

Iowa Legislative Report
Iowa State Police Association
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The second year of the 89th General Assembly went into session this Monday January 9th. As in most years, the first week of the legislative session is filled with a lot of pageantry with the Governor's state of the state address along with speeches from the Supreme Court and the National Guard. The Senate and House leadership also gave speeches setting out their agenda for the year. These speeches set the tone for the legislative session and give a glimpse as to what policies may take a priority position once the real work of the legislature starts next week.

As was the case last session, all three chambers are controlled by the Republican party. After listening to the speeches, lowering the income tax and providing more access to job training will be at the top of the list. Public safety and education reform were also mentioned in all three chambers. But even though republicans control the chambers, it does not mean they agree on all of the policy priorities. The Senate and the House operate independently and have differing opinions as to how these policies should be implemented and to what degree.

As for the priorities of ISPA, it seems there is an appetite to continue with the policy successes from last year. The Governor discussed a \$1000 retention bonus for police officers in her state of the state address. Details are not available as of yet but it's a positive set in the right direction. The 411 bill passed the House chambers last year so it is still alive and well in this session. We continue to push the Senate to pass this bill in its current form and send it down to the Governor's office for her signature. We will hopefully have more updates on this in the coming weeks.

Again, with most years, surprises will happen. We have heard a variety of rumors on policy that may be introduced by the Governor and the Legislature that may be helpful or harmful. We will continue to communicate with legislators on our

priority issues as well as the “rumors”, so we are prepared to address them if they are introduced.

We have updated drop box with a 2022 legislative folder. Session timetable, bill tracker and newsletter files have been added and will be updated as the session moves forward. As of now, the bill tracker still has last years bills on it. We will update this over the next few weeks to reflect only the bills tracked for this legislative session.

Feel free to reach out to any of us for further clarification or if you have any questions. Fitzgerald, Smith, and Associates appreciates your business and we look forward to representing ISPA at the state Capitol this year.

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