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## AROUND THE CAPITOL

Neither the House nor the Senate met today. Both will return on Monday afternoon at 1 PM.

Republicans are expected to begin work next week on setting the budget for public schools. On Monday, at 1:30 PM the Senate Education Committee will meet. [SSB 1081](#) **2% SSA/CATEGORICAL RATE** has been reassigned from a 3-member subcommittee to a subcommittee of the whole. Senator Kraayenbrink is still the manager of the bill which establishes an SSA and a Categorical Growth rate of 2% for the 2023-24 school year.

The proposed rate is less than the 2.5% rate proposed by Governor Reynolds. The House has not yet released its proposed funding rate. Senator Whitver said that Senate Republicans are still considering what rate to approve and said that the meeting Monday is just the first step in the process of setting the SSA/Categorical rate. By law, legislators are required to set the rate in the first month of the session. Democratic leaders said that the 2% rate is too low and will not allow public schools to keep up with inflation.

A Senate subcommittee is also scheduled to work on [SSB 1056](#) **RESIDENTIAL VALUATIONS** at 2:30 PM on Monday afternoon. The bill is aimed at correcting the formula used to determine statewide taxable value. In 2021, the Legislature approved moving multi-residential property into the residential category but did not change taxable value formula. Without any changes, local governments stand to lose property tax revenues due to a higher-than-expected assessment rollback. Senator Dawson is chairing the subcommittee.

## DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR

Democrats will select a new party chair this weekend to replace Representative Wilburn, who is stepping down from the job. Three Democrats are running for the open position. Rita Hart, who was elected twice to the state Senate, and who ran unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor in 2016 and US representative in 2020, said that her experience as a legislator and a candidate will help her in efforts to raise more money to help Democratic candidates get their message out. Bob Krause, who served in the Iowa House in the 1970's and who has run for several other offices, said that his experience in at the start of the Iowa caucuses will be important in efforts for Iowa to retain its first in the nation status. Brittany Ruland, the third candidate, has worked on several campaigns in the state, including as campaign manager for Senator Trone Garriott in the 2022 election. She said that her experience in grassroots organizing will help the party improve its performance in rural Iowa.

## **GOVERNOR DEFENDS HF 68**

Governor Reynolds released a statement in response to Randi Weingarten, the national president of the American Federation of Teachers, who criticized Iowa Republicans for passing [HF 68 EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS](#). Weingarten said the ESA program will move almost a billion dollars into private hands and that most Iowans support improving public schools rather than funding for private schools.

Governor Reynolds said:

Randi Weingarten is wrong about this, just like she was wrong about locking our kids out of the classroom during the pandemic - leading to widespread learning loss and setting back our kids for decades. Education is not a zero-sum game. And shame on Weingarten for thinking that political outcomes are what matters here. In Iowa, we're funding students over systems and putting kids first. If the teacher's union started thinking that way, families would be better off. With Weingarten at the helm, I know that will never happen.

## **TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE**

**House Files: none (last introduced HF 144)**

**House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 104)**

**Senate Files: none (last introduced SF 164)**

**Senate Study Bills: none (last introduced SSB 1094)**

## HOUSE &amp; SENATE AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

9:30 AM-1:30 PM	<i>Water Day on the Hill</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>
1-5 PM	<i>Iowa Council for Social Studies Advocacy Day &amp; Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Rotunda, East &amp; North Wings</i>
1 PM	<b>HOUSE CONVENES</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>
	<b>SENATE CONVENES</b>	<b>Senate Chamber</b>
1:30-4 PM	<i>Alzheimer's Advocacy Day on the Hill</i>	<i>Rotunda, West Wing</i>
1:30 PM	<b>Senate Education Committee</b> <a href="#">SSB 1081</a> 2% SSA/CATEGORICAL RATE: <b>Kraayenbrink</b> (C)	<b>Room 116</b>
2 PM	<b>House Administration &amp; Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentations: Board Chair Geri Huser, Iowa Utilities Board. CEO Matt Strawn, Iowa Lottery. Director Margaret Johnson and Deputy Director Brett Toresdahl, Iowa Public Information Board.	<b>Room 19</b>
	<b>House Agriculture &amp; Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentation: Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig.	<b>Room 102</b>
	<b>House Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentation: Randy Pilkington, Executive Director, UNI Business & Community Services and Director Dan Beenken, UNI Family Business Center.	<b>Room 103</b>
2:30 PM	<b>Senate Local Government Committee</b> <a href="#">SF 43</a> BUILDING DESIGN: <b>Webster</b> (C)	<b>Room 116</b>
3:30 PM	<b>House Education Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentations: Executive Director Mark Wiederspan, College Student Aid Commission. Executive Director Emily Shields, Community Colleges for Iowa. President Matt Thompson, Indian Hills Community College.	<b>Room 304</b>
	<b>House Health &amp; Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentation: State Facilities Update, HHS.	<b>Room 103</b>
	<b>House Justice Systems Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentations: Bob Gast, State Court Administrator and Nick Davis, Board of Parole Chair.	<b>Room 19</b>
	<b>House Transportation, Infrastructure &amp; Capitals Approps Subcommittee</b> Presentations: Director Scott Marler, DOT. Director Kayla Lyon Department of Natural Resources.	<b>Room 102</b>
5 PM	<b>House Health &amp; Human Services Committee</b> <a href="#">HF 102</a> NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES: <b>A Meyer</b> (C)	<b>Room 103</b>

## SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023		
11:30 AM	<b>House Public Safety Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HSB 83</a> SECOND ELUDING OFFENSE: <b>Henderson</b> (C), <b>Dieken</b> , <b>Scheetz</b>	Room 304.1
NOON	<b>House Health &amp; Human Services Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HF 23</a> PRESCRIBING PSYCHOLOGISTS: <b>H Wilz</b> (C), <b>Forbes</b> , <b>A Meyer</b>	House Lounge 2
	<b>House State Government Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HSB 81</a> ARRC MATTERS: <b>Sexton</b> (C), <b>Nielsen</b> , <b>Young</b>	House Lounge
	<b>Senate Transportation Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">SF 97</a> FARM WORK DRIVING: <b>Zumbach</b> (C), <b>Bisignano</b> , <b>Shiple</b>	Senate Lounge
12:30 PM	<b>House Education Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HSB 47</a> MH PRACTITIONER LOAN REPAYMENTS: <b>Fry</b> (C), <b>Cahill</b> , <b>Collins</b>	House Lounge 2
	<b>House Judiciary Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HSB 45</a> CHINA CASES: <b>A Meyer</b> (C), <b>Srinivas</b> , <b>C Thomson</b>	House Lounge
	<b>House Natural Resources Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">HF 118</a> TAKING NUISANCE ANIMALS: <b>Fischer</b> (C), <b>Hayes</b> , <b>Scholten</b>	Room 304.1
	<b>Senate Agriculture Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">SSB 1077</a> FARM SOLAR PANELS: <b>Zumbach</b> (C), <b>Bisignano</b> , <b>Driscoll</b>	Senate Lounge
	<b>Senate Judiciary Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">SSB 1069</a> FELONY RESTITUTION ORDERS: <b>Zaun</b> (C), <b>Boulton</b> , <b>Evans</b>	Room 217
1:30 PM	<b>Senate State Government Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">SSB 1080</a> ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS: <b>Koelker</b> (C), <b>Dawson</b> , <b>Weiner</b>	Room 217
2:30 PM	<b>Senate Ways &amp; Means Subcommittee</b> <a href="#">SSB 1056</a> RESIDENTIAL VALUATIONS: <b>Dawson</b> (C), <b>Jochum</b> , <b>Koelker</b>	Room G15

## SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

[SF 138](#)

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