previous survey was released.
- RealClearPolitics’ average of Iowa Caucus polling shows Biden (21 percent) slightly ahead of Sanders (17.3), Warren (16.7), and Buttigieg (16.3).
- Since the establishment of the first-in-the-nation caucuses in 1972, the winner of the caucuses has gone on to capture the Democratic nomination 67 percent of the time (8-of-12), with two of these outliers won by “uncommitted” and another being native son Tom Harkin’s rout in 1992. The only Democrats to finish behind a fellow candidate in Iowa and go on to win the nomination are George McGovern (3rd behind “uncommitted” and Ed Muskie in 1972), Michael Dukakis (3rd behind Dick Gephardt and Paul Simon in 1988), and Bill Clinton (4th behind Harkin, “uncommitted,” and Paul Tsongas in 1992).

Year	Iowa Caucuses winner	Eventual nominee
2016	Hillary Clinton (49.8%)	Hillary Clinton
2012	Barack Obama (98%)	Barack Obama



2008	Barack Obama (38%)	Barack Obama
2004	John Kerry (38%)	John Kerry
2000	Al Gore (63%)	Al Gore
1996	Bill Clinton (98%)	Bill Clinton
1992	Tom Harkin (76%)	Bill Clinton
1988	Dick Gephardt (31%)	Michael Dukakis
1984	Walter Mondale (49%)	Walter Mondale
1980	Jimmy Carter (59%)	Jimmy Carter
1976	Uncommitted (37%)	Jimmy Carter
1972	Uncommitted (36%)	George McGovern

- New Hampshire is just as much of a tossup as Iowa is, with the latest Suffolk/Boston Globe poll finding Sanders (16 percent), Vice President Joe Biden (15), Pete Buttigieg (12) and Warren (10) in a dead heat. Nearly half of the respondents say they could change their mind prior to the primary. The old saying is “three tickets out of Iowa,” but with New Hampshire a tossup, Mike Bloomberg and Tom Steyer flush with cash and focused on some of the later contests, and the strong possibility that more than one candidate will be able to declare victor on caucus night, [Iowa may not be the graveyard that it usually is.](#)

Next Week Capitol Schedule

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 3, January 27 - 31, 2020
Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, January 27	Tuesday, January 28	Wednesday, January 29	Thursday, January 30	Friday, January 31
	8:30 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	8:30 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	8:30 SESSION 10:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 11:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Environmental Protection RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	8:30 SESSION
1:00 SESSION 2:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 3:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 4:00 Education	1:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 2:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 3:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19	1:00 Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 2:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 3:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 4:00 Natural Resources RM 19	1:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult	1:00 Budget Sub-committee Meeting Locations: Admin/Reg - Rm. 19 Ag & Nat Res - Rm. 305 Econ Dev - Rm. 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber Education - Rm. 22 Human Services - Rm. 116 Justice Systems - Rm. 24 Trans/Inf/Caps - Rm. 102, Sup. Ct. Consult
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Subject to Change

Monday, January 27	Tuesday, January 28	Wednesday, January 29	Thursday, January 30	Friday, January 31
	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Commerce RM 22 11:00 State Government RM 22 Local Government RM 24	
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1:00 SESSION 2:00 Judiciary RM 22 3:00 Human Resources RM 22 Transportation RM 24	1:00 State Government RM 22 Local Government RM 24 2:00 Education RM 22 Labor and Business Relations RM 24 3:00 Natural Resources and Environment RM 22 Veterans Affairs RM 24 4:00 Commerce RM 22	1:00 Agriculture RM 22 2:00 Human Resources RM 22 Transportation RM 24 3:00 Judiciary RM 22		Room Assignments: Admin/Reg - Room 19 Ag & NR - Rm 305 Econ. Dev. - Rm 103, (Supreme Ct. Chamber) Education - Rm 22 Hum. Services - Rm 116 Justice - Rm 24 Trans/Inf/Caps - Rm 102, (Supreme Ct. Consult Rm.) ON CALL - Rules- Appropriations Ways & Means

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Key Dates for 2020 Session

The new Iowa Legislative Session Timetable has been published. Here is the [link](#) and included below is important dates as we approach the 2020 Iowa legislative session.

January 13	First Day of Legislative Session
January 14	Governor's Budget Released Governor gives her Condition of the State Address to Joint Session
January 24	Final day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
February 21	First Funnel. All Senate and House bills must be out of one full committee
March 20	Second Legislative Funnel. Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive"
April 6	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
April 21	100 th Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.



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