

The Second Week

Here are some highlights from the week:

IDPH Legislative Package

- The Senate version of IDPH's technical bill, [SSB 1016](#), was introduced on January 15th and was referred to the Human Resources Committee. It has been assigned to a subcommittee of Senators [Mary Jo Wilhelm](#) (chair), [Herman Quirmbach](#), and [Nancy Boettger](#). A subcommittee has been scheduled for Monday, January 28, at 12:30 pm in the Senate Lobby Lounge.

A companion bill, [HSB 45](#), was also introduced in the House on January 23rd and referred the Human Resources Committee. It was assigned to a subcommittee of Representatives [Rob Bacon](#), [Sally Stutsman](#), and [Rob Taylor](#). As of this writing a subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled.

- To understand how a bill moves through the legislative process, click [here](#).

Legislative Committee Work

- Gerd Clabaugh, Deputy Director for the Department and Director of the [Division of Acute Disease Prevention and Emergency Response](#) presented an overview of IDPH and its functions to the [House Human Resources Committee](#) on Wednesday, January 23rd. It was a great opportunity to provide some education and exposure to the newest members of the committee and to promote the spectrum of services and programs IDPH provides to their constituents back home. I spoke briefly about the Governor's Healthiest State Initiative (HSI) as the HSI Coordinator for IDPH. HSI will be holding their 2nd Annual Day on the Hill on Thursday, January 31st and will be discussing their next steps with legislators. For more information about the HSI's next steps please click [here](#).
- The Joint Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee met for the first time on Thursday, January 24th. [Fiscal Division](#) analysts, Estelle Montgomery and Jess Benson, from the [Legislative Services Agency](#) (LSA) provided their analysis of the Governor's budget recommendations for each department under the purview of the subcommittee. This budget subcommittee provides appropriations to IDPH, the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Iowa Veterans Home.

To see the complete LSA analysis of the Governor's budget recommendations please click [here](#). The analysis of the agencies under the HHS Appropriations Subcommittee begins on page 139.

For more information on the membership and work of this subcommittee, please click [here](#).

Highlights for Next Week

- Dr. Miller-Meeks, Director of IDPH, has been invited to present to the HHS subcommittee on Tuesday, January 29th to provide an overview of the IDPH budget. Her presentation will include information on the Governor's recommendations for the FY 2014 and FY 2015 budget years as well as some discussion on the potential impacts of sequestration as requested by the subcommittee members.

Other Information

- **Mark Your Calendar.** To view the session timeline please click [here](#).
- The Iowa General Assembly website is a great source of legislative information. The address is www.legis.iowa.gov. Finding your legislator, committee members, photos of legislators and bills is easy to locate. Please take some time to check it out.
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