



## It's Day One of Iowa's 2020 Legislative Session

Today, legislators [return to their chambers for the second year of the two-year biennium](#). This means any bills still 'alive' after the first year of the biennium remain active and can be picked up starting day one of this session. New bills will also be introduced and will be required to pass through 'funnels' and committee hearings. We anticipate that we will see action on some bills much sooner than the previous year.



Republicans have a new Speaker of the House, Representative Pat Grassley. As Speaker, Grassley will have the power to set the House's agenda and to work with the Republican-controlled Senate led by Republican Senator Jack Whitver. The 2020 session will mark the fourth year in a row that Republicans control the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the governor's office.

On Tuesday, Governor Reynolds will deliver the 2020 Condition of the State Address to a joint session of the legislature. The address serves as the announcement of the administration's formal legislative proposals.

IEC has been preparing for today since the 2019 session gaveled, crafting and honing policy and legislative priorities. With a top-notch team ready to get to work and supporters like you ready to add your voice to our coalition, 2020 offers opportunities for success.

Throughout session, you will receive our weekly Legislative News Bulletin email, with updates on bills IEC is registered on. You can also view any active Action Alerts on our [Take Action page](#).

## Here are additional ways you can prepare for the 2020 Session:

Visit and bookmark IEC's [2020 Legislative Portal](#)

Review the [Energy Program Legislative Priorities](#) and [Water Program Legislative Priorities](#)

Make sure you're [signed up to receive Action Alerts](#) from IEC during session. We send alerts as needed about legislation that needs your voice or action

Sign up to attend IEC's free [Environmental Lobby Day](#) on March 11

We look forward to enacting change that protects Iowa's land, water, and climate through our united efforts. Thank you!

## Dates of Interest:

- February 21: First funnel deadline (6th week)
- March 20: Second funnel deadline (10th week)
- April 21: 100th calendar day of the session; legislators' per diem expires

## IEC Legislative Events:

- January 21: [Energy Efficiency Day on the Hill](#)
- January 22: [Clean Energy Caucus with 100% Iowa](#)
- March 11: [Environmental Lobby Day](#)



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