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[The Second Week](#)

Here are some highlights from the week:

[IDPH Legislative Package](#)

- IDPH has three bills for the 2014 session:
 - [SSB 3013](#) was introduced in the Senate on January 15 and was referred to the [Senate Human Resources Committee](#). The subcommittee of Senators [Herman Quirnbach](#) (chair), [Liz Mathis](#), and [Mark Segebart](#) met on Thursday, January 23 and will recommend passage of the bill to the Senate Human Resources Committee without amendments. The change the Board of Dietetics (under the IDPH Bureau of Professional Licensure) is proposing is consistent with the change in name of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND), and includes the name of the AND credentialing agency, the Commission on Dietetic Registration. The bill is technical in nature.
 - [HSB 528](#) is the House companion bill to the Board of Dietetics bill. It was introduced on January 22 and was assigned to the [House Human Resources Committee](#). It has been assigned to a subcommittee of Representatives [Rob Bacon](#) (chair), [Marti Anderson](#), and [Kevin Koester](#). A subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled as of this writing.
 - [SSB 3014](#) is the IDPH Omnibus Bill and was introduced in the Senate on January 15 and was referred to the Senate Human Resources Committee. The subcommittee of Senators [Mary Jo Wilhelm](#) (chair), [Bill Dotzler](#), and [David Johnson](#) met on Thursday, January 23 and will recommend passage of the bill to the Senate Human Resources Committee. Amendments were introduced to the bill from outside stakeholders however it is not clear as of this writing what will be included in the subcommittee's recommendation.
 - The third bill in the IDPH legislative package pertains to the Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN) that is administered by the [IDPH Office of e-Health](#). The bill is proposing to expand eligibility for the query function service that the IHIN provides. The service is used to query participants (any entity that has signed a participation agreement with the Office of e-Health) in the IHIN for a patient's health information. Examples of when the service may be used include but are not limited to when the patient is unable to remember their full medical history or during an off-hour emergency. Each participant is vetted through an approval process before gaining access to the IHIN. As of this writing, the bill has not been introduced in either chamber.

Companion bills were introduced in each chamber during the second week and each were assigned to their respective chamber's Human Resources Committees. [SSB 3042](#) has been assigned to a subcommittee of Senators [Herman Quirnbach](#) (chair), [Mary Jo Wilhelm](#), and [Nancy Boettger](#). A subcommittee meeting has not been scheduled as of this writing. [HSB 526](#) has been assigned to a subcommittee of Representatives [Linda Miller](#) (chair), [Marti Anderson](#), and [Stan Gustafson](#). A subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 at noon in the House Lobby Lounge.

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

[Other Highlights](#)

- **Presentations.** Interim Director Gerd Clabaugh provided an overview of the department's budget to the [Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee](#) on Thursday, January 23. Topics included a brief biography, the department's budget priorities for FY 2015 (EMS/Trauma Software System, Trauma assessment by the American College of Surgeons, and an increase for the medical

residency training program), and accomplishments that the department has had over the past year (Public Health tracking portal, free nicotine replacement therapy for Quitline participants, electronic vital records system, providing substance abuse treatment services to Iowa National Guard members and their families). The presentation was well-received and IDPH will be providing some follow-up information for the subcommittee members.

Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, Kathy Stone, was invited to the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) on Wednesday, January 22 to provide remarks on the issues of substance abuse as they relate to Iowa's criminal justice system. Her presentation has been postponed to a later date.

Subcommittees attended:

- [SF 2009](#) An Act establishing a Lyme disease task force. The subcommittee will recommend passage with a possible amendment.
- [SF 2002](#) An Act establishing a notification requirement for mammogram reports and written statements to patients. The subcommittee chair has requested that opposing parties work together to find a common ground that ensures physicians and patients receive good information on dense breast tissue without the need to put a medical standard of care into the Iowa Code.

Highlights for Next Week:

- The [Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee](#) will be hosting presenters and discussions relating to implementation of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP) on January 28 and 29. As of this writing an official agenda has not been released.
- IDPH staff will be attending a subcommittee on [HSB 530](#) that requires any entity or person administering a vaccine or immunization to report its administration directly to the statewide [Immunization Registry Information System](#) (IRIS) within 30 days following the administration of the vaccine. It is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 at 3:30 in the House lobby Lounge.

Other Information

- **Mark Your Calendar.** The funnel dates in each chamber have been moved up two weeks as part of the joint effort to end session early. First funnel is now scheduled for February 21 and the second funnel is now scheduled for March 14. To view the updated session timeline please click [here](#).
- The Iowa General Assembly website is a great source of legislative information. The address is www.legis.iowa.gov . Take a few minutes to check out the wealth of resources.
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