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**Week in Review**

This week legislators made significant moves in an effort to push for adjournment at the end of next week. There are still priority bills that need moved as well as budget bills. However, this week several bills saw passage or an agreement was struck between the chambers—these bills include sports betting, childrens mental health, pharmacy benefit manager oversight, and some budget bills.

This week the Legislature agreed to joint budget targets; both a global number and individual budget targets. Budget Chairs are now earnestly negotiating on budgets to reach consensus. Next week we will see budgets moving rapidly. Below is a chart detailing the current status of the various budget bills.

	House Bill	Senate Bill	Agreement/Status
Admin and Reg.	<a href="#">HF 759</a>	Same number.	Passed House on party line vote. Passed Senate Full Appropriations
Ag. & Natl Resources		<a href="#">SF 609</a>	Passed Senate. Passed House w/ amendment. Has to bounce back to Senate.
Eco. Development		<a href="#">SF 608</a>	Voted out of Senate. House Budget Sub considered 4/18.
Education	<a href="#">HF 758</a>		Voted out of full House. Passed Senate Appropriations 4/18 w/ amendment.
Human Services	<a href="#">HF 768</a>		Passed Full House. Waiting for Senate subcommittee.
Justice Systems		<a href="#">SF 615</a>	Passed Full Senate.
Judicial Branch		<a href="#">SF 616</a>	Passed Full Senate.
RIIF	<a href="#">HF 765</a>		Passed House chamber. Passed Full Appropriations.
Transportation	NA	<a href="#">SF 600</a>	Voted out of full Senate; House voted to approve SF 600. Goes to Governor.
Unassigned Standings			

**Bills on the Move**

The Governor signed [SF 245](#), a bill that deals with skilled workforce grants by making changes to reporting requirements on skilled worker shortages. The bill also allows students to finish programs for skilled job training even if the skilled job is no longer identified as being in high demand or having a worker shortage. The bill passed both chambers unanimously.

The Senate approved [SF 617](#), the sports betting bill with a bipartisan vote of 31 – 18 (19 Republicans and 12 Democrats). The bill allows for sports betting in Iowa at casinos and race tracks. Debate was short (15 minutes or less) with Senator and Floor Manager Roby Smith being the only senator to speak on the bill. Estimates on the amount of revenue the bill will generate in tax revenues and for special funds range from under \$2 million to more than \$5 million. The House is expected to take up the bill on Monday.



The House and Senate have both passed [SF 691](#), a bill that makes changes to the amount of reserves counties and MH regions can have in their cash reserves. Currently, the law allowed for only a \$25M cash reserve, this bill would move that to \$40M.

The House and Senate have now both passed [HF 690](#), a bill that establishes a children's mental health system in Iowa. The bill establishes a Children's Behavioral Health System Board and establishes requirements for core behavioral services for children.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee moved an amended version of Gov. Reynolds' Empower Rural Iowa Initiative this week. [SSB 1193](#) was amended to address just the broadband portion of the governor's initiative. [SF 625](#) is the new bill number and provides specifics regarding the broadband grant application and what projects would qualify.

Property Tax in the Senate. [SSB 1260](#) is similar to the House property tax bill in certain ways, but has some differences, these include—total amount of increase is 3%, Senate lowers the threshold for a reverse referendum from 20% to 10%, puts retirement contributions outside of the cap, and provides for a senior citizen (older than 65) credit to help senior citizens handle the burden of property tax increases.

### **Flood Assistance**

Governor Reynolds signed Executive Order #4, which creates a Flood Recovery Advisory Board (FRAB) and proposed \$15 million funding in FY 2019 and another \$10 million in FY 2020. The funding goes to the Workforce Housing tax credit to help Iowans in areas affected by flooding. Reynolds said that the FRAB will work with private groups and the state, local and federal governments in order to help flooded communities. Earlier in the week, Governor Reynolds extended the deadline for seeking assistance through the Iowa Individual grants program until May 12, 2019. Republican leaders said that they have room to include the Governor's proposals in the budget.

Reynolds said, "We have not forgotten Iowans and their families who are still suffering from the devastating flooding along the Missouri River. This critical funding will assist in flood control infrastructure repairs and immediate fixes for public safety. The legislation spans levees, drainage areas, and flood control improvements, for individuals, businesses, and communities affected by this historic flooding."

### **Loeb sack to Retire**

Dave Loeb sack, Iowa's US District 2, announced that he will retire at the end of his seventh term in 2020. Loeb sack was first elected to the US House in 2006, beating Representative Jim Leach. In 2012, after redistricting, the district picked up Scott County and lost Linn County. The district includes southcentral and southeast Iowa, and Scott, Clinton, Johnson and Jasper counties. Senator Miller-Meeks has run for the seat several times; Senator Lofgren lost in a primary to Miller-Meeks in 2014. Miller-Meeks will be in the middle of her term in 2020 and would not need to leave the Senate to run again. Lofgren is up for re-election in 2020. Former Senator Rita Hart, who left the Senate to run for the Lieutenant Governor in 2018, is a possible candidate for the Democrats. Registration and performance numbers favor the Democrats slightly.



**In the Legislature Next Week**

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 15, April 22 - 26, 2019  
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IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 15, April 22-26, 2019  
\*\*\*Subject to Change\*\*\*

Monday, April 22	Tuesday, April 23	Wednesday, April 24	Thursday, April 25	Friday, April 26
	9:30 SESSION	9:30 SESSION	9:30 SESSION	9:30 SESSION
	11:00 Ways and Means: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	11:00 Ways and Means: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
12:00 SESSION	1:00 SESSION	1:00 SESSION	1:00 Ways and Means: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	On Call: Appropriations, Ways & Means
1:00 Ways and Means: RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber			2:00 SESSION	
2:00 SESSION				

Monday, April 22	Tuesday, April 23	Wednesday, April 24	Thursday, April 25	Friday, April 26
10:00 Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee RM 22	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION
		11:00 Government Oversight RM 22		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
12:00 SESSION	1:00 Appropriations RM 22	1:00 SESSION		On call: Budget Subt, Appropriations, Ways and Means
Upon Adjournment Appropriations RM 22	2:00 SESSION			

**Key Dates**

- January 14** First Day of Legislative Session

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- February 15** Last Day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests

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- March 8** First Legislative Funnel (Originating chamber bills must be voted out of a full committee to remain "alive")

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- March 15** Revenue Estimating Conference Meets

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- April 5** Second Legislative Funnel (Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive")

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- April 15** Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate

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- May 3** 110<sup>th</sup> Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.

**In the News**

1. [Legalized Sports Betting Passes Iowa Senate](#)
2. [Iowa House Votes to Add Fee for Electronic Vehicle Registration](#)
3. [Bill Would Allow College-Goers to Carry Stun Guns](#)
4. [Proposal To Make More Iowa Parents Eligible for Child Care Tax Break](#)
5. [U of IA Paid \\$4M to Keep Contractor Off Pharmacy Building Project](#)
6. [Kevin Kinney Joins Democrats Eyeing Loeb sack's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Seat in Iowa](#)
7. [Measles Case Confirmed in Iowa](#)
8. [Legislative Leaders Vow Action on Gov. Reynolds' \\$15M Flood Aid Package](#)



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