



Under the Golden Dome #10

This Week at the Capitol:

It's mid-March and that means Spring Break for most of the schoolkids in Iowa. Many of our fellow legislators welcomed their children or grandchildren as guests in the House. Their presence in the House reminds us of the importance of the work we do here.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you and work to improve the future of Iowa for all of our kids and grandkids. These days are long but well worth the effort.



As we move toward the second funnel, the intensity will ramp up. Thank you to everyone who has contacted me – whether for or against – various pieces of legislation. Your information has helped me ask the right questions and seek more specific answers.

HF 622– Protecting Privacy in School Bathrooms and Locker Rooms

- This bill gives schools guidance on bathroom and locker room requirements.
- The bill states that people may not use a multiple occupancy bathroom or changing area that does not correspond to the sex on their birth certificate in K-12 schools. It specifies that this applies to any locker room or changing area for extracurricular activities and for overnight trips.

- However, I do understand that some children may not feel comfortable using the restroom or locker room that corresponds with their biological sex. This bill directs schools to make an accommodation for that child by providing a separate space for that child to use.
- This bill gives schools the guidance that many of them have asked legislators for to be able to maintain their bathroom policies and accommodate students when necessary.

We have heard from many Iowans who have kids that are very uncomfortable sharing a locker room or bathroom with someone of the opposite sex. Additionally, many legislators have heard from their school districts asking them for guidance on this issue. This bill allows schools to maintain their bathroom policies and accommodate students when necessary.

SF514 - Government Reorganization

- This week, we passed the government reorganization bill through the Iowa House. It has been 40 years since Iowa reorganized its state government.
- This bill will streamline government, increase efficiency, eliminate redundancies, save taxpayer dollars and ultimately ensure state government better serves the people of Iowa.
- The bill shrinks government from the bloated number of 37 state agencies, down to 16. No state services for Iowans will be lost and no state employee will lose their job.
- We had over 8 hours of subcommittee hearings and 12 hours of committee hearings on this bill. As it passed through State Government and the Appropriations committee, House Republicans made several changes using the committee process.
- The debate on the floor was extensive but it has now passed both the House and Senate, waiting for the Governor's signature.

SF507 – ESG's: Protecting Public Funds

- I'm thrilled to report that Iowa House Republicans passed a bill to protect Iowans' money from activist Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) policies. This was one of my goals for important legislation.
- This bill requires that public funds act only in the best financial interest of the fund and its beneficiaries and not make decisions based on a political agenda.
- It also prohibits public entities from entering contracts with companies who participate in economic boycotts.
- There are three industries currently being boycotted by investment groups: fossil fuels, gun manufacturers and the agriculture industry.

House File 370 – Schoolboard Access to Information

- On Thursday, the Iowa House passed a bill governing Iowa Schoolboards.
- Working with members of the Iowa School Board Association and teacher's union, House Republicans to clarify the language of the legislation.
- We amended the bill on the House Floor to increase transparency and access to information for schoolboard members.
 - o This bill now clarifies that school board members have access to review curriculum, library books, and professional development materials.
 - o It also says school board members should be allowed to work with teachers and the Superintendent to sit in on any classes or professional development trainings.
- It is common sense that these elected schoolboard members should have access to this information for the schools they represent.



Close the Gap- for folks with disabilities.



Iowa Federation of Republic Women sporting their red.



Moms for Liberty with Governor Reynolds.



Page Olivia, celebrating her birthday and showing her bees.

God bless, Cindy

*Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives,
is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see.*

- Corrie Ten Boom

