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LOBBYING AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Legislative Update Week Nine

Second Funnel Approaches

The legislature is one week away from their next significant deadline - the second funnel.

For the first funnel deadline, policy bills are required to pass out of committee in one chamber. For the second legislative funnel, the bill must be approved in the originating chamber where it was introduced and by a committee in the other chamber. Appropriations and Ways and Means bills are exempt from the funnel deadlines.

This process will further limit the number of policy bills under consideration as the legislature turns its attention to passing the state fiscal year 2023 budget.



Revenue Estimating Conference

This week, the state's Revenue Estimating Conference met to discuss estimated state revenue for the upcoming fiscal years. The numbers they agreed on will guide the state legislature's budgeting process.



The REC is made up of three members, the Director of the Department of Management, Kraig Paulsen, the Director of the Legislative Services Agency, Holly Lyons and David Underwood of Clear Lake as the public member of the panel.

The REC raised their earlier projection for the current fiscal year by \$110 million, bringing it to an estimated growth of 4.2%. The panel lowered the estimate for FY 2023 with a growth rate of -.2% due to the recently enacted [HF 2417](#) that reduced personal and corporate income taxes.

As the legislature moves into appropriations season, their budget parameters will be determined by these estimates.

ICAA Advocacy



Mid-Sioux Opportunity Community Action Agency Hill Visit!

Thank you to Dick Sievers (left) and Board President, Tom Letsche (right) for their advocacy on behalf of ICAA and the work of our members.

They are pictured here with Senator Jeff Taylor (R-Sioux Center).

Bill Highlight

Welfare Checks (HF 2438)

Requires the DHS to use an identify authentication process that requires a public assistance applicant to complete a knowledge-based questionnaire on financial matters. Requires the DHS to report annually on the impact of this provision.

- SNAP/Medicaid: Requires the DHS to review state and federal information regarding persons receiving SNAP or Medicaid, including monthly cross-checks. Includes requirements for reviews of every member of a household and a records review for any assets. Requires persons receiving SNAP to cooperate with the CRSU.

- **Wellness:** Requires the DHS to seek federal approval to allow members of the Iowa Wellness plan who have been terminated from the program for non-payment of contributions imposed for the failure to complete required behaviors to be re-instated without paying outstanding balances if the member has not been terminated before due to non-payment. Does not apply to members who are deemed to be in substantial compliance with requirements to have a wellness exam if the exam is scheduled for no more than 90 days past the applicable enrollment period.
- **Other:** Establishes an implementation period from 2022-26, with requirements for DHS to seek necessary federal waivers.

This bill passed out of a House Appropriations subcommittee this week. It will survive the second funnel deadline because it is an appropriations bill.

- ICAA Registration: Undecided

Childcare Update

Childcare Reimbursements (HF 2127)

Allows a childcare provider to collect the difference between the amount of state assistance and the amount the provider normally charges from a family in the childcare assistance program.

- Passed a Senate Human Resources Subcommittee. Has already passed the House Chamber by a vote of 61-37. Must pass out of the Senate Human Resources Committee to survive the second funnel deadline.

Childcare Working Age (HF 2198)

Requires the DHS to amend rules to allow 16-year-olds to working or volunteering at a childcare facility to be unsupervised.

- Passed a Senate Human Resources Subcommittee. Has already passed the House Chamber by a vote of 55-43. Must pass out of the Senate Human Resources Committee to survive the second funnel deadline.



For a summary of the status of key childcare legislation click [here](#).

A Statehouse Bromance

Representative Brent Siegrist (R-Council Bluffs) is an Assistant Majority Leader in the House. He's a common feature at the table Kate and Matt occupy because he and Matt go waaaaay back.

Their friendship started back around 1990. Representative Siegrist was in his fourth term and serving as an Assistant Minority Leader in the House at the time. Matt was a nervous House Intern. The Statehouse was magnet for them both. Representative Siegrist continued to serve until 2002 but after a ten-year hiatus, returned after the 2020 election.

Matt did several internships at the Statehouse, including one for Rep. Siegrist, while an undergrad and law student at Drake. After working in Washington D.C. for Cong. Jim Ross Lightfoot, Matt moved back to Des Moines and began his lobbying career in 1993.



**A little more here and a little less there
but the still the same smiles!**

**The picture above was taken around
1990. The photo to the right was taken
this week.**



Did you know?

Bill Signings and Proclamations

As session progresses, you'll hear more news about the Governor's bill signing ceremonies. Not every bill receives this special attention but for those that do, it offers a nice way to celebrate the challenging accomplishment of getting legislation passed and signed into law. Remember, over 2,000 bills are introduced each session, but only a small percentage go the distance. You get a commemorative pen, too!



Regardless of whether you're advocating for passage of a bill, there's always the proclamation process. A proclamation is a public or official announcement dealing with a matter of great importance. We all have personal topics we would like to build

more awareness for and public recognition by our top state leader is definitely helpful!

To request a proclamation by the Governor, click [here](#).



Governor Reynold's Signs a Proclamation for Autism Speaks in December.

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Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle - Ian Maclaren