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## AROUND THE CAPITOL

Both chambers met for brief sessions before the Condition of the Guard speech. Legislators will meet again on Friday for the gubernatorial inauguration in downtown Des Moines but will not meet at the Capitol.

## CONDITION OF THE GUARD

Adjutant General Benjamin Corell delivered the Condition of the Guard speech today.

Corell said that the Iowa National Guard is made up of more than 9,000 members, with more than 2,000 serving full-time, and the rest members who serve part-time. He said that after the COVID pandemic, the Guard has faced problems of recruiting in order to keep its numbers at its authorized strength. He said that fewer young persons are serving and that only 30% of them meet the physical and medical requirements for service but said that he wants to make sure that Guard service “remains a point of consideration for the young men and women of Iowa.”

Corell said that members often face other challenges, such as needing to drive long distances to serve and needing to hold time full-time jobs. He said that the Guard is looking for ways to expand its facilities and to keep a balance between armories in growing cities and rural Iowa, where many members live. Corell said that Guard has also developed programs to help the families of Guard members. He said that the support of family and employers is vital to the soldiers who serve.

Corell said that the Iowa Guard scholarship program is one of the best recruitment tools the Guard has. He said that there is a growing demand for scholarships and that the scholarships benefit the state, the Guard and the members of the Guard.

Corell said that the world is facing increasing security challenges due to the actions of China and Russia. He said that the Guard continues to work with partner nations and that aligns with “our strategic goal of being the most trusted organization in the state, ready to mobilize, deploy, and execute any given mission.”

Corell thanked legislators and Governor Reynolds for their support and said that it made it possible for the Guard to carry out its mission.

## TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

House Files: 33 (HF 14 - HF 47)

House Study Bills: 19 (HSB 12- HSB 30)

Senate Files: 16 (SF 64 - SF 79)

Senate Study Bills: 11 (SSB 1028 – SSB 1039)

## HOUSE & SENATE AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023		
7 AM-5 PM	<i>Office of the Governor Open House</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>
8 AM	<b>HOUSE CONVENES</b>	<i>Community Choice</i>
	<b>SENATE CONVENES</b>	<i>Credit Convention Center</i>

## HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
<a href="#">HF 6</a>	PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENT	Nordman (C), whole
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<a href="#">HF 4</a>	TEACHING LICENSES	Stone (C), Gehlbach, Madison
<a href="#">HF 5</a>	SCHOOL TRANSPARENCY	Stone (C), Ehlert, Fry
<a href="#">HF 7</a>	EDUCATION STUDY	Wheeler (C), Kurth, T Moore
<a href="#">HF 8</a>	GENDER INSTRUCTION PROHIBITIONS	Wheeler (C), Holt, Steckman
<a href="#">HF 9</a>	GENDER IDENTITY PROHIBITIONS	Wheeler (C), Boden, Steckman
<a href="#">HF 10</a>	SCHOOL ABUSE	Boden (C), Gustoff, Staed
<a href="#">HF 11</a>	UNIVERSITY GRADUATE INFORMATION	Holt (C), Bradley, Matson
<a href="#">HF 12</a>	SCHOOL GOVERNMENT CURRICULUM	Holt (C), Buck, Hora

## SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

[SF 41](#) LOCAL MANAGEMENT LEVY Klimesh (C), Quirmbach, Westrich  
[SF 43](#) BUILDING DESIGN Webster (C), Green, Quirmbach

### NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[SF 42](#) NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS Driscoll (C), Bennett, Rozenboom

### STATE GOVERNMENT

[SF 21](#) MOVEABLE SALONS Cournoyer (C), Giddens, Schultz  
[SF 23](#) SCHOOL & CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS Cournoyer (C), Celsi, Salmon  
[SF 26](#) OPTOMETRIST SHOTS Cournoyer (C), Webster, Weiner  
[SF 27](#) INTERIOR DESIGN Cournoyer (C), Giddens, Webster  
[SF 30](#) OUT-OF-STATE CONTRIBUTIONS Driscoll (C), Boulton, Koelker  
[SF 37](#) APARTMENT ELEVATORS Boussetot (C), Celsi, Driscoll  
[SF 49](#) SCHOOL BOND ELECTIONS Salmon (C), Cournoyer, Weiner  
[SF 55](#) PROTECTION OCCUPATION WORKERS Boussetot (C), Boulton, Kraayenbrink  
[SJR 1](#) FEDERAL AMENDMENTS Dawson (C), Bisignano, Westrich  
[SJR 2](#) FEDERAL AMENDMENTS Dawson (C), Boulton, Koelker  
[SJR 3](#) TERM LIMITS Dawson (C), Jochum, McClintock

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

[SF 22](#) FREE VETERANS LICENSES Edler (C), McClintock, Weiner  
[SF 59](#) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PLATES Costello (C), Alons, Bennett

### WORKFORCE

[SF 3](#) ADOPTIVE PARENTS Driscoll (C), Boulton, Rowley  
[SF 19](#) DONATED STATE LEAVE Dickey (C), Schultz, T Taylor  
[SF 36](#) CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION J Taylor (C), Donahue, McClintock  
[SF 45](#) OSHA COVID RULES Guth (C), Dotzler, Kraayenbrink

## HOUSE FILES (HF 14 - HF 22)

### **HF 14 ALCOHOL SALES** (Wills) (Commerce) Nordman (C), Forbes, Lundgren

Prohibits a retailer from allowing a minor under 18 to sell or serve alcohol.

### **HF 15 RE-ENTRY PATHWAYS** (Kressig) (Education)

Appropriates \$4.2 million for an Employment & Education Pathways program. Directs the DOE through its community college division and through the community colleges to give education services to persons leaving prison or jail. Directs the DOC to work with other agencies to provide services for the program. Directs the state BEE to adopt rules.

### **HF 16 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIPS** (Ingels) (Education)

Requires the CSC to develop a scholarship program for individuals over 18 who have intellectual, development or learning disabilities and who are enrolled in a comprehensive transition program post-secondary program. Requires the CSC to develop criteria for the program and to adopt rules.

### **HF 17 SCHOOL TRANSFERS** (Boden) (Education)

Allows a parent to enroll their child at another school in the school district if the school board reasonably believes that another student or school employee or contractor has committed a crime of violence or sexual abuse against the student. Requires the parent to make a request to the school board. Authorizes the school board to adopt policies to allow the school supervisor to approve requests. Makes the requests for a period of at least a year.

### **HF 18 WELL INSPECTIONS** (Isenhardt) (Environmental Protection)

Requires the inspection of wells serving buildings where people live or work for various substances, including nitrate, nitrite, arsenic, coliform bacteria, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl. Requires inspections for lead and copper if the well serves a home. Allows a county board of health to require inspections for other substances if recommended by the State Hygienic Lab, the State Geological Survey or the DNR. Requires inspectors to be certified by the DNR and allows county employees to be certified. Allows counties to set inspection fees. Requires well inspection reports to be included with groundwater hazard reports.

### **HF 19 ELIGIBLE PRACTICE SITES** (Kressig) (Health & Human Services)

Changes the eligibility for the MH practitioner loan repayment program to practicing at an eligible practice site rather than eligible area and defines eligible practice sites.

### **HF 20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT** (Lohse) (Health & Human Services)

Directs the DHHS to adopt Medicaid 1915 (b)(3) services reimbursement rates for providers who offer substance abuse and outpatient treatment meeting those guidelines. Requires the DHHS to adopt timelines, review plans and other matters to implement the program.

### **HF 21 NICOTINE SOLUTION TAX** (A Meyer) (Health & Human Services)

Imposes a tax of 26% of the wholesale price of nicotine solution products. Defines such products. Scoops the money for a health promotion fund, with 10% of the funds to DHHS for tobacco use prevention and 90% to the Judicial Branch for substance abuse/MH courts.

### **HF 22 ADOPTION INVESTIGATION COSTS** (Fry) (Health & Human Services)

Makes the DHHS responsible for various placement adoption investigation costs. Requires the DHHS to adopt a cap on the costs that can be reimbursed to investigators.

## HOUSE FILES (HF 23 - HF 31)

### **HF 23 PRESCRIBING PSYCHOLOGISTS (A Meyer & Fry)** (Health & Human Services)

Retains the requirement that a psychologist seeking a conditional prescription certificate complete certain education and clinical experience but strikes the requirement that it be done in the five years immediately prior to application. Requires the prescribing psychologist to maintain a relationship with a patient's primary care doctor. Makes other changes. See [SSB 1008](#)

### **HF 24 PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE COMPACT (Bergan)** (Health & Human Services)

Creates an interstate compact to allow out-of-state psychologists to practice telemedicine with Iowa patients, to allow in-person practice in Iowa on a temporary basis and to allow Iowa psychologists to practice telemedicine with out-of-state patients. Effective when seven states have adopted the compact.

### **HF 25 CONDEMNATION AWARD REDUCTION (Lohse)** (Judiciary)

Reduces a condemnation award if the owner of the property fails to respond in a timely manner after all the notices. Requires that at least two notices have been sent and that the notices include the consequences for a failure to respond in a timely manner. Reduces the award by the additional costs incurred, including attorney fees.

### **HF 26 INVENTORY CHECKLISTS (Lohse)** (Judiciary)

Allows landlords to use an inventory checklist at the beginning and end of leases. Specifies items to be covered on a checklist. Deems that damage not noted on the checklist is the fault of the tenant. Allows deposits and includes rules on deposits.

### **HF 27 PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS (Wills)** (Judiciary)

Allows the Executive Council to review Executive Orders from the President and to refer the orders to the AG and the Governor. Requires the AG to determine if the order is constitutional and to determine whether to seek an exemption or a ruling on the constitutionality of the order. Prohibits the state, local governments and publicly funded groups from enforcing orders found unconstitutional by the AG or which restrict certain rights.

### **HF 28 MOVIE PROP MONEY FRAUD (Jones)** (Judiciary)

Makes it a Class D felony to fraudulently utter movie prop money to get goods or services.

### **HF 29 DIMINISHED WAGES (Lohse)** (Labor & Workforce)

Allows a person who is collecting unemployment but accepts a job with wages that are lower than the UE benefits to receive a UE supplement. Includes provisions for when the benefit is exhausted.

### **HF 30 INNOVATIVE BUTCHERY ELIGIBILITY (Ingels)** (Labor & Workforce) to Economic Growth

Increases the number of employees a company can have and still be eligible for Innovative Butcher grants to 75 employees.

### **HF 31 NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS (Wills)** (Labor & Workforce)

Prohibits employers from requiring non-compete agreements and defines such agreements. Allows non-compete agreements to protect trade secrets or if there is a significant risk of financial loss. Allows non-solicitation agreements to prevent employees from selling employer property or information to outside parties.

## HOUSE FILES (HF 32 - HF 43)

### **HF 32 OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS** ([Isenhart](#)) (Natural Resources)

Requires the DNR to develop a “No Child Left Inside” grant program for outdoor and environmental education and recreation program. Establishes a fund for appropriations and contributions, including the deposit of federal COVID funds unless the Governor determines that to be contrary to federal guidelines. Includes priorities for making grants from the fund.

### **HF 33 FIRING GUNS FROM ATVS** ([Wills](#)) (Natural Resources)

Prohibits someone from firing a gun from an ATV or snowmobile but makes exceptions for non-ambulatory hunters.

### **HF 34 ARTICLE V COMMISSIONERS** ([Wills](#)) (State Government)

Prohibits a commissioner to an Article V constitutional convention from proposing amendments not authorized by the state or from voting for unauthorized amendments. Requires commissioners to take an oath and allows for the removal of commissioners who violate the oath. Makes violations a simple misdemeanor.

### **HF 35 RECREATIONAL LAND & USES** ([Ingels](#)) (State Government)

Defines bicycle and includes bicycle riding as a recreational use on private land available for public recreation. Includes a privately-owned RR right-of-way that is part of a trail as private land for public recreation.

### **HF 36 FARM WORK DRIVING** ([Kressig](#)) (Transportation)

Strikes the farm work exception that authorizes minors with a special permit to drive for farm work.

### **HF 37 VETERAN HOMESTEAD CREDIT** ([Stone](#)) (Veterans Affairs) [Rinker](#) (C), [Cahill](#), [Hora](#)

Creates additional categories for a disabled veteran to qualify for the property tax homestead credit for disabled veterans and phases in the implementation of the expanded credit.

### **HF 38 ENDOW IOWA CREDIT** ([Siegrist](#)) (Ways & Means)

Increases the aggregate amount of the Endow Iowa tax credit to \$10 million.

### **HF 39 CHARTER SPORTS** ([Fisher](#)) (Education)

Allows a student attending a charter school to participate in athletics and extra-curriculars at the student’s district of residence if the charter school does not offer the activity. Counts the student in the school enrollment and as 0.1 students for funding. Requires the state BOE to adopt rules.

### **HF 40 WORLD LANGUAGE PROGRAM** ([Abdul-Samad](#)) (Education)

Requires the DOE to create a world language pilot program in four elementary schools. Includes criteria for the schools and the program, reporting requirements and a \$200,000 appropriation.

### **HF 41 OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSPORTATION** ([Jones](#) & [P Thompson](#)) (Education)

Strikes requirements that a sending and receiving district agree to arrangements for transportation for an open-enrolled student. See [SF 29](#)

### **HF 42 ENTERTAINMENT AREAS** ([Lohse](#)) (Local Government)

Allows cities to designate entertainment areas and entertainment surcharges. Makes requirements for such entertainment areas, including supermajority approval by the city council. Includes implementing provisions.

### **HF 43 COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARDS** ([Jones](#)) (Local Government)

Abolishes county compensation boards and gives the decision-making authority over salaries to county supervisors. See [SF 18](#)

## HOUSE FILES (HF 44 - HF 47)

### [HF 44](#) **MARTIN TREPTOW STATUE** (**Sorenson**) (State Government)

Requires the DAS, in consultation with the Capitol Planning Commission, to put a statue of Martin Treptow, which includes his poem *My Pledge*, on the Capitol grounds.

### [HF 45](#) **VETERANS PLATE DECALS** (**Osmundson**) (Transportation)

Allows certain non-profit veteran groups to apply to the DOT for approval to issue a veterans decals to be affixed to special license plates with space for such decals.

### [HF 46](#) **EMERGENCY SUPPLIES EXEMPTION** (**Boden**) (Ways & Means)

Includes the sale of emergency preparedness supplies in the sales tax holiday. Defines such supplies and allows the purchase of one generator under \$5,000 in the exemption. Extends the sales tax holiday weekend through Sunday.

### [HF 47](#) **CHILDCARE WAGE EXEMPTION** (**Jones**) (Ways & Means)

Exempts from the income tax the wages received for performing certain childcare services. Defines such services.

## HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 12 – HSB 17)

### [HSB 12](#) **PERSONAL DATA** (Economic Growth & Technology) **Sorenson** (C), **Kniff McCulla**, **Scholten**

Establishes personal data rights for Iowa consumers. Requires companies meeting certain size requirements to respond to data requests within specified timelines and restricts the use of some personal data. Includes other rights and responsibilities on personal data. Makes definitions.

### [HSB 13](#) **RANSOMWARE ATTACKS** (Economic Growth & Technology) **Wood** (C), **Gaines**, **Latham**

Establishes penalties for ransomware attacks: Aggravated Misdemeanor (under \$10,000 in damages); Class D Felony (\$10,000 to \$50,000); Class C (over \$50,000). Defines ransomware and what constitutes such attacks.

### [HSB 14](#) **CYBER SECURITY CENTER** (Economic Growth & Technology) **Sorenson** (C), **Madison**, **Wood**

Establishes a cyber-security simulation training center at ISU to help governments and business deal with cyber-attacks.

### [HSB 15](#) **CYBER SECURITY OFFICE** (Economic Growth & Technology) **Kniff McCulla** (C), **Buck**, **Graber**

Establishes a cyber-security unit in the CIO to help the state and local governments deal with cyber-attacks. Establishes reporting and other responsibilities and makes definitions.

### [HSB 16](#) **CYBER SECURITY** (Economic Growth & Technology) **Latham** (C), **Graber**, **Isenhardt**

Includes cyber security protections as an essential corporate/county purpose. Defines cyber security events. See [SF 46](#)

### [HSB 17](#) **VIDEO HEARINGS** (Judiciary) **Lohse** (C), **James**, **Thomson**

Allows video/telephone hearings in non-contested criminal cases for various matters on the motion of a party. Allows for such hearings in contested cases on the motion of a party if the hearing can be handled efficiently without prejudicing any party. (Public Defender) See [SSB 1014](#)

## HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 18 – HSB 26)

### **HSB 18 CHILD WELFARE REPRESENTATION** (Judiciary) **A Meyer** (C), **Gustoff**, **Sheetz**

Extends the State Public Defender pilot project for child welfare representation to June 2025 and to 16 counties. (Public Defender) See [SSB 1015](#)

### **HSB 19 VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE** (Local Government) **Bloomingtondale** (C), **Golding**, **Staed**

Authorizes various municipal entities that offer volunteer fire or EM services or with reserve peace officers to establish a length of service program for those providers. Requires the municipality and the head of the department to set eligibility requirements and to handle other matters. Establishes a fund under the State Fire Service & Emergency Response Council for matching grants. Requires the council to submit rules to the State Fire Marshal. Requires the Council to consult with a Firefighter association on the program.

### **HSB 20 VETERANS TRUST APPROPRIATION** (Veterans Affairs) **Jeneary** (C), **Stoltenberg**, **Wilburn**

Increases the appropriation to the Veterans Trust to \$1.3 million and allocates \$3,000 to each county for training county veteran officers.

### **HSB 21 VETERANS TRUST SPENDING** (Veterans Affairs) **Graber** (C), **Golding**, **Turek**

Increases the amount that can be used from the Veterans Trust to \$800,000 when the balance in the trust is below \$50 million.

### **HSB 22 MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT** (Veterans Affairs) **Gustafson** (C), **Isenhardt**, **Rinker**

Increases the value of the Military Service property tax credit to \$4,000 and includes provisions on fully funding the credit.

### **HSB 23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHANGES** (EG & Technology) **Latham** (C), **Gerhold**, **Scholten**

Makes tax credit changes. **Renewable Chemical**: Makes changes to the renewable chemical production tax credit and extends the credit until 2035. Makes changes to covered chemicals, scoring applications and other matter. **Innovation Fund**: Strikes the waitlist and makes other changes on eligible businesses, on aligning the credits with the fiscal year, on extending the program until 2028 and on increasing the cap to \$10 million. **Distillers**: Includes native distillers on the Iowa Wine and Beer. **Promotion Board**: Transfers 1% of the sales of native distilled spirits, up to \$250,000 to the Liquor Control fund. (EDA)

### **HSB 24 DIRECT HEALTH CARE SERVICES** (Health & Human Services) **Wood** (C), **Lundgren**, **Turek**

Defines direct services for health care agencies/entities and includes services by nurses, nurse's aides, medication aide and medication managers. Excludes janitorial, housekeeping and meal preparation and various other licensed health care professionals, including PAs, physical therapists, speech pathologist and audiologists. Excludes certain contract work by health care workers that meets certain conditions. Retroactive to 2019. (DIA)

### **HSB 25 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Transportation) **Bergan** (C), **Baeth**, **Bradley**

Makes changes to the controlled substance schedules under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act. Effective on enactment.

### **HSB 26 DRIVING TESTS** (Transportation) **Wood** (C), **Bagniewski**, **Sorenson**

Allows persons who are qualified to give behind-the-wheel driving instruction but who are not licensed teachers to administer a final field driving test. (DOT) See [SSB 1028](#)

## HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 27 – HSB 30)

### **HSB 27 RESTRICTED FARM CDLS** (Transportation) **Sieck** (C), **Madison**, **Wulf**

Strikes current provisions exempting various agricultural drivers from CDL requirements. Requires the DOT to issue a restricted CDL to certain agricultural drivers. Waives skills and knowledge test requirements but imposes requirements for a good driving record, limits the miles and areas a driver with a restricted CDL can operate and limits the restricted CDL to 210 days. Establishes an \$8 fee for restricted CDLS. (DOT) See [SSB 1027](#)

### **HSB 28 CDL THIRD PARTY TESTERS** (Transportation) **Sorenson** (C), **Wilson**, **Wood**

Strikes the current list of third-party CDL testers and authorizes the DOT to adopt rules restricting the scope of third-party testers. (DOT)

### **HSB 29 TO GO DRINKS** (Commerce) **Nordman** (C), **Lundgren**, **Scholten**

Strikes requirements for a mixed drinks made to go be in sealed container but requires the drinks to be in a container with a lid. Makes such drinks subject to the open container law (illegal to carry in the passenger compartment, legal to be carried in the trunk). (ABD) See [SSB 1032](#)

### **HSB 30 BANKING POWERS** (Commerce) **Thompson** (C), **Nielsen**, **Young**

Makes changes related to the power of the Banking Superintendent to consider certain Iowa bank plans, to notice requirements and to investments in tax equity financing by banks. (Banking Division) See [SSB 1021](#)

## SENATE FILES (SF 64 – SF 68)

### **SF 64 PRISON PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (**McClintock**) (Judiciary)

Designates non-supervisory employees in the DOC who have direct contact with inmates as public safety employees for collective bargaining.

### **SF 65 HEALTH EQUITY FUND** (**Petersen**) (Health & Human Services)

Creates a public health equity fund for the DHHS to use to improve menstrual and menstrual health. Includes requirements for the program regarding reimbursements and other matters.

### **SF 66 SEX EDUCATION** (**Petersen** & **13 D's**) (Education)

Adds requirements for human growth (sex education) curriculum. Requires that the K-6 curriculum include age-appropriate evidence-based information on empathy and respecting boundaries, and on how to identify body parts. Requires 7-12 instruction include age-appropriate evidence-based information on how give consent, how to recognize predatory behavior and how to prevent assaults and the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships.

### **SF 67 DOULA CARE** (**Petersen** & **13 D's**) (Health & Human Services)

Requires the Medicaid maternal and child health care program cover doula care.

### **SF 68 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** (**Petersen** & **8 D's**) (State Government) **Bousselot** (C), **Celsi**, **Schultz**

Adds any other language deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of the state as an official language of Iowa.

## SENATE FILES (SF 69 – SF 79)

### **SF 69 MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL TASK FORCE** ([Zaun](#)) (Judiciary)

Requires the DHHS to convene a task force to ensure that medical cannabidiol facilities in Iowa do not lose eligibility for federal funding.

### **SF 70 RAPE KITS** ([Petersen](#) & [14 D's](#)) (Judiciary)

Requires health care provider conducting a rape/abuse exam to contact law enforcement within 24 hours to collect the evidence kit. Requires law enforcement to pick the kit up in three days and to submit it to a lab for DNA testing within seven days after that. Requires law enforcement to store the kit for 50 years, or in the case of a minor, 50 years after the minor reaches age 18.

### **SF 71 NO ELECTRONICS WHILE DRIVING** ([Jochum](#)) (Transportation)

**Prohibitions:** Prohibits the use of any electronic devices while driving. Establishes exemptions in some situations for hands-free devices, for law enforcement, health care workers, transit workers, utility maintenance workers, in emergency situations, agricultural uses and for other reasons. **Other:** Makes citations a moving violation. See [SF 60](#)

### **SF 72 CAFO WATER QUALITY** ([Zaun](#)) (Agriculture)

Deems two or more CAFOs as a single operation for water quality purposes if the two operations are related. Defines conditions for determining if two operations are related.

### **SF 73 RETAIL MARIJUANA** ([Petersen](#) & [12 D's](#)) (Judiciary)

Legalizes the possession of small amounts of marijuana and makes other changes to reduce or strike current marijuana laws on possession, accommodation and other offenses. Enacts provisions to allow the legal sale of marijuana, including licensing, taxing and other matters.

### **SF 74 PERIOD PRODUCT AVAILABILITY** ([Petersen](#) & [12 D's](#)) (State Government)

Requires that period products be available at no cost in specified state and school buildings.

### **SF 75 RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS** ([Reichman](#)) (Health & Human Services)

Authorizes the state licensing of rural emergency hospitals that meet federal guidelines for enhanced Medicare payments. Authorizes emergency rulemaking. Specifies that the provisions apply to a hospital operating by December 2020 in a county with a population between 30,000 - 35,000 and that the hospital will not be subject to requirements to convert its certificate of need. See [HF 13](#)

### **SF 76 NEIGHBORHOOD HOME REVITALIZATION** ([Petersen](#) & [15 D's](#)) (Commerce)

Requires IFA to establish a Neighborhood Revitalization Assistance Program to make forgivable loans for home improvements and repairs to qualifying homeowners. Contains other provisions.

### **SF 77 JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM** ([Winckler](#)) (Judiciary)

Makes changes related to the juvenile pre-charge diversion program in the CJJP and requests and interim study.

### **SF 78 ACCRUED GOOD TIME** ([Donahue](#), [Dotzler](#) & [Celsi](#)) (Judiciary)

Does not allow accrued good time to be used to reduce mandatory minimums for forcible felonies, including eligibility for parole/work release or for habitual offender offenses. See [SF 61](#)

### **SF 79 LIFETIME TRAPPING LICENSE** ([Donahue](#) & [5 D's](#)) (Veterans Affairs)

Creates a lifetime trapping license for disabled veterans. Requires the DNR to establish a fee by rule.

## SENATE STUDY BILLS (SSB 1028 – SSB 1039)

### **SSB 1029 COUNTY LAND RECORDS** (Local Government) **Shipley** (C), **Driscoll**, **Knox**

Allows the County Land Record Information System to allow batch access to groundwater hazard statements through the DNR for access to aggregate anonymous data. Allows for fees. Requires the establishment of policies on limitation of uses, authentication of users and prohibitions on foreign access of records.

### **SSB 1030 HYDRO EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION** (Transportation) **Klimesh** (C), **De Witt**, **T Taylor**

Adds specified hydro-excavation equipment to the list of vehicles exempt from size, weight, load and permit requirements.

### **SSB 1031 SCENIC BYWAY FUND** (Transportation) **Klimesh** (C), **Koelker**, **Winckler**

Establishes a Scenic Byway enhancement fund for various improvements on scenic byways. Requires treasurers to request donations to the fund when renewing licenses.

### **SSB 1032 TO GO DRINKS** (State Government) **Dawson** (C), **Bisignano**, **Salmon**

Strikes requirements for a mixed drinks made to go be in sealed container but requires the drinks to be in a container with a lid. Makes such drinks subject to the open container law (illegal to carry in the passenger compartment, legal to be carried in the trunk). (ABD) See [HSB 29](#)

### **SSB 1033 RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS** (State Government) **Driscoll** (C), **Celsi**, **Koelker**

Prohibits candidates and committees from accepting recurring donations unless the donor has made a positive affirmative action allowing such contributions. Requires such recurring contributions to be canceled on the request of the donor and for recurring contributions made in violation of the provisions to be returned. (Campaign & Ethics Board)

### **SSB 1034 TECHNICAL ELECTION LAWS** (State Government) **Schultz** (C), **Boulton**, **Salmon**

Makes technical changes to election laws, including filing deadlines for some voter registration forms, for training of election personnel, use of electronic registers and other matters. (SOS)

### **SSB 1035 RECOUNTS** (State Government) **Schultz** (C), **Salmon**, **Weiner**

Makes changes to recount boards based on the size of the county. Includes requirements for the conduct of recounts and for matters related to presidential electors. Makes other changes. (SOS)

### **SSB 1036 PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS** (State Government) **Koelker** (C), **Bisignano**, **Cournoyer**

Requires the custodian of a public record, in response to a request, to promptly give contact information, a date for the record release and an estimate of reasonable costs. (Information Board)

### **SSB 1037 GENDER BALANCE** (State Government) **Schultz** (C), **Jochum**, **Westrich**

Repeals the requirements for boards to be gender balanced. Makes conforming changes.

### **SSB 1038 VETERINARIAN IMMUNITY** (State Government) **Dawson** (C), **Bisignano**, **Driscoll**

Gives licensed veterinarians immunity for good-faith cooperation with police and civil authorities for various kinds of actions involving animals.

### **SSB 1039 WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINTS** (Local Government) **Driscoll** (C), **Boulton**, **Koelker**

Gives the Ombudsman the discretion to decline to investigate a whistleblower complaint. Requires the decision to be in writing. Requires the Ombudsman to give any findings to a person or agency that is subject to the complaint. (Ombudsman)

## MAJ GEN BENJAMIN CORELL-CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD (FULL TEXT)

Good morning, everyone, thank you Speaker Grassley and President Sinclair for the invitation to be here and speak with you all today. Governor Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Gregg, distinguished members of the Iowa General Assembly, state officials, and my fellow Iowans. It is truly a privilege for me to address this dignified body and to once again share the story of our Iowa National Guard. I stand before you today representing the over nine thousand dedicated men and women of the Iowa National Guard. On their behalf, I want to thank each of you for all you have done to assist us in building a professional, world class organization. We are very thankful for the strong support we receive from the members of this general assembly, from our Iowa Congressional delegation, and above all, from Iowans across this great state.

I want to publicly thank Governor Reynolds and Lt Governor Gregg for their continued support of Iowans who serve or have served our nation or our state in military service. It is simply our people, the service members of the Iowa National Guard, our families, and our civilian employers who continue to sacrifice their time, talent, and resources allowing us to be always ready to respond whenever and wherever we are needed.

I want to begin today - by reminding you - who exactly we are. The Iowa National Guard - We are Iowans, serving Iowans from all across this great state. In many ways The Iowa National Guard is a microcosm of Iowa. We are made up of over 9,000 full-time, and part-time service members along with our civilian employees, our roots come from each of Iowa's 99 counties. Of those 9,000 members, more than 6,500 serve part-time with the Iowa National Guard as they attend school or work fulltime for other employers across the state. Our full-time workforce includes more than 2,200 service members and civilians who work at one of our 36 armories, our 3 Army aviation facilities, our 13 Army Field Maintenance Shops, our 3 Air National Guard facilities, or on Camp Dodge. We are a diversified force. Our service members range in age anywhere from 17 to 61 years of age and our formations are comprised of multiple races, ethnic backgrounds, national origins, and religions. We are your employers, your employees, your neighbors, your friends, and your loved ones – with the one common goal of choosing to work and live in Iowa while serving our nation and our state.

We love to tell the story of our Soldiers and Airmen - the people who make a difference - people that want to serve and do more for their community and country. Because we value each individual and what they bring to the Guard, today I want to share with you a true story of an Iowa Soldier in hopes to give you a better idea of who we are, and what the opportunities in Iowa National Guard can do for our citizens and for the future of Iowa. This particular story is going to start off by sounding quite ordinary. It highlights a young man, an Iowa native, one of three siblings, his values and upbringing instilled by his grandparents in a small rural community in Northeast Iowa. And despite some hardships and obstacles, this young man graduates high school, but doesn't have a clear path of how to make his mark in the world. Like many Iowans, he follows in his family's footsteps and begins working on the family farm. After a few years he realizes this is not the future he desires.

This young man now has a wife and children and without a clear vision of what comes next, he pursues a manufacturing job as a forklift driver for better pay and benefits. A common tale, until he makes a pivotal decision. Still needing extra income to make ends meet for his young family, this young man is encouraged by his wife to answer a local advertisement promoting the Iowa National Guard. With some hesitancy, he meets with a recruiter, and he ultimately enlists. So now this traditional member of our military reserve component, married with three kids, no college education, working full-time, is looking to see if membership in the Iowa National Guard is an answer to a better future. He learns the closest unit for him to train at is an infantry unit located at an armory in Oelwein, Iowa. A thirty-minute drive from his NE Iowa home.

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Today, most of our Guard men and women travel more than an hour to get to their respective duty location. As our demographics change across the state, a longer drive is becoming more common as we continue to assess our current facility stationing locations. An example of this is our investment into a new armory partnering together with the City of West Des Moines. We expect to award the construction of this project soon and begin building yet this year. This is a 20-million-dollar project, the Iowa National Guard was able to secure 75% of construction costs with federal dollars and match it with 25% of the costs coming from the state. We look forward to the advancement of this project and reporting on its success at a future date. We also understand the importance of maintaining our presence in the smaller communities across the state where our Soldiers and Airmen currently perform duty. Much of our strength as an organization comes from the hard-working, dedicated people from our smaller Iowa communities. As we move forward, we must carefully balance the need to station and build in growing communities, with the need to maintain and reinvest in our rural communities where we have historically established our Iowa National Guard facilities and are long time members of those communities.

As an organization, we are proud that the great majority of our Soldiers and Airmen live, work, and raise their families in an Iowa community. The communities we serve are our communities. In order to sustain this, our future success requires that we recognize these demographic changes and ensure our facilities remain in locations that allow our Soldiers and Airmen to serve near where they live and work.

Now, back to our Northeast Iowa soldier, in order to make ends meet for his family, he is working 60 hours a week at his fulltime job, he is a volunteer EMT with the local ambulance service, AND serving one weekend a month, two weeks a year as a traditional Guard soldier. It is not uncommon for our traditional Soldiers to have a full-time job, serve their community, and serve in the Iowa National Guard. These are choices that not only impact our service members, but also affect their families. This is the reason the Iowa National Guard instituted the Warrior Family Services Branch. This talented part of our workforce is focused on our families remaining connected to our organization and helping families during challenging times. We must continue to recognize and value the dedication and support from our families. They play a critical role in allowing our Guard men and women to continue to serve. Our success is tied to taking care of our families.

Please join me in applauding the dedication and many sacrifices given by our military families. For our Soldier, had it not been for his family's support and a willing employer, this Soldier in today's story would not have been able to consider opportunities to advance in the Guard. In order for him to reach his full potential, he needed a college degree. Never deterred from serving, and he finds a way. For two nights a week, for 3 years straight he drives over an hour to a satellite school to get a college education through Upper Iowa University. He graduates with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and becomes a commissioned officer within the Iowa National Guard. This was possible because of the scholarship opportunities provided by the Iowa National Guard that this legislative body has graciously continued to support.

Today there is a continued growing demand for the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship. This program has been an outstanding recruiting and retention tool since its inception. In 2022, more Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen used the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship to help pay for college than ever before. In years past we averaged around 700 service members requesting scholarship funds each academic year. This academic year, the number has increased to over 900 Iowa National Guard service members taking advantage of this great program. That's Iowans serving Iowa, going to Iowa schools, investing in Iowa's future. It is only with the continued support of this legislative body and your commitment to fund the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship that we are able to continue to provide this important program.

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This scholarship is about investing in people, which not only benefits our men and women, but also the Iowa National Guard, our communities, and our employers across the state where they live and work.

Our young Soldier, with his new degree, continues to progress through his military career and earns multiple leadership opportunities with increasing levels of responsibility. He begins to make a larger impact on the organization, now leading in both his community and in the Iowa National Guard. Because of his training, work ethic, his family, and support from his community, he is successful in leading Iowa National Guard formations in 6 overseas deployments over the course of the next 19 years. If you were to ask this Soldier about his proudest moment, he would share a time of returning home after a deployment to Iraq, two weeks short of being away from home for 2 years. His convoy of buses crosses the Mississippi River in Dubuque bringing Iowa Soldiers back into the state of Iowa. Along the way, every overpass along Highway 20 is filled with Iowans waving flags and welcoming this group of Soldiers back home. As they pulled into the ballpark in Waterloo; completely filled with family, friends and community members, there was a moment of reflection for our Soldier as he looked upon the Iowa Soldiers that he had been responsible for these many months so far from home.

Each of them had grown during their time away, they had all honorably done their duty. They had all experienced so very much serving in a war that they were called upon by our country to serve in. He realized it is not about him as an individual, but it is about us, it is about WE as the Iowa National Guard. WE are always ready. WE are prepared to respond on a state level at the direction of our governor. WE are prepared to respond to the needs of our nation to face foreign threats. WE must always be ready for both missions. WE are Iowans that have stepped up and answered the call to serve at both home and abroad.

This past year we welcomed home 40 Soldiers from the 376th Aviation Detachment, returning from a 12-month mission supporting the ongoing operations at the Southwest Border. They deployed in OCT 21 and returned home in OCT 22. In 2022, we sent off 80 Soldiers from the 209th Medical Company of Iowa City to Poland in support of Operation European Assure Deter and Reinforce. They are currently providing medical support and training to US forces, our allies, and our partners. We anticipate them returning home this spring. This past fall, we sent off 160 Soldiers from the 1133rd Transportation Company from Mason City, who also deployed to Poland supporting the same mission. This unit is providing necessary logistical and transportation support to our allies and partners in Eastern Europe. We anticipate these Soldiers to return home this coming August.

This past year the Iowa Air National Guard's 132d Wing deployed 195 Airmen at home and abroad to 13 locations in 9 countries. These Airmen reinforced Combatant Commands supporting various operations. The 124th Attack Squadron's home station mobilization flew 364 combat sorties totaling 6,819 flight hours in four different Areas of Responsibility. As a first, the 132d Wing flew MQ-9 operations out of the Des Moines Air Base. This exercise appropriately named "Hawkeye Fury" culminated by flying 42 hours over two weeks expending 20 precision guided training munitions at military ranges in Wisconsin and Kansas. The 185th Air Refueling Wing deployed more than 290 Airmen to over 17 locations around the globe. The 185th continues to be prepared for all mission sets that the Air Mobility and Strategic Command expects of them, including nuclear and global deployment readiness, all while their runway was closed as they operated from an alternate facility in another state during most of this past year. Throughout the 180 years since our founding, we have witnessed constant change, we have faced numerous challenges, but we have always been ready when called. As we look ahead, we anticipate a continued demand for our Soldiers and Airmen as they deploy to support operations wherever our nation or our state needs us. We will continue to rely on young Iowa men and women to join and stand with us helping to face these future challenges. The Soldiers and Airmen we are recruiting today are high quality young men and women - Iowans who join knowing they could be called upon to serve our nation and state at any given time.

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These recruitment efforts are a result of the hard work of our members coming together as a team to build a community-based organization that the people of Iowa can trust and depend on today and into the future. Like others, our Soldier in this story today decided that the Guard was his calling in life. It not only gave him fulfillment and direction, but also stability for his family. It provided an education, leadership opportunities, world experiences, comradery, and a sense of belonging. All while being a citizen of Iowa, living and working in an Iowa community.

While the Soldier in today's story could be very similar to the story of other men and women in the Iowa National Guard, this particular story - if you haven't guessed already, just happens to be my own. With now 37 years of service in the Iowa National Guard, coming from a finically challenged rural Iowa kid with no college education, no real direction in my life – I stand before today you as a General Officer, the holder of a master's degree, selected by our Governor to serve as the 27th Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. I proudly represent all the members of the Iowa National Guard as we serve the state of Iowa, and our great country. I am also very proud that my three sons have followed in my footsteps as they carry on the tradition of military service in my family – each of them serving today as members of the Iowa National Guard.

We celebrate all our service members who are inspired to follow in their families' footsteps and serve in our organization. I appreciate the trust they have in the Iowa National Guard to make it their military service of choice. And while we are proud of this strong family tradition - it has become increasingly difficult to attract those who don't have a family connection to the military. Less than one percent of the population of this nation serves in our armed forces; of this population that serves, eighty percent have family ties with those that have previously served in a military uniform. I am also fully aware that that the Iowa National Guard is not the answer for everyone, but I do want to make sure that it remains a point of consideration for the young men and women of Iowa. My goal is that it continues to be discussed among Iowa households and within the walls of this chamber. This is why I am here to share my story, OUR story of the Iowa National Guard and remind everyone of who we are. We want to reconnect with Iowans and open our doors - we want that interaction with our communities, and we are committed to being more invested with each of you across the state of Iowa. We need your help to keep our membership strong.

Some of you have already seen our senior leaders out at our facilities across the state doing visits and outward engagement with our communities and local community leaders. The future and overall strength of our organization is dependent on reaching out and connecting with those who want to be a bigger part of their community, to serve our state, and be a part of something greater than themselves. The motto of the Iowa National Guard is Always Ready. As an organization, we face increased pressure and challenges to our readiness, both at home and abroad. Here at home, the number one challenge to readiness has become strength, our ability to recruit and retain quality Soldiers and Airmen. As we exit the COVID-19 era, national economic, educational, and societal trends have increased competition for talent which has decreased the incentive to serve in our military. According to recent studies, 2022 was the worst year for military recruiting since 1973 at the beginning of our All-Volunteer military. We have seen the propensity of young people to serve in the military fall to its lowest level since 2007, today less than 30% of young Americans even meet the physical and medical requirements for entry into military service.

Globally, the environment in which we operate continues to increase in complexity and competition. In the past year, we witnessed as Russia invaded Ukraine. Russia has demonstrated a willingness to disregard international laws and norms. Its actions threaten both regional and global stability. We have also watched as China has sought to broaden its influence and control of the Indo-Pacific region. China continues to make large investments in modernizing its military and increasing its capabilities while simultaneously it works to erode

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U.S. alliances and influence around the world. In addition to Russia and China, non-state actors and terrorist groups remain a continued global threat. Terrorist groups like Al Qaida and ISIS continue to operate throughout the world and across much of the Middle East and into Africa and Southeast Asia. The Iowa National Guard remains engaged in deterring threats like these through our State Partnership Program. For over 11 years we have built and maintained a strong relationship with Kosovo. Our Airmen, Soldiers and civilian personnel have assisted the Kosovo Security Forces through our knowledge, experience, and our resources. My stated goals for our State Partnership Program with the Kosovo Security Force are focused on Non-Commissioned Officer professional development, increasing KSF capabilities in cybersecurity, sustainment and maintenance activities and improving their military medical proficiency.

It is partnerships like these that align within our strategic goal of being the most trusted organization in the state, ready to mobilize, deploy, and execute any given mission. The Iowa National Guard remains on glidepath within our Campaign Plan, which helps us focus on what is important and assess our performance along the way. This plan steers us with clarity and unity of purpose. With our corps of dedicated leaders, guided by this plan, the future remains bright for the Iowa National Guard. Since our initial formation in 1838, the Iowa National Guard has benefited from the unwavering support of this body and the citizens of Iowa. You have trusted us to remain an organization filled with proud Iowans who are dedicated to service and the defense of this great state and our nation. We know it is our people, the service members of the Iowa National Guard who serve, our families, and our employers who continue to sacrifice their time and talents that allows us to be always ready to respond when needed.

Speaking of our employers, I want to say thank you to the many men and women across the state who volunteer to fill the roles of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve or ESGR. The ESGR program is a key element in working with and educating our many employers on the rights of our Reserve Component members. These ESGR volunteers make a difference every day in keeping our traditional Guard members serving and employed across the state while building trust with our civilian employers. We are very thankful for the strong support we receive from the members of this General Assembly and from the Governor's office. The resources and support that you provide make it possible for the Iowa National Guard to be prepared to respond to the needs of our State and our Nation. We have developed something new this year. It's a visual summary of our annual report that details our units, our activities, who we are, and the economic impact we have across the state. This is another opportunity for us to tell the Iowa National Guard story. We have provided a copy of this for you at your desk. I truly thank all of you for placing your trust and confidence in me to serve as Iowa's Adjutant General.

I am extremely honored to lead and represent the Soldiers and Airmen of the Iowa National Guard. My job is to ensure the Iowa National Guard is Always Ready when you need us, and that we remain postured for future success. Again, let me express my gratitude for your continued support and for this opportunity to provide you with this update on your Iowa National Guard. I affirm to each of you, the condition of the Iowa National Guard is strong today, and we will remain, Always Ready. Thank you.