

## Eide Walton Legislative Update January 20, 2023

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### Legislative Update Week Two

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The Legislature honored the MLK holiday on Monday but gavelled in Tuesday morning for a short week of subcommittees and committees.

Legislators all over the state spent the day in service volunteering alongside constituents back home.



### Childcare Bills and Tracker

#### Childcare Physicals

This week, [HSB 10](#) and [SSB 1010](#), both passed out of subcommittees in their respective Chambers' Health and Human Services (HHS) Policy Committees. The bills require employees of childcare facilities to take a physical within six months prior to starting employment or within thirty days after the start of employment.



## The Childcare Bill Tracker is back!

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

## The Governor's Inaugural Ball



**Maddy looked gorgeous in her red gown!**  
(She took pictures of Matt dancing but publishing those has been strictly forbidden.)

**Matt looked pretty too, in his black tux and his on-trend pop of melon.**



**Kate skipped the lavish affair altogether to spend some time with her daughter, Amelia, on the slopes of Colorado.**

## Did You Know? Legislative Clerks

All 150 legislators in both chambers are permitted to hire one Legislative Clerk. Clerks are invaluable in keeping legislators organized while in session.

Typical job duties include scheduling meetings like subcommittees or meetings with constituents, coordinating constituent correspondence and assisting with weekly newsletters. Sometimes, they help legislators with research on a policy topic, too. If a legislator is chair of a committee, their clerk may be in charge of taking and posting meeting minutes or attendance.



**Kate with Senator Dan Dawson's Clerk, Haley Ledford (They share a birthday!)**

This is a great (PAID!) job for graduate students, legislator spouses or children, or folks from home whom legislators can trust with detail-oriented work. It offers incredible opportunities to watch the legislative process unfold and learn key skills like bill tracking.

Each year, the General Assembly's website posts the job description around the end of July. If you're interested, check this website periodically for updates: [Iowa Legislature - Career Opportunities](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact us!



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