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Week in Review

As expected, subcommittee and committee work became more intense this week as the approaching funnel deadline nears (March 8th—just two weeks away). Additionally, last Friday was a milestone due to chamber rules that sunsets individual lawmakers ability to request bills—for any new bill to be introduced, it must be introduced by a committee chair.

The Governor signed the two education funding bills the House and Senate passed last week—HF 306 and HF 307—the bills that increase the SSA by 2.06% as well as provide for transportation equity.

Two policy bills came from the Governor this week as part of her priority package—over the counter contraception and children’s mental health; both priorities were center stage during the fall campaign.

Bills on the Move*House Bills*

- The House approved [HF 291](#) (**COMMUNITY SPOUSE ALLOWANCE**), a bill that increases the floor of the community spousal allowance for Medicaid, bringing the floor up to the Federal amount. The House passed the bill 98-0 and it now goes to the Senate.
- The House approved [HF 323](#) (**DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE**), a bill that strikes from the definition of dependent adult abuse that the person committing the abuse doesn’t have to be doing it for *their own* financial gain. The bill passed the bill 98-0 and now goes to the Senate.
- The House Transportation committee passed [HSB 38](#) (**ELECTRIC SCOOTERS**), a bill that regulates the operation of electric stand-up scooters (less than 100 pounds, maximum speed of 20 mph and other conditions) and adopts rules to allow the use of such scooters on bikeways, sidewalks and roads. The bill passed 17-4.
- The House subcommittee meeting on [HF 277](#) **REGENERATIVE MEDICINE CREDIT** voted to move the bill forward. The bill creates a new tax credit for regenerative medical facilities and is expected to cost about \$1.5 million a year. The Legislature has considered the idea over the past several sessions and moved the bill out of committee but has not yet approved it.

Senate Bills

- The Senate Judiciary Committee passed [SSB 1004](#) (**TRAFFIC CAMERA BAN**), a bill that bans local governments from using automated traffic devices/red light cameras after July 2019. The bill passed 9-5 and is now eligible for floor debate.
- The Senate Judiciary Committee passed [SSB 1074](#) (**JAIL MEDICAL COSTS**), with a plan for an amendment that requires a workgroup between counties, sheriffs and hospitals to examine the issue of who should be paying for medical costs acquired while in custody. The original bill would have established a hierarchy of responsibility, billing procedures, etc. The bill passed 9-5.
- The Senate approved [SF 220](#) **SECTION 179 EXPENSING** on a 48-0 vote. The bill retroactively expands section 179 expensing to include corporations. According to the LSA fiscal note, the bill is expected to reduce GF revenues by \$620,000 in FY 2019 and \$430,000 in FY 2020.
- Senate subcommittees approved several public assistance oversight bills. One bill, [SSB 1109](#) (**SNAP ELIGIBILITY**) requires a person to cooperate with the Child Support Recovery Unit; while the other bill [SSB 1131](#) (**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT**) requires the DHS to have eligibility verification procedures for public assistance programs and to monitor eligibility on at least a quarterly basis. Requires the DHS to review discrepancies. Requires reports on eligibility verification. Includes reporting requirements on the impact of the

verification standards. Requires the DHS to seek federal waivers. Requires the DHS to report fraud to the AG. The bill passed 7-4.

- The Senate State Government committee approved [SSB 1118 \(CANNED COCKTAILS\)](#), a bill that defines canned cocktail (between than 6.25% and 15% alcohol), mixed drinks and cocktails. The bill excludes canned cocktails from the definition of alcoholic liquors. The bill passed 14-1.
- The Senate subcommittee working on [SF 256 \(MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL MATTERS\)](#) agreed to move the bill to the full committee. The bill expands the diseased covered under medical cannabis provisions. Senator Zaun, who sponsored the bill and is chairing the subcommittee, said that the bill is a start to fixing some of the problems with Iowa’s medical cannabis system.

House Releases Budget Targets

The House released its FY 2020 budget targets on Tuesday. Representative Grassley said that the House wanted to release its numbers ahead of the March REC estimate. He said that the House has some flexibility in its numbers should the March REC estimate require changes. Grassley said that the House will continue to work with the Governor and the Senate on the budget targets, and on a supplemental spending bill in FY 2019. Grassley said that the House spends slightly more than the Governor (\$7.668 billion, or 97.45% of on-going revenue, versus \$7.656 billion, or 97.33% of on-going revenue. Governor Reynolds’ budget leaves an ending balance of \$305.9 million. The House leaves an ending balance of \$298.6 million.

| HOUSE TARGETS | FY 2019 Adjusted | FY 2020 House | Diff from FY 201 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Administration & Regulation | \$48,466,893 | \$52,420,985 | \$3,954,092 |
| Ag & Natural Resources | \$39,357,522 | \$41,107,522 | \$1,750,000 |
| Economic Development | \$40,216,345 | \$41,028,345 | \$812,000 |
| Education | \$912,675,487 | \$961,044,271 | \$48,368,784 |
| Health & Human Services | \$1,962,894,820 | \$1,941,888,698 | -\$21,006,122 |
| Justice Systems | \$751,532,636 | \$770,370,901 | \$18,838,265 |
| State Aid to Schools & other standing appropriations | \$3,864,188,258 | \$3,860,115,038 | -\$4,073,220 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$7,619,331,961 | \$7,667,975,760 | \$48,643,799 |

Above: FY20 House Targets *Below:* Governor’s Budget Recommendations

| DESCRIPTION | FY 2018 Actual | FY 2019 Budget Estimate | FY 2020 Department Request | FY 2020 Governor's Recommended |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Administration and Regulation | 627,043,577 | 718,267,649 | 611,491,508 | 641,572,400 |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources | 34,532,522 | 35,257,522 | 42,582,522 | 42,582,522 |
| Economic Development | 38,116,345 | 40,216,345 | 40,316,345 | 42,378,345 |
| Education | 4,087,781,309 | 4,132,539,929 | 4,158,207,801 | 4,275,354,227 |
| Human Services | 1,761,239,648 | 1,821,769,375 | 1,904,593,975 | 1,920,338,698 |
| Justice System | 499,941,008 | 510,555,256 | 512,104,001 | 513,166,243 |
| Judicial Branch | 177,174,797 | 180,674,797 | 187,946,424 | 186,088,057 |
| Legislative Branch | 35,248,979 | 35,582,682 | 37,000,000 | 37,000,000 |
| Total General Fund Appropriation | 7,261,078,185 | 7,474,863,555 | 7,494,242,576 | 7,658,480,492 |

The budget subcommittee appropriations bills will likely not be out before March. Governor Reynolds has already introduced several of her budget bills, but legislators typically do not take the budget bills introduced by the Governor. The Senate has not released its targets yet but is expected to propose numbers that are close to the House and the Governor. The REC will meet again in March; if the March estimates decline, the amount of money available for FY 2020 can be reduced.

Senate targets will be introduced next week. It is expected that Senate targets will not be the same as the House targets and significant negotiations will have to occur between the chambers to reach joint budget targets.

Chris McDonald Names as Iowa Supreme Court Justice

Governor Reynolds selected Christopher McDonald from the list of nominees to serve as the newest Iowa Supreme Court Justice. McDonald replaces Daryl Hecht. Governor Reynolds said, “Judge McDonald has a wealth of life experience which has prepared him exceptionally well to serve our state in this new role. He is a brilliant and thoughtful jurist who will bring a diverse and fair perspective to the bench. That’s vital as Iowans deserve a judge who believes in applying the law, not making it.” McDonald, of Des Moines, received his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law and his undergraduate degree from Grand View University. He has been serving on the Iowa Court of Appeals since September 2013, and previously served as a district judge in the Fifth Judicial District.

In the Legislature Next Week

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 7, February 25-March 1, 2019

Subject to Change

| Monday, February 25 | Tuesday, February 26 | Wednesday, February 27 | Thursday, February 28 | Friday, March 1 |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| | 9:00 SESSION | 9:00 SESSION | 9:00 SESSION | |
| | 10:00 Budget Subs | 10:00 Commerce EM 22 | 10:00 Budget Subs | |
| | Noon | Noon | Noon | Noon |
| 1:00 SESSION | 1:00 Commerce EM 22 | 1:00 Agriculture EM 22 | 1:00 State Govt. EM 22 Local Govt. EM 24 | Room Assignments: Admin Reg - Room 19 Ag & NR - Room 305 Econ. Dev. - Room 101, (Supreme Ct. Chamber) Education - Room 22 Hum. Services - Room 116 Justice - Room 14 Trans/Inf. Caps - Room 101, (Supreme Ct. Consult Rm.) ON CALL - Rules- Appropriations-Ways & Means |
| 2:00 Education EM 22 Labor/Bus. EM 24 | 2:00 Nat. Resources EM 22 Veterans Affairs EM 24 | 2:00 Judiciary EM 22 | 2:00 Appropriations EM 22 | |
| 3:00 Judiciary EM 22 | 3:00 State Govt. EM 22 Local Govt. EM 24 | 3:00 Hum. Res. EM 22 Transportation EM 24 | 3:00 Judiciary EM 22 | |
| 4:00 Ways and Means EM 22 | 4:00 Hum. Res. EM 22 Transportation EM 24 | 4:00 Education EM 22 Labor/Bus. EM 24 | | |

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 7, February 25 - 1, 2019
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| Monday, February 25 | Tuesday, February 26 | Wednesday, February 27 | Thursday, February 28 | Friday, March 1 |
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| | 8:30 SESSION | 8:30 SESSION | 8:30 SESSION | |
| | 10:00 Budget Subs | 11:00 Government Oversight RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult | 10:00 Budget Subs | |
| | Noon | Noon | Noon | Noon |
| 1:00 SESSION | 1:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 1:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 1:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Environmental Protection RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | On Administration and Rules Call (PAM) Budget Sub-Committee Meeting Location: Admin/Reg - Room 19 Ag & Nat Res - Room 305 Econ. Dev. - Room 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber Education - Room 22 Human Services - Room 116 Justice System - Room 24 Trans/Infra Caps - Room 102, Sup. Ct. Consult |
| 2:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 2:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 2:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 2:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | |
| 3:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 3:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 3:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | 3:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | |
| 4:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber | | | | |

Key Dates

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| January 14 | First Day of Legislative Session |
| February 15 | Last Day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests |
| March 8 | First Legislative Funnel (Originating chamber bills must be voted out of a full committee to remain “alive”) |
| April 5 | Second Legislative Funnel (Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain “alive”) |
| April 15 | Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate |
| May 3 | 110 th Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end |

In the News

1. [State Senator Jeff Danielson Resigns; Special Election Date Set](#)
2. [House Republicans Propose \\$7.7B Budget](#)
3. [Casino Industry Calls Sports Betting Bill “Ideal Solution”](#)
4. [Iowa Governor Dismisses Criticism on Special Election Timing](#)
5. [Bill Gives Parents, Not Courts, Say on Life Support](#)
6. [IA Poll: Governor Hits Personal High in Job Approval Rating](#)
7. [Mayor: Cedar Rapids Residents Want Speed Cameras](#)
8. [Casinos Big Winner in Sports Betting Bills](#)
9. [E-Verify Mandate Advances in Iowa Senate](#)



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