

Eide Walton Legislative Update January 13, 2023

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Legislative Update Week One - The 2023 Session Opens!

Monday, January 9, the Iowa General Assembly kicked off the 2023 legislative session.

The first week is largely ceremonial and this year was no different. House and Senate leadership gave their speeches and the Governor delivered her Condition of the State address. The Condition of the Judiciary and the Condition of the National Guard were also given by Chief Justice Susan Christensen and Major General Ben Corell respectively.

Committees in both chambers held organizational meetings and the House even held a few subcommittees. The legislature is off to a busy start!

During odd numbered years like this one, the session timetable calls for a 110-day legislative session. If that stands, the target adjournment date is April 28. There is a lot of ground to cover between now and then and we're excited to get to work!



Maddy's Back!



We are excited to have Maddy Bradley back working with our firm as our Legislative Associate this session.

Maddy graduated from the University of Iowa in 2021 and started working with Eide-Walton last session as a legislative assistant. She recently got back from spending five months traveling around New Zealand. While she misses the warm weather, she is excited to be back for another session up at the Capitol.

You can reach Maddy by phone at (515) 423-8873 or email at maddy@eidewalton.com.

Condition of the State



Governor Reynolds addressed Iowans in her Condition of the State speech on Tuesday evening. You can read her remarks, [here](#) or watch a video [here](#).

Alongside her speech a document called the "Budget in Brief" was published. It further explains her recommended policy and budget actions for the General Assembly.

Click [here](#) to review it in full.

State Government Reorganization

In her Condition of the State Address, the Governor announced her intentions to do further alignments in state government by taking the number of state agencies from 37 to 16. Under this realignment, the Department of Human Rights will be absorbed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Members of the ICAA met with director Garcia and her staff on Wednesday to begin discussions about what this process will look like and we will have more updates to come.

To learn more about this initiative click [here](#) and scroll down to page thirty-four.

Executive Order Number Ten



On Tuesday, the Governor signed Executive Order Number Ten that places a moratorium on administrative rulemaking. The order also directs State agencies to conduct comprehensive reviews of all existing administrative rules under their respective jurisdictions. Criteria for the review includes a cost benefit analysis, evaluation of their public benefits, whether the benefits justify the cost, and whether there are less restrictive alternatives to achieve their intended goal.

The Order outlines the process and provides for deadlines for state agencies to meet. The review deadline is December 31, 2026. To view Executive Order Number Ten, click [here](#).

Leadership Speeches

Read the rest of Iowa's elected leaders speak by clicking on the photos below.



**House Speaker
Pat Grassley**



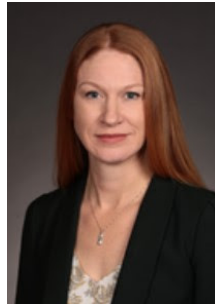
**House Majority Leader
Matt Windschitl**



**House Minority Leader
Jennifer Konfrst**



**Senator Majority Leader
Jack Whitver**



**Senate President
Amy Sinclair**



**Senate Democratic Leader
Zach Wahls**

The View from the Top

Matt and Kate were invited guests for the Governor's Condition of the State address! This means they were seated in the House Gallery that is located above and behind the Speaker's well where the Governor's ceremonial speech was delivered.

Here are some photos from their special moment.





Okay - maybe not the best seat in the House (literally) - but they could hear really well!



Outside the House Gallery



Matt, offering up his opinions to the local media. He knows what the legislature should be working on! (His offer was politely declined.)

Did You Know? Administrative Rules



Administrative rules implement or interpret law, prescribe policy, or describe the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an executive branch agency.

Executive branch agencies gain approval for adding, updating or removing administrative rules first from the Governor's office and then by presenting their proposals to the [Iowa Administrative Rules Review Committee](#).

This committee is a unique function of the legislative branch that provides oversight (think checks and balances between branches of government). It meets monthly and all year round. Committee members consist of elected officials - both Representatives and Senators - who meet jointly as one body.

It is required, that all rules receive public scrutiny and opportunities for comment. Public comment periods and hearings are held by the executive branch agencies at least twice in the lengthy process. For more information about this important function of government, click [here](#).

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