

February 14, 2020

AIWP Legislative Breakfast

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On February 5th, AIWP hosted its 2020 legislative reception at the State Capitol in Des Moines. AIWP board members and regional advocates from across the state met with legislators to educate and advocate for workforce initiatives. Thank you to all who attended!



Senator Amanda Ragan meets with Taylor Williams, Region 2 WIOA Director and Jess Shaw of Iowa Mold Tooling. Iowa Mold Tooling is one of the many employers statewide that benefit from localized WIOA services.



Representative Dave Williams speaks with Region 7 WIOA Director Chris Hannan and Keri Kono of Hawkeye Community College.

State Policy Update

First Funnel

The first funnel will be Friday, February 21st, and it is one of a few deadlines set in place to keep the legislative process moving. By this date, bills must be passed out of committee from their respective chamber (Ex. Senate files must be passed out of their Senate committee and House files must be passed out of their House committee) in order to continue in the legislative process.

If bills are not passed out, they are considered "dead" and cannot be debated or voted on. Exceptions to this rule are Appropriations bills, Ways and Means bills, government oversight

bills, and bills from leadership.

Helpful Links

Click [here](#) to find your legislator. You can search by address, city, school district, county, or zip code.

To find bios, contact information, and photos of all the legislators, go to the [Legislators page](#) on the Iowa Legislature website. Select either "[Senators](#)" or "[Representatives](#)" on the left-side menu to see a complete list of all members, including links to their information page and district map.

For a complete list of Senate and House committees and members, click [here](#).

For a full list of Senate and House leadership, click [here](#).

Legislation

[House File 2041](#)

Permits businesses' new onsite daycare facilities or businesses' expansion of existing onsite daycare facilities to qualify as projects under the high quality jobs program. Passed House Ways and Means subcommittee.

[House File 2082](#)

Creates the new resident and new graduate tax credits, available against the individual income tax. Passed House Ways and Means subcommittee.

[House File 2083](#)

Provides businesses with income, franchise, moneys and credits, and gross premiums tax credits for providing child care benefits to employees of the business. In House Ways and Means subcommittee with Osmundson, Bloomingdale, and James.

[House File 2125](#)

Establishes a child care future zones program and fund within the economic development authority to award financial assistance to eligible persons involved in child care. In House Economic Growth subcommittee with Wheeler, Gustafson, and Jacoby.

[House File 2171](#)

Establishes a child care workforce state matching grants program and fund administered by the early childhood Iowa state board to award matching state grants to eligible communities. Passed House Human Resources subcommittee.

[House File 2175](#)

Relates to the construction of child care facilities by providing developers with sales and use tax refunds and income, franchise, moneys and credits, and gross premiums tax credits. Passed House Ways and Means subcommittee.

[House File 2203](#)

Establishes a graduated eligibility phase-out program for state child care assistance. Passed House Human Resources Committee.

[House File 2284](#)

Relates to state child care assistance, including income eligibility and waiting list guidelines and copayment requirements. Referred to House Human Resources Committee.

[House File 2337](#)

Exempts pay received for providing certain child care services, and creates an additional personal exemption credit against the individual income tax. In House Ways and Means subcommittee with Hagenow, Hein, and Jacoby.

House File 2384

Relates to the Future Ready Iowa Act and other efforts to strengthen Iowa's workforce, including a child care challenge program for working Iowans, a workforce diploma pilot program, computer science instruction, work-based learning coordinators, and the senior year plus program. Referred to Appropriations Committee.. A similar bill (**SSB 3077**) is in a Senate Commerce subcommittee with Sinclair, Breitbach, Koelker, Mathis, and Quirmbach.

Senate Study Bill 3046

Relates to eligibility requirements for the Future Ready Iowa skilled workforce last-dollar scholarship program. In Senate Ways and Means subcommittee with Koelker, Dawson, and Mathis. Similar bill (**HSB 643**) in House Education subcommittee with Hanusa, T. Moore, and Kurth.

Senate Study Bill 3157

Relates to the voluntary shared work program. Passed Senate Labor and Business Relations subcommittee.

Senate File 2027

Requires that public secondary and postsecondary education institutions include contact information for Your Life Iowa crisis program and the national suicide prevention line on student identification cards. In Senate Education subcommittee with Sinclair, Behn, and Quirmbach. A similar bill (**SF 2081**) has passed the Senate Education Committee, but does not include postsecondary institutions.

Senate File 2098

Relating to the direct care workforce including the creation of a direct care worker database, inclusion of direct care workers in state skilled workforce programs, and the establishment of a direct care worker tuition grant program and a direct care worker tuition tax credit. In Senate Labor and Business Relations subcommittee with Brown, Guth, and R. Taylor.

Senate File 2110

Relates to the family income eligibility requirement for state child care assistance. In Senate Human Resources subcommittee with Costello, Edler, and Jochum.

Senate File 2223

Establishes survey and reporting requirements relating to community college students' intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree, progress in prerequisite academic coursework, and enrollment in universities after receiving community college degrees. In Senate Education subcommittee with Kraayenbrink, Cournoyer, and Wahls.

Senate File 2154

Relates to qualifications for community college career and technical education instructors. Passed Senate Education Committee.

Important Dates

February 21: First Funnel

Final date for House bills to be passed out of House committees, and Senate bills out of Senate committees.

March 20: Second Funnel

Final date for Senate bills to be passed out of House committees and House bills to be passed out of Senate committees.

April 21: Target Adjournment Date



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