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Week in Review

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We are concluding the 3rd week of the legislative session. The last 4 days were filled with over 200 bills being filed and subcommittee work picking up in earnest. Today marks the halfway point to the first legislative funnel. The funnel is a legislatively imposed deadline that requires bills, with tax and appropriation bills being the exception, to pass one committee to remain viable. As the funnel approaches, committee and subcommittee work will increase. Debate activity will mostly begin after week 6. We expect to see the Governor’s priority Invest in Iowa bill next week or early the following week.

Bills on the Move

Several bills moved out of subcommittee and a handful were voted out of full House or Senate committees this week. A few bills of note were the following:

- *Telehealth.* [HF 2001](#) passed the House Human Resources committee this week. The bill creates payment parity for telehealth services provided by providers who are billing private insurance. The bill passed unanimously.
- *Emergency Medical Services.* [HSB 508](#) moved through subcommittee and provides that the tax receipts collected from fantasy sports betting go to provide funding for emergency medical services. This bill is now eligible for full committee consideration.
- *Cell Siting Act.* [HSB 516](#) moved through the House Commerce committee and moves the date of the repeal of the Iowa Cell Siting Act to 2025. The bill passed the committee on a 20-1 vote.
- *Sports Wagering Funds* [HSB 508](#) moved out of subcommittee this week. The bill moves the entirety of the sports wagering dollars to rural EMS support.

House and Senate Release K-12 Education Funding Proposal

K-12 funding is one of the first budget pieces that is legislatively required to be set within the first 30 days of session. The House and Senate released their proposals via bills and communication releases. The Senate released their proposal on Wednesday which will increase funding by \$91.7M annually. This represents a 2.1% increase, which can be seen in their bill released this week, [SSB 3096](#).

Majority Leader Jack Whitver (R – Ankeny) said, “This proposal will provide \$91.7 million in new funding for K -12 education. The total increase in K-12 funding will be more than 300 million new dollars since FY 2017. That record stands in stark contrast to the days of overpromising and underdelivering during Democrat control of state government. They promised hundreds of millions of dollars in new spending only to cut K-12 funding by \$65 million,” said Senator Jack Whitver, R – Ankeny.

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“Senate Republicans have fully funded every K-12 education funding promise we have made each year in the majority.”

Additionally, the House released [HSB 587](#), which provides a 2.5% K-12 funding increase, which is four-tenths higher than the Senate proposal. Majority Leader Matt Windshitl released a statement on the proposal which said, “To put these numbers in perspective, here is how investment in K-12 has increased compared to inflation since 2011. K-12 funding has increased by 35.3% while standard inflation, measured by the Midwest Consumer Price Index, has only increased by 13.47%. These numbers show that while there are many budgetary priorities for House Republicans, education funding is at the top of the list... It is too early in session to predict what the final increase in funding will be, however we are committed to looking at not just the SSA number but also transportation costs and the statewide per pupil funding inequities that many school districts face.”

Although a final number hasn’t been agreed to, we will likely see the chambers split the difference between the House and Senate proposals.

Iowa Supreme Court Justice Appointed

This week, the Governor Reynolds appointed Dana Oxley to the Iowa Supreme Court She fills the position left vacant left by the death of Chief Justice Mark Cady. Her appointment makes her the second woman on the Iowa Supreme Court. The current supreme court justices can be found [here](#). There will be another vacancy to be filled with the retirement of current Chief Justice Wiggins.

Governor Reynolds said, “Dana Oxley is an exceptional lawyer with a uniquely Iowa story. She will be a valuable new addition to the Iowa Supreme Court. I look forward to watching her serve Iowans in this important role for years to come.”

Oxley practiced law at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll in Cedar Rapids and serves as an adjunct law professor at the University of Iowa College of Law. Previously, she served as a career law clerk for Judge David Hansen of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her JD from the UI College of Law and her undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa. In the News

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

1. [Efforts to Step Up Verification Requirements for Food Stamps, Other Aid Draws Objections](#)
2. [Huseman: Longest Service Republican in IA House Won’t Seek Re-Election](#)
3. [Senator Grassley to Attend Signing of USMCA Deal](#)
4. [Court Decision May Bring Some Relief to Ethanol Industry](#)
5. [Percentage of Polk County Children without Full Vaccinations Continue to Rise](#)
6. [Legislator Says Iowa Law Prohibits ‘Ban the Box’ Policies](#)

Iowa Caucus Update

With the first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses just days away, political observers and Iowa voters are making their final decisions on who they will caucus for this coming Monday night. As the nation looks to Iowa to see who they nominate, several polls have been conducted over the last week. The results of these polls can be seen below. At the top of the democratic pack are Sanders and Biden.



IOWA ST. UNIVERSITY/CIVIQS POLL (conducted Jan. 23-27, 655 likely caucus-goers, margin of error +/- 4.8 % points)
 Sanders: 24%
 Warren: 19%
 Buttigieg: 17%
 Biden: 15%
 Klobuchar: 11%
 Yang: 5%
 Steyer: 4%
 Gabbard: 2%
 Delaney: 1%
 Bloomberg: 1%
 Unsure: 3%

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY POLL (conducted Jan. 23-27, 544 likely caucus-goers, margin of error +/- 4.2 % points)
 Biden: 23% (-1 point vs. previous Monmouth poll)
 Sanders: 21% (+3)
 Buttigieg: 16% (-1)
 Warren: 15% (-)
 Klobuchar: 10% (+2)
 Steyer: 4% (-)
 Yang: 3% (-)
 Bennet: 1% (+1)
 Gabbard: 1% (-1)
 Patrick: <1% (+1)
 Undecided: 5% (-)

Next Week Capitol Schedule

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 4, February 3 - 7, 2020
 Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4	Wednesday, February 5	Thursday, February 6	Friday, February 7
10:00 SESSION	10:30 Budget Subs	8:30 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	8:30 SESSION 10:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources 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	8:00 SESSION
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Environmental Protection RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	Budget Sub Committee Meeting Location: Admin/Reg - Rm. 19 Ag & Nat Res - Rm. 305 Justice Systems - Rm. 24 Trans/Infra/Caps - Rm. 102, Sup. Ct. Consult <i>Please note meeting location changes for this week**</i> Econ Dev - Rm. 116 Education - Rm. 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber Human Services - 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 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	2:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	2:00 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult	
3:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	4:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	4:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
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The Legislative Information Office provides a complete list of committee meetings on the web at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>
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No Session	10:00 SESSION 10:30 Budget Subs	9:00 SESSION 10:00 Budget Subs	9:00 SESSION 10:00 State Government RM 22 Local Government RM 24 11:00 Commerce RM 22	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
	1:00 Natural Resources and Environment RM 22 Veterans Affairs RM 24	1:00 Agriculture RM 22 2:00 Human Resources RM 22 Transportation RM 24		Room Assignments: Admin/Reg--Room 19 Ag & NR--Rm 305 Econ Dev--Rm 22, Education--Rm 103 Hum. Services--Rm 103 Justice--Rm 24 Trans/Infra/Caps--Rm 102, (Supreme Ct. Consult Rm.) ON CALL--Rules-Appropriations-Ways & Means
	2:00 Education RM 22 Labor and Business Relations RM 24	3:00 Judiciary RM 22		
	3:00 Commerce RM 22			

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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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