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State Policy Update

The 2019 state legislative session kicked off this week. After elections last year, there are many new faces in the legislature. Republicans maintain control of the Senate, House, and the Governor's office.

New Legislature

There are 31 new lawmakers in the House and Senate. Find your legislator and see if there are any changes in your delegation by clicking [here](#). 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](#).

Budget Process

Governor Reynolds has released her budget recommendations for the upcoming year. Included in her proposal is \$20 million for Future Ready Iowa -- a workforce development initiative that was passed into law last year without funding. You can read her budget in full [here](#).

You can also read an in-depth analysis of her recommendations [here](#).

AIWP Legislative Breakfast

The Association of Iowa Workforce Partners (AIWP) is hosting its annual nonpartisan legislative breakfast on January 29 at the Iowa State Capitol. Workforce directors will speak to legislators about the important work happening locally to move people into high-quality careers through a broad range of services and supports.

When: Tuesday, January 29, 2019
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Where: Legislative Dining Room

Important Dates

January 14 **First Day of Session**

January 29 **AIWP Legislative Breakfast**

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Legislative Dining Room

March 8 **First Funnel**

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

April 5 **Second Funnel**

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

May 3 **Target Adjournment Date**

This update is a bi-weekly publication intended to share information and resources regarding legislative activities, events, and bills related to workforce issues in Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Britney Samuelson at bsamuelson@sppg.com or 515-237-0340.