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## Eide Walton Legislative Update April 7, 2023

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### Legislative Update Week Thirteen

#### A Short Week, With Money on Their Minds

Following the second funnel deadline, was a short week for the legislature as they turn their focus to the state fiscal year 2025 budget. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved eight budget shell bills, which include bill language, but no dollar figures. (See the budget bill tracker below).

The arrival of property tax assessments in Iowan's mailboxes this week has renewed policy makers' interest in addressing property tax increases. There are two bills related to property taxes that are currently under consideration. This first is [HF 1](#) that is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee and would establish a uniform levy at 10%. The other is [SF 356](#), which is on the Senate Debate Eligibility Calendar and would repeal the education and recreation levy.

The Senate is also considering [SF 552](#), which would eliminate personal and corporate income taxes.

The House and Senate will work over the coming weeks to resolve their differences before target adjournment on April 28th.





Bill Number	Description	Current Status	Policy or Program Area (or both)
<a href="#">SF 514</a>	Administration & Regulation	FORWARDED TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS	
<a href="#">SF 515</a>	Agriculture & Natural Resources	FORWARDED TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS	
<a href="#">SF 516</a>	Economic Development	FORWARDED TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS	
<a href="#">SF 517</a>	Education	FORWARDED TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS	
<a href="#">SF 518</a>	Health & Human Services	FORWARDED TO SENATE APPROPRIATIONS	

Last week, the Senate introduced nearly all of their budget proposals. The bills reflect some of the changes expected in state government now government reorganization featured in [SF 514](#), has been signed into law.

For updates on the progress the legislature makes on their budget negotiations click [here](#).

## State Government Reorganization

The State Government Reorganization bill, [SF 514](#) was signed by Governor Reynolds on Tuesday of this week.

It passed the House by a vote of 58-39 and the Senate by a vote of 34-15.



## Childcare Update and Bill Tracker

### Childcare Assistance Eligibility and Rates

This week, [HSB 233](#), which changes the state childcare assistance eligibility requirements and childcare reimbursement rates passed the House Appropriations Committee. It will be renumbered.



Short Title	Description	Current Status	Policy Notes (if applicable)
Childcare Waiver Exemption	Exempts from the income test the waiver recipient for performing certain childcare services. Defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">HSB 233</a> in House 3/29/23 2:02 PM. Passed subcommittee on 3/29. Eligible for committee vote.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Social News</a>
Childcare: Physicals	Requires employees of childcare facilities to take a physical with six months of starting employment or within 90 days of starting employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">HSB 233</a> in House 3/29/23 2:02 PM. Passed subcommittee. Eligible for consideration by the full committee.</li> <li><a href="#">SF 514</a> in Senate 3/29/23 2:02 PM. Passed subcommittee. Placed on calendar.</li> <li>Placed on calendar. Placed on calendar. Placed on calendar. Placed on calendar.</li> </ul>	
Childcare: Payment to	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"> <li><a href="#">HSB 233</a> in House 3/29/23 2:02 PM.</li> </ul>	

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

## Public Assistance Oversight

The House Appropriations Committee held a public hearing this Tuesday on [SF 494](#), which establishes an asset test requirement for Medicaid, SNAP, and CHIP. This bill has already passed the Senate and the House Appropriations committee. Representative Fry is the floor manager of the bill in the House.

Participants were encouraged to submit comments before the hearing and indicate if they were for or against the bill when signing up to speak. The hearing alternated between those for the bill and opposed.

Opponents of the bill said that the state will get no overall savings from the bill, and the loss of benefits will hurt lowans in the working-class and those who live in rural areas. Supporters of the bill said that it will reduce fraud and encourage people to work full-time. The LSA projects that around 1% of current recipients (8,000 Medicaid members, 2,800 SNAP recipients and 600 children receiving health insurance) will lose their coverage or benefits under the bill.



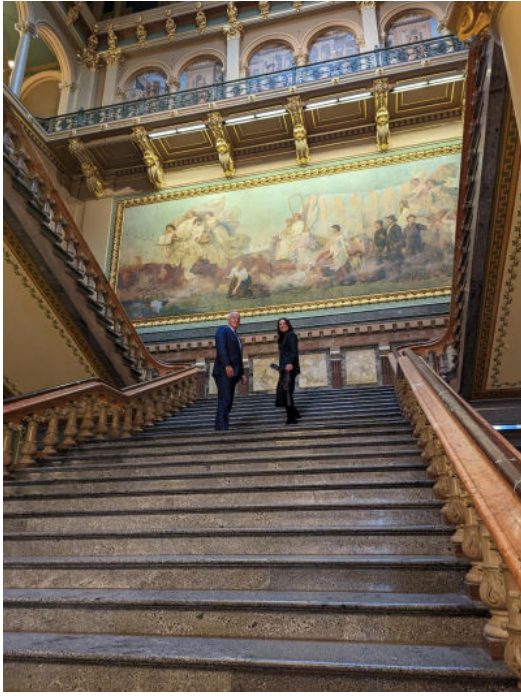
## Around the Capitol



**Activists came to the Statehouse this week to lobby for action to reduce the impact of climate change.**



**Maddy was in full lobby mode in her conversation with Rep. Derek Wulf (R-Hudson). Look at her go!**



**This time of year, it's important to take advantage of the Capitol exercise program, commonly called, "stairclimbing." And there are many, many stairs to climb at the Statehouse.**



**Maddy on the stairs leading up from the basement. There are 72 stairs from this point to the second-floor rotunda where the House and Senate Chamber are.**

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