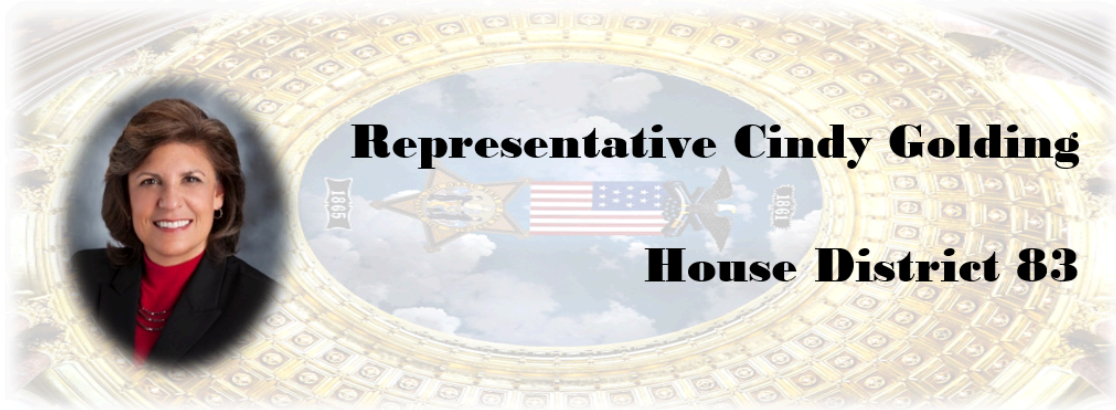


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## Under the Golden Dome

### Week #3 - 2024

Hello Friends,

The weather is a bit better this week as the arctic temperatures retreat, but things are heating up in Des Moines. Committee meetings are on a regular schedule but sub-committee meetings seemingly “pop-up” in every spare minute.

For those new to this process it can get quite confusing to try to follow.

Once a bill has been filed by a legislator or department, it gets assigned a number and then to a committee. For this discussion, I’ll use XYZ as an example. The committee chair then assigns XYZ to a 3 person sub-committee made up of 2 Republicans and 1 Democrat (based on the composition of the legislature).

If the members of the subcommittee pass the bill, XYZ returns to the committee where it may be passed, amended, or defeated. There is quite a bit more - but this is where we are in the process this year.

If you are following a particular bill, the sub-committee is the time when the public may comment. These meetings are live-streamed and you may watch or even participate.

To find out more or to get information to track certain bills go to [legis.iowa.gov](https://legis.iowa.gov) .

sub-committee and here all the discussion around the deliberations.

**NOTE: Public “Town Hall / AEA Listening Session” Saturday, Feb 3 - 8:30 to 10:30AM, Cedar Rapids Community School District, 2500 Edgewood Rd. NW, Cedar Rapids.**

## **Other news from the Capitol**

### **Veterans Affairs**

This week, The Association of County Commissioners and Veteran Service Officers (VSO) presented their plans for improving connections with Iowa’s veterans. They were in the Rotunda, sharing the opportunities and services available.

### **Local Government**

There are quite a few bills coming through this committee. I will be chairing a sub-committee on HSB 598 requested by our volunteer firefighters. If passed, this will give volunteers in our small towns more flexibility to serve in various capacities.

### **State Government**

There are a slew of bills coming through State Government dealing with changes enacted last year. Streamlining the government bureaucracy has been one of Governor Reynold’s objectives. As these departments come together, we are finding ways to reduce duplicity, saving citizens and businesses time and money.

## **A Founding Father’s quote for today**

*“Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.”*

*-Thomas Jefferson*

It is an honor to serve a your Representative. Please stay in touch!

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Have a wonderful week!

Cindy



**My view of the Capitol every morning on my way to work.**



**Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs Day on the Hill**  
Hearing from Marines and County Veterans Service Officers.

### Iowa Railroad Alliance

Learning more about Iowa railroads and the opportunities for community growth through enhanced rail access.



### Firefighter Chili Cook-off

Local firefighters ( supporting HSB598).

Representatives enjoying Chili and voting.



### SIDS -

with Representative Osmundson learning of the latest research around SIDS and support for families.



### **Duane Arnold Solar Fields near Palo.**

Legislators were invited by NextEra to tour the solar fields near Palo. There are several phases underway. This intermittent alternative energy source is replacing Iowa's only nuclear powerplant. Some love it, some hate it. I urge all to become informed as electricity drives our economy.

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