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Legislative Update Week Six

Legislators entered week six with continued focus on public subcommittee hearings but Thursday's snowstorm shorted plans as lawmakers headed home to avoid sketchy road conditions.



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Maddy and the next generation of high-powered lobbyists. Watch out world!

State Government Reorganization

The state government reorganization bills have largely dealt with the technical aspects of realigning government agencies and not the implementation of the reorganization. To view the Governor's informational brief on this topic, click [here](#).

Senate Work

Monday, February 20th, the Senate State Government Committee's assigned subcommittee for [SSB 1123](#), the Governor's state government reorganization legislation, will conclude their series of public meetings by reviewing the Health and Human Services portion of the bill.



You can join the meeting in Room G-15 of the Capitol or participate via zoom through the information provided here:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/meetings/meetingsListChamber?chamber=S&reqType=SUB&bDate=02/16/2023&eDate=03/01/2023>

House Work

The House State Government Committee's assigned subcommittee will begin their work on [HSB 126](#) on Monday, February 20th and have scheduled daily meetings from noon-1:00pm through Thursday, February 23rd.

The House meetings will take place in Room 102 or Room 103 and will be available to view via WebEx at the link below. You can also submit comments at any time by clicking here: [Submit Comments](#)

Virtual Meeting URL: <https://ialegis.webex.com/ialegis/j.php?MTID=m6d2ccfd0290f26a7759ee026c18de053>

Call in number: 14084189388

Access code: 24911531229

The tentative agendas for next week's daily House subcommittee meetings are below:

Monday Subcommittee:

9- Veterans Affairs
12-Department of Revenue
15-Commerce
18-Salaries
19-Boards and Commission
20-Misc

Tuesday Subcommittee:

4-Dept of Justice
8-Homeland Security,
10-Drug control
16-Corrections
17-Board of Parole

Wednesday Subcommittee:

2-Admin Services
5-Economic Dev
6-Econ Dev
7-PERB
11-Workforce Dev
13-Dept of Blind
14-Dept of Education

Thursday Subcommittee:

1- HHS
3- DIAL

Childcare Bills Update and Tracker

This week, [HSB 50 Childcare Reimbursements](#), passed the House HHS Policy Committee. It will get a new bill number and may be eligible for debate by the full House Chamber.

The bill deems a child eligible for state childcare assistance if a parent is employed full-time as a childcare provider at an eligible childcare business. It prohibits co-payments but does allow the childcare center to charge for the difference between the state reimbursement rates and the center's rates.



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 Spotlight Tracker: Child Care Bills
 New information highlighted

Short Title	Description	Current Status	Final Notes (if applicable)
Childcare Waiver Expansion	Expands from the income tax (the waiver) to providing certain childcare services. Defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 111 in House Ways and Means. Passed in committee on 2/15/23. Eligible for expedited vote. 	Track Bill
Childcare Requirements	Requires employers of childcare facilities to take a program with an aim of helping employees in with the day of working employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 110 in House HRSS. Passed in committee. Eligible for consideration by the full committee. SSB 1105 in Senate HRSS Policy. Passed in committee. Eligible for consideration by the full Senate Chamber. 	
Childcare Payments	Requires DHS to amend its rules to make childcare assistance payments for a child covered under the program on days the child...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 111 in House Ways and Means. 	

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

Iowa Child Care Coalition Event

The Iowa Child Care Coalition will be hosting a legislative briefing for House members on Thursday, February 23rd at 11:30am in Room 305 of the Capitol.

Representative Jon Dunwell is hosting the briefing and facilitating the legislative discussion.

The Coalition, through nonpartisan legislative recommendations, seeks to increase access, affordability, and quality of childcare while increasing the stability of the childcare workforce across Iowa.



Representative Jon Dunwell (R-Newton)

Public Assistance Oversight

A subcommittee was held this week for [SSB 1105](#), the Senate's welfare reform bill. Many advocates were present who spoke in opposition to the bill, primarily voicing concerns with the division of the bill that establishes a household asset limit.

However, subcommittee Chair Senator Jeff Edler, expressed that he remains committed to including some type of asset evaluation for the SNAP program.

The House version, [HF3](#), has yet to be brought up at the full committee level. We expect to see amendments to these bills.



Eviction Expungement

No changes this week. Subcommittees were scheduled but then canceled due to weather.

[HSB 43](#) and [SSB 1118](#) deal with the sealing of eviction records. A subcommittee was scheduled this week for SSB 1118 but was cancelled due to a timing issue with the Senate's Debate schedule.



We expect another subcommittee to be scheduled in the coming weeks. HSB 43 has already passed a subcommittee but has not yet been brought up in the full committee.

Did You Know? The Secretary of the Senate

The Team's good friend, Charlie Smithson dropped by the office-table this week to say hi. Charlie is a career public servant and has served at the Secretary of the Senate since January of 2017.



**Secretary of the Senate Charlie Smithson
with the Eide Walton Team**

His role is primarily to be the Senate Chamber's chief parliamentarian. This means he is an expert in the formal rules and procedures for conducting Senate business. He is responsible for enforcement of these rules, too.

Charlie's office also handles responsibilities relating to supervision of the Senate Pages (high-schooled aged lowans who do small tasks for Senators and their clerks), facilitates the hiring of Senate Clerks and publishes the daily Senate Journal that summaries the work of the chamber for historical record.

For more information about the Secretary of Senate's Office click [here](#).

Around the Capitol

Staying hydrated is key when you're talking, chatting, persuading and chasing legislators around the Statehouse all day!





Maddy on the phone providing real-time updates to clients.



Kate talking with Representative Skylar Wheeler (R-Hull), the House Education Committee Chair



Matt chatting with Representative Jon Dunwell (R-Newton)

Please don't hesitate to contact us!



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