



**Week 7: 3/1/2019**

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**Week in Review**

This week the House and Senate conducted most subcommittee work prior to the first legislative funnel. The schedule was hectic with legislators attempting to weed through hundreds of bills (that are not tax or appropriation bills) that will die if they haven't moved through one chambers committee by next Friday, March 8 (the first legislative funnel). Next week, full committee work will take up a large portion of legislators time. Next week's schedule is included below.

**Iowa Senate Republicans Release Budget Targets**

Senate Republicans released their budget targets for FY 2020. The overall budget of \$7,619,300,000 is the same amount of funding allocated in FY 2019. These targets are \$48 million less than the House and \$39 million less than the governor.

“Senate Republicans are maintaining their commitment to taxpayers to manage their money prudently and put their interests first,” said Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver, R-Ankeny. “Our caucus is committed to continuing to implement pro-growth policies. This budget is one early step in implementing that agenda.” Senate Appropriations Chair Mike Breitbart, R-Strawberry Point, said, “I look forward to working with my colleagues, the House of Representatives, and the governor to implement a sustainable, responsible, and conservative budget to continue to fund the priorities of Iowans and keep Iowa on the path to maintain its status as the Number One state in the nation.”

These budget targets include \$38.8 million in additional tax relief in FY 20. The targets also include nearly \$130 million in new funding for education, \$14.5 million in new funding for public safety, and \$106 million in new funding for health care. The decrease in Unassigned Standings is because the increases in the FY 20 budget are less than the \$113 million cash reserve repayment that is not necessary in FY 20. Reductions in Health and Human Services are because of one-time expenditures in FY 19 on Medicaid and an increase in federal funding for that program.

The table below shows the difference between the House and Senate targets. Legislative leaders continue to meet behind closed doors as they negotiate joint budget targets. Final joint targets may come after the March 15<sup>th</sup> Revenue Estimating Conference to ensure that revenues aren't downgraded by this committee. The REC meets three times a year and is the body that sets the estimated revenue for the state, this is the number the legislature sets its budget on. If the revenues stay the same or go up, revenue projections will stay the same; if revenues go down, the legislature is forced to lower its budget.

<i>Budget</i>	Senate FY 20	House FY 20	Difference
Admin and Reg.	<b>55,576,149</b>	52,420,985	\$3,155,164
Ag. & Natl Resources	39,961,522	<b>41,107,522</b>	\$1,146,000
Econ. Development	<b>41,628,345</b>	41,028,345	\$600,000
Education	946,955,971	<b>961,044,271</b>	\$14,088,300
HHS	1,928,358,285	<b>1,941,888,698</b>	\$13,530,413
Justice System	763,240,901	<b>770,370,901</b>	\$7,130,000
Unassigned Standings	3,843,610,788	<b>3,860,115,038</b>	\$16,504,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,619,331,961</b>	<b>\$7,667,975,760</b>	<b>NA</b>

*\*Bold emphasis added to chamber with larger appropriation*



The charts below show the increase, or decrease, to the individual budgets and total budget. The Senate has a no-growth budget, while the House budget increased by \$48.72M total.

<b>SENATE TARGETS</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease) FY 2019</b>	<b>HOUSE TARGETS</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>Increase/(Decrease) FY 2019</b>
ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION	\$55.58 M	\$7.11 M	ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION	\$52.42 M	\$3.95 M
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES	\$39.96 M	(\$604,000)	AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES	\$41.11 M	\$1.75 M
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$41.63 M	\$1.4 M	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$41.03 M	\$812,000
EDUCATION	\$946.96 M	\$34.3 M	EDUCATION	\$961.04 M	\$48.37 M
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$1.928 B	(\$34.5 M)	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$1.942 B	(\$21 M)
JUSTICE SYSTEM	\$763.24 M	\$11.7 M	JUSTICE SYSTEM	\$770.37 M	\$18.84 M
STANDINGS/SCHOOL AID	\$3.84 B	(\$20.6 M)	STANDINGS/SCHOOL AID	\$3.86 B	(\$4 M)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7.62 B</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7.67 B</b>	<b>\$48.72 M</b>

### Senate District 30 Special Election Update

The Governor has scheduled the special election for Senate District 30 for March 19. The seat opened up when Senator Danielson resigned from the Senate, and from his position with the Cedar Falls fire department. Danielson announced that he had taken a position with the American Wind Energy Association as the Central Region Director and will lead state policy efforts in the midwestern and plains states. Black Hawk Democrats nominated Eric Giddens to run for Senate 30, on February 23. Giddens is a program manager for the Center for Energy & Environmental Education at UNI, and a member of the Cedar Falls school board. He was nominated on the third ballot.

Former Representative Walt Rogers will represent the Republicans in the race. Rogers held House 60, and its predecessor seat, for four terms before losing in the 2018 election. House 60 is part of Cedar Falls, Hudson, and parts of southwest Black Hawk County outside Cedar Falls. Fred Perryman is expected to seek the Libertarian nomination for the seat. The seat has a slight registration and performance advantage for Democrats.

### Governor Reynolds Makes Cabinet Appointments

Governor Reynolds announced a number of appointments and re-appointments to her cabinet, including former Speaker of the House Kraig Paulsen as the Director to the Department of Revenue. Reynolds said, "I believe the most successful leaders surround themselves with the best and brightest people. I want to thank those who are continuing to serve my administration as well as welcome several new individuals to the team." These appointments require approval by the Senate. The appointments and re-appointments are:

- Katie Averill to continue as the Superintendent of Credit Unions. She was first appointed in June 2017.
- Gerd Clabaugh to continue as the Director of Department of Public Health. Clabaugh has served in various other capacities of health policy, include as the interim director.
- Geri Huser to continue as the chair of the Iowa Utilities Board. She previously was director of Iowa Title Guaranty and served in the Legislature.
- Larry Johnson as the Director of the Department of Inspection and Appeals effective March 1st. He previously served as the State Public Defender and in the Governor's office.
- Kraig Paulsen as the Director of the Department of Revenue, effective as of today. Paulsen is the former Speaker of



- the House and replaces Adam Humes.
- Janet Phipps to continue as the Director of Department of Administrative Services. Previously, she served as director of the Department of General Services.
- Rod Roberts as the next Labor Commissioner. He previously served as the Director of the Department of Inspections and Appeals and in the Iowa House. He replaces current Labor Commissioner Michael Mauro.
- Dave Roederer to continue as the Director of the Department of Management. Roederer has held a number of positions in the Governor’s Office.
- Beth Townsend to continue as the Director of the Department of Workforce Development. She has also been the director of the Civil Rights Commission.
- Nick Wagner to continue as a board member on the Iowa Utilities Board. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives.
- Jeff Wright to serve as the State Public Defender beginning on March 1, 2019. He has served on the Board of Parole.

**In the Legislature Next Week**

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 8, March 4 - 8, 2019  
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Monday, March 4	Tuesday, March 5	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 7	Friday, March 8
8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION
	11:00 Education EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	10:00 Local Government EM 19 Agriculture EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	10:00 Public Safety EM 19 Economic Growth EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Veterans Affairs EM 19 Environmental Protection EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Veterans Affairs EM 19 Environmental Protection EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Education EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	ON CALL - ALL COMMITTEES
2:00 Natural Resources EM 19 Judiciary EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Natural Resources EM 19 Judiciary EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Ways and Means EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Local Government EM 19 Agriculture EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
4:00 Education EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	5:00 Public Safety EM 19 Economic Growth EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	5:00 Natural Resources EM 19 Judiciary EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		

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\*\*\*Subject to Change\*\*\*

Monday, March 4	Tuesday, March 5	Wednesday, March 6	Thursday, March 7	Friday, March 8
	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
	10:00 Judiciary EM 22	9:30 Commerce EM 22 11:00 Judiciary EM 22	10:00 Commerce EM 22	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 State Govt. EM 22 Local Govt. EM 24	1:00 Agriculture EM 22	1:00 State Govt. EM 22 Local Govt. EM 24	On All Committees Call
1:30 Education EM 22 Labor/Bus. EM 24	3:00 Nat. Resources EM 22 Veterans Affairs EM 24	2:00 Education EM 22 Labor/Bus. EM 24	3:00 Judiciary EM 22	
3:00 Hum. Res. EM 22 Transportation EM 24		3:00 Hum. Res. EM 22 Transportation EM 24		
		4:00 State Govt. EM 22		

**Key Dates**

<b>January 14</b>	First Day of Legislative Session
<b>February 15</b>	Last Day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
<b>March 8</b>	First Legislative Funnel (Originating chamber bills must be voted out of a full committee to remain "alive")
<b>March 15</b>	Revenue Estimating Conference Meets
<b>April 5</b>	Second Legislative Funnel (Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive")
<b>April 15</b>	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
<b>May 3</b>	110 <sup>th</sup> Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.



**In the News**

1. [Support Builds for \\$22M Appropriation to Fund Future Ready Iowa](#)
2. [Iowa Poll 78% Want Medical Marijuana Expanded, 48% Would Allow Recreational](#)
3. [Former Governor Vilsack Will Not Run For US Senate](#)
4. [Iowa Business Leaders Call For Immigration Reform](#)
5. [House Speaker on Cannabidiol Access](#)
6. [Governor's Proposal to Expand Birth Control Access Gets Approval by Senate Subcommittee](#)
7. [Sunshine Tax on Solar Energy Advances in Iowa House](#)
8. [Iowa Poll on Property Taxes and Sales Taxes](#)
9. [Crime Victims Rights Amendments Moves First Hurdle](#)



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