

Client Newsletter

Friday, March 4, 2022

Week in Review

This week saw a lot of floor debate in both chambers. Many bills were voted on and moved to the other chamber for consideration or to the Governor's desk for signature. Floor debate will continue as the session progresses, and committee meetings will pick back up as the chambers consider the bills approved by the other chamber. The second funnel, March 18, is quickly approaching and members will continue working hard to make sure bills advance in order to survive the legislatively imposed deadline.

On Tuesday, Governor Reynolds signed the tax reform bill ([HF 2317](#)). The bill, which passed both chambers last week, lowers the individual income tax rate for all Iowans to a flat 3.9% rate by 2026, eliminates the income tax on all retirement income starting in 2023, and overhauls Iowa's corporate tax system. Also on Tuesday, Governor Reynolds delivered the Republican response to President Biden's State of the Union Address. Her speech lent contrast to federal policies by the Biden Administration on COVID-19, foreign policy and education. She also touted the tax reform legislation that she signed earlier that day.

Bills on the Move

[HF 2298](#) - No COVID Immunizations

- Prohibits requiring a COVID immunization in order to enroll in childcare center, school or college or university prior to July 2029.
- The House PASSED the bill 57-36; it now GOES to the Senate.

[SF 2349](#) - Governors Education Program

- An act relating to education, including establishing a student first scholarship program and a student first enrollment supplement fund, requiring the board of directors of school districts to publish certain specified information, modifying provisions related to required social studies instruction, open enrollment, teacher librarian endorsements, competent private instruction, and special education, making appropriations, providing penalties, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions.
- PASSED 13-8
- Floor Manager: Rozenboom in committee; Senator Sinclair will handle the bill on the floor.

[HF 2540](#) (Formerly [HSB 689](#)) - **Travel Insurance**

- Allows the Insurance Commissioner to license a travel insurance producer. Allows the producer to use travel insurance retailers. Includes various requirements for the sale of travel insurance. Makes definitions. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules.
- Floor Manager: Graber

[HF 2408](#) - **Food Deliveries**

- Requires a food delivery service to have an agreement with a restaurant before making deliveries. Prohibits the service from using the image, or other material, from a restaurant, without permission and requires a delivery service to make a disclaimer that it is independent. Requires delivery services meet various standards for carrying food safely, including from carrying passengers or smoking or vaping while making deliveries.
 - Amendment: [H 8102](#) by Nordman - Strike & Replace: Includes provisions banning food delivery services from using the likeness/other materials from a restaurant without permission. Prohibits additional charges by the food delivery service to the consumer, unless noted separately or additional charges to the restaurant unless agreed to. Requires the FDS to remove a restaurant from its website at the restaurant request. Establishes civil penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for third offenses. Includes provisions on food safety.
 - Amendment: [H 8120](#) to [H 8102](#) by Nordman - Voids agreements between an FDS and restaurants that are contrary to these provisions. Makes correction. ADOPTED
 - Amendment: [H 8102](#) by Nordman as amended - ADOPTED
- The House PASSED the bill as amended 97-2

- It now GOES to the Senate

[HF 2497](#) - **Gaming Matters**

- **Cashless:** Allows a person to access a cash account through an electronic device while on a casino gaming floor. **Exclusion:** Releases the state and licensed casinos from liability for claims related to gambling by a voluntarily excluded person. Makes it a simple misdemeanor for a voluntarily-excluded person to refuse to forfeit any money or winnings. **Collections:** Allows a casino to retain 5%, up to \$100, of winnings which are withheld for collection. Releases the state and licensed casinos from liability for claims related to collections/setoffs. **Other:** Defines electronic sports. Includes pro-am events as professional sporting events. Prohibits betting on the performance of minors (under 18) in electronic sports events.
- The House PASSED the bill 71-28
- It now GOES to the Senate

[HF 2548](#) (formerly [HF 2286](#)) - **Sports Wagering Fund:**

- Replaces the Sports Wagering fund with the County Endowment fund for the receipts from internet fantasy sports and sports wagering.
- PASSED the Ways and Means Committee 24-1. The bill now moves to the House floor.

Upcoming 2022 State Elections

34 State Senate seats will be up for election in Iowa this year. During most general elections, 25 of the 50 seats are on the ballot. However, due to redistricting, nine more seats will be decided in 2022. All 25 odd-numbered senate districts will be on the ballot, as well as 9 even-numbered districts. State senators who did not plan to serve in their current district beyond 2022 were required to submit a notice of resignation to the Iowa Secretary of State by January 16. Below is a list of 4 even-numbered districts that were impacted by redistricting (two state senators drawn into the same district, forcing retirements), thus are on the ballot in 2022:

- State Senator Craig Williams, R-Carroll, who was placed in the new Iowa Senate District 6 with State Senator Jason Schultz, R-Schleswig; Williams will retire from the legislature and Schultz will run for this district.
- State Senator Craig Johnson, R-Independence, who was placed in the new Iowa Senate District 34 with State Senator Dan Zumbach, R-Ryan; Johnson will run for a house seat and retire from the Senate.
- State Senator Ken Rozenboom, R-Oskaloosa, who was placed in the new Iowa Senate District 44 with State Senator Adrian Dickey, R-Packwood; Rozenboom has announced his plans to move to a different senate district, while Dickey will run for Senate District 44.

- State Senator Tim Goodwin, R-Burlington, who was placed in the new Iowa Senate District 50 with State Senator Jeff Reichman, R-Montrose. Goodwin will retire from the legislature to pursue other opportunities.

Additionally, there were five even-numbered districts that are “open seats” and therefore will be on the 2022 election ballot. Along with 34 State Senate seats, all 100 Iowa House seats are up for re-election this year. At present, we expect at least 24 members to leave the House; this list is likely to grow as other members announce their retirement. The candidate filing period for Iowa’s federal and state candidates begins Monday, February 28.

Upcoming Legislative Forums

Friday, March 4

- [Legislative Forum-Lake Mills](#)
- [Legislative Update-Ames](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Thompson](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Buffalo Center](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Forest City](#)
- [Town Meeting-Chariton](#)
- [Policy on the Rocks-Cedar Rapids](#)

Saturday, March 5

- [Legislative Coffee-Guthrie Center](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Emmetsburg](#)
- [Legislative Coffee-Grinnell](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Muscatine County](#)
- [Town Hall-Rockwell City](#)
- [Legislative Coffee-Greenfield](#)

In The News

- [Radio Iowa: 34 state senate races on Iowa’s 2022 General Election ballot](#)
- [Former U.S. Rep. David Young announces bid for Iowa House](#)
- [Carbon Storage and Marketing to Be Highlighted at Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm](#)

- [Hinson, Miller-Meeks, and Feenstra respond to State of the Union address](#)
- [Reynolds provides Republican response to Biden's State of the Union address](#)
- [School choice bill clears final hurdle for consideration by full Iowa Senate](#)
- [Biofuels capitol rally shows support for Iowa bill](#)

Senate Schedule Week 9, March 7 - March 11, 2022

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 9, March 7-11, 2022

Subject to Change

Monday, March 7	Tuesday, March 8	Wednesday, March 9	Thursday, March 10	Friday, March 11
	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
		9:15 Panoramic photo Senate Chamber	10:00 Labor/Bus. Room 116	
		10:00 Commerce RM 116	11:00 State Govt. Room 116	
		11:00 Agriculture RM 116		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Ntl. Resources RM 116	1:00 Judiciary RM 116	1:00 Local Govt. RM 116	All committees on call
2:00 Hmn. Res. RM 116	2:00 Veterans Affairs RM 116			
3:00 Education RM 116	3:00 Ways and Means RM 116			

House Schedule Week 9, March 7 - March 11, 2022

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 9, March 7 - 11, 2022
Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, March 7	Tuesday, March 8	Wednesday, March 9	Thursday, March 10	Friday, March 11
	7:30 Subcommittee Block 8:30 SESSION 9:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	7:30 Subcommittee Block 8:30 SESSION 9:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 10:00 Veterans Affairs RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber Information Technology RM 304 11:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Labor RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Judiciary RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	7:30 Subcommittee Block 8:30 SESSION 9:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 10:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber 11:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
12:00 Subcommittee Block 1:00 SESSION 5:00 Subcommittee Block	12:00 Subcommittee Block 12:30 SESSION 5:00 Subcommittee Block	12:00 Subcommittee Block 12:30 SESSION 5:00 Subcommittee Block		On Call: All Committees and Budget Subcommittees

*The Senate scheduled can be found [here](#).
 The House schedule can be found [here](#).*

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2022 Session Timeline

The full 2022 legislative calendar can be found [here](#).

Below are the key dates of interest.

JANUARY 10 – First day of session (Iowa Code Sec. 2.1)

JANUARY 11 - Governors Condition of the State Address

FEBRUARY 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of House committees (First Funnel)

MARCH 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of Senate committees (Second Funnel)

APRIL 19 – 100th calendar day of the session (Per diem expenses end)

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