



Client Newsletter

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Week in Review

With both funnel deadlines behind us, the Legislature is making it's final push toward the end of session. The House has started moving appropriations bills forward, but the House and Senate have yet to agree on overall budget targets (\$8.1 billion for the Senate and \$8.2 billion for the House). On Tuesday, the House approved the Transportation, Judicial Branch, and Justice Systems budget bills for next year. They passed the Agriculture and Natural Resources budget on Wednesday, and the Administration and Regulations Appropriations budget and Economic Development budget on Thursday. In order to finish by the middle of April, legislators need to move the appropriations bills through the process, which normally takes two or three weeks, and to reach compromises on several areas, including unemployment benefits, increased school transparency, scholarship support for private schools, and requirements for more filling stations to offer E-15.

Unemployment Benefits

This week, the Senate and House made progress on an agreement regarding changes to unemployment benefits for lowans. [HF 2355](#), is an amended version of a proposal by Governor Reynolds earlier this year. HF 2355 passed the House (58-37) and Senate (30-20) this week, however, there is one piece of the legislation that Legislators cannot reach a consensus on. The Senate's version of the bill introduces a one-week waiting period before lowan's begin receiving unemployment benefits. The House's version, however, does not include that provision. Another major change, that both bills include, is reducing the unemployment weeks from 26 to 16. The House will need to approve the Senate's version of the bill, or come to another agreement with the Senate, before passing the legislation and sending to to Governor Reynolds for her signature. Governor Reynolds' original proposal included the one-week waiting period.

Bills on the Move

[HF 2571](#) - Bottle Bill Changes

- Additions: Adds high alcohol beer and canned cocktails as beverages covered under the redemption law. Fees: Raises the handling fee for beverage containers paid by a distributor to 2 cents until 2032 and then lowers it to 1.5 cents. Redemption: Requires participating dealers to pay refunds in a reasonable period of time. Allows dealers to not be participating dealers and to refuse to take cans for refunds if the dealer is within fifteen miles of a redemption center and gives notice to the DNR. UPC: Requires cans to have a UPC code that meets requirements set by the DNR. Centers: Requires Redemption centers to register with the DNR but strikes DNR approval requirements. Other: Deems that any refund value or handling fee held by the distributor after required payments belongs at the distributor. Establishes civil penalties.
- AMENDED & PASSED out of Ways and Means Committee 19-3; Floor Manager: Lohse (Raises the handling fee to \$2 cents and assesses retailers an additional 1/2 cent for the handling fee. Sets opt-out requirements for retailers. Establishes a tax credit for distributors.)

[HF 2566](#) - Sports Wagering Receipt Fund

- Provides that the first \$1.75 million in State tax revenue collected from Internet fantasy sports and sports wagering is appropriated to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) for the purposes of the gambling treatment program established in Iowa Code section 135.150. The remaining tax revenue is to be deposited into the County Endowment Fund instead of the Sports Wagering Receipts Fund. For FY 2023, the Bill appropriates all unobligated and unencumbered moneys in the Sports Wagering Receipts Fund from the previous fiscal year to the County Endowment Fund. The Bill repeals the Sports Wagering Receipts Fund, effective June 30, 2023.
- PASSED the House 87-6. now GOES to the Senate
- This week, a [fiscal note](#) was published on this bill.
 - The fiscal impact of appropriating all unobligated and unencumbered moneys in the Sports Wagering Receipts Fund in FY 2023 to the County Endowment Fund is estimated to result in a one-time increase of approximately \$12.5 million to the County Endowment Fund in FY 2023.

[HF 2569](#) - Governor Regulatory Proposals

- Relates to various matters under the purview of the State, including city and county zoning, work-based learning, recruitment of health care professionals, regulations

affecting veterans and military spouses, insurance producer temporary licenses, and the State building code.

- AMENDED & PASSED Ways and Means Committee 14-8; FM: Nordman (Strikes county/city zoning on mobile homes.)
- Fiscal note published [here](#).

Appropriations Bill Tracker

2022 Appropriations Bills Tracker					
HF 2650	Agriculture and Natural Resources	NOBA	Passed & Amended House 3.23	In Senate Committee 3.24	
HF 2565	Administration and Regulation	NOBA	Passed and Amended House 3.24		
HF 2564	Economic Development	NOBA	Passed and Amended House 3.24		
<i>LSB 5004</i>	Health and Human Services	NOBA	In House Approps Committee 3.24		
HF 2575	Education	NOBA	Passed House Committee 3.24	In House 3.24	
HF 2558	Judicial Branch	NOBA	Passed & Amended 3.22	In the Senate Subcommittee 3.23	
HF 2559	Justice System	NOBA	Passed & Amended 3.22	In the Senate Subcommittee 3.23	
HF 2557	Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals	NOBA	Passed & Amended 3.22	In the Senate Subcommittee 3.23	

All NOBA's can be Read Here

A Look at the 2022 Elections in Iowa

Throughout the country various primary elections have already kicked off. Texas held their primary elections on March 1, and New Hampshire, Delaware, and Rhode Island will close the primary season on September 13. Iowa's primary elections will take place on June 7. These contests will tee up Election Day on November 8. The outcome of the November

election will determine the party control of the House and Senate in DC, as well as various high profile gubernatorial races in key battleground states. There are currently 27 Republican governors and 23 Democratic governors, with 36 seats up for grabs in November. Some notable races in Iowa are below:

Governor Race

- Governor Kim Reynolds has officially announced her reelection campaign. This will be Governor Reynolds second full-term as Governor.
- Deidre DeJear is the Democratic front-runner. DeJear is a business owner and co-founder of Back 2 School Iowa, a non-profit that has distributed school supplies to thousands of students in Des Moines. She ran for secretary of state as a Democrat in 2018, but lost to current Secretary of State, Republican Paul Pate.
- Rick Stewart from Cedar Rapids has also filed with the Iowa Secretary of State Office to run for Governor. Rick Stewart is running as a Libertarian candidate after being endorsed by the Libertarian Party of Iowa at the state convention in Des Moines at the end of January 2022.

U.S. Senate

- Incumbent U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, announced in September he will seek an eighth term in office.
- Abby Finkenauer became the first major Democrat to announce a 2022 run for the U.S. Senate seat. Finkenauer is a former state representative who was elected to Iowa's 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018 but lost her 2020 reelection bid.
- State Sen. Jim Carlin, a trial lawyer and Army veteran, has also announced his candidacy for the race.
- There are a handful of other Iowans who have announced their candidacy including, Mike Franken, a retired U.S. Navy Admiral, Glenn Hurst, a doctor from Minden, Iowa, Bob Krause, a former state representative and veterans activist, and Dave Muhlbauer, an Iowa farmer and a former county supervisor, was the first Democrat to announce a campaign.

Iowa's 1st District

- Redistricting made some of the House districts shift, making it more difficult for the current Representatives to run.
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, currently represents the 2nd District, will move into Iowa's 1st District and run for reelection there. Her current home of Wapello was drawn into the 3rd District according to the new maps.

- Miller-Meeks will face State Rep. Christina Bohannon. Sen. Bohannon currently represents Iowa House District 85 in Iowa City. She is a law professor at the University of Iowa teaching constitutional law, torts and intellectual property.
- Kyle Kuehl, a Bettendorf business owner and military veteran, has also announced his intent to run.

Iowa's 2nd District

- Rep. Ashley Hinson currently represents Iowa's 1st District, but with redistricting, she now resides in the 2nd District. She has announced that she will run for the 2nd district in 2022.
- State Senator Liz Mathis has announced that she will challenge Hinson. Sen. Mathis was first elected to the Iowa Senate in a 2011 special election, and she was re-elected to her third full term in 2020. She is a former television reporter and anchor at KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids.

Iowa's 3rd District

- Rep. Cindy Axne announced in November that she will seek reelection in the 3rd District.
- She will face several Republican challengers. State Sen. Zach Nunn announced last summer that he will run for this seat. An Altoona native and Bondurant resident, Sen Nunn was first elected to the Iowa House in 2014, and he won his Senate seat in 2018.
- Johnston resident, Nicole Hasso, also announced her candidacy. She has earned a notable endorsement by Sen. Ted Cruz from Texas.
- A well-known Republican activist in the state, Gary Leffler, has also announced that he will challenge Rep. Axne.

Iowa's 4th District

- Rep. Randy Feenstra has indicated that he will run for reelection this year. So far, no Democrats have formally announced plans to run in Iowa's heavily conservative 4th District, which covers the northwest corner of the state. Democrat J.D. Scholten, who ran and lost in 2018 and 2020, said he will not seek the seat a third time and instead run for the Iowa House.

State House and Senate Races

- Most races where lawmakers were tossed in together have been resolved. In the Iowa Senate, only two races have incumbent law makers running in the same district;

with no primary incumbent races. In the House, only three incumbents will run in the same district; all three will be republican primaries. All party leaders in the House and the Senate have announced their intent to run for reelection. Some of the notable races are below:

- **Sen. Jake Chapman** (R-Adel) is the incumbent state senator from Adel has served in the Iowa legislature since 2013. Due to redistricting, he and **Sen. Sarah Tone Garriott (R-West Des Moines)** will compete against Chapman for this seat. She was elected in 2020.
- Incumbent senators **Dawn Driscoll (R)** and **Kevin Kinney (D)** will run against each other in Senate District 46.
- **Rep. Mike Boussetot**, former Chief of Staff to Governor Terry Branstad, is seeking his first term in the Senate. He is currently serving his first term in the House of Representatives. He will face Todd Brady, a Democrat from Ankeny, who owns a software consulting company.
- **Rep. Jennifer Konfrst**, a Windsor Heights Democrat, and the current Democratic Leader of the House, has filed for reelection in her District. Republican, Mark Brown of West Des Moines has announced that he will challenge Konfrst.
- **Rep. Chris Hall** announced earlier this month he won't be seeking reelection. **J.D. Scholten** officially announced that he will run for this seat, the new District 1, representing the Sioux City area.
- Iowa republican State **Rep. Steven Bradley** is running for re-election. Bradley currently represents House District 58 but will be running for House District 66 in 2022. He will be in a primary race with **Rep. Lee Hein**, R-Monticello.
- Two other incumbent primaries in the House include House district 53 (republican representatives Dean Fisher and Dave Maxwell) and House District 87 (republican representatives Joe Mitchell and Jeff Shipley).
- Republican **Sen. Ken Rozenboom** has announced his intent to move and run for the Pella Senate seat; Pella comprised portions of his last Senate district prior to redistricting. This leaves his current seat to Republican Senator, **Adrian Dickey**, of Packwood.
- Former Rep. David Young of Van Meter, served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before losing to Rep. Cindy Axne, is running for Iowa's 28th House District. He will run against Tom Walton of Waukee, and Sonya Heitschusen, a former WHO-TV anchor.

List of Primary Election Candidates in Iowa

Upcoming Legislative Forums

Friday, March 25

- [Legislative Forum-Corydon](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Chariton](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Osceola](#)
- [Legislative Roundtable-Council Bluffs](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Leon](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Iowa City](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Black Hawk/Bremer Counties](#)

Saturday, March 26

- [Eggs & Issues-Rock Rapids](#)
- [Eggs & Issues-Fort Dodge](#)
- [Eggs & Issues-Oskaloosa](#)
- [Legislative Coffee-Clinton](#)
- [Legislative Forum-Iowa City](#)
- [Legislative Briefing-Clarinda](#)
- [Legislative Town Hall-Sioux City](#)
- [March Talk with Officials-Urbandale](#)
- [Legislative Coffee-Clinton County](#)

In The News

- [Tax reform and pipeline among topics discussed in legislative forum](#)
 - [Des Moines passes \\$1 billion budget with an increase in police department funding](#)
 - [DMR: Voters may have final say on Iowa's gubernatorial succession plan](#)
 - [Capital Dispatch: Proposal would require two-thirds majority to pass tax increases in Iowa](#)
 - [WHO-TV: Iowa childcare centers split over a bill that would impact the industry](#)
 - [Iowa House and Senate pass bill to shorten unemployment benefits by 10 weeks](#)
 - [IA Cap Dispatch: Senate revives outdoor recreation funding proposal](#)
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Senate Schedule Week 12, March 28 - April 1, 2022

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 12, March 28-April 1, 2022

Subject to Change

Monday, March 28	Tuesday, March 29	Wednesday, March 30	Thursday, March 31	Friday, April 1
11:00 International Relations RM 19	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Education RM 116 11:00 State Govt. RM 116	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Appropriations RM 116 11:00 Ways and Means RM 116	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION		1:00 Hmn. Res. RM 116 1:30 Transportation RM 116 2:00 Judiciary RM 116	2:00 Joint Session, Pioneer Lawmakers House Chamber 6:00 Memorial Service, Pioneer Lawmakers Senate Chamber	All committees on call

House Schedule Week 12, March 28 - April 1, 2022

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 12, March 28 - 1, 2022 Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, March 28	Tuesday, March 29	Wednesday, March 30	Thursday, March 31	Friday, April 1
11:00 International Relations Committee RM 19	8:30 SESSION 9:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION 9:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION 1:30 Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber				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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