

"Working Together For All Iowans"

# 2023

## **RECORD OF THE**

## **IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## & GOVERNOR

This voting record covers only <u>recorded</u> floor votes of the Iowa Senate and Iowa House that are of utmost importance to labor. Thus, unfortunately, not all of our priorities are in the record, and we must use other means to determine legislators' positions on those issues until such time as there is an official vote. This record does, however, serve as a tool to help Iowa trade unionists assess whether or not their elected representatives support an agenda that benefits all workers, organized or not.

The Iowa Federation of Labor also scores the Governor's actions so members can understand the record of the executive branch of government. Legislation that the IFL supported or opposed, that a Governor signs, vetoes, or line-item vetoes will also be scored, as well.

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#### Voting Record of the Iowa Senate—2023

The agenda of the Senate is controlled by the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate President presides over the proceedings of the Iowa Senate.

These are the Senators responsible for setting the agenda of the Iowa Senate.

#### Senate Majority Leader

Sen. Jack Whitver (R)



### President of the Senate

### Sen. Amy Sinclair (R)



#### Iowa Senate 2023 Recorded Votes on Labor Bills and Amendments

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| 1 | SF 542 - CHILD LABOR<br>PROTECTIONS ROLLBACK   | Iowa's child labor bill started off as bad as can be imaginable.  |
|   | IFL POSITION: OPPOSE   | Most egregiously the first draft did not properly define that work-based learning workers were covered under workers' compensation and businesses were not subject to civil liability due to student or employer  |
|   | BILL PASSED SENATE 29-18<br>3 Absent or Not Voting<br>May 3rd, 2023  | negligent acts. The final bill did state that the state's workers compensation law applies to injuries, sickness or death.  |
|   | PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR  | Other original language allowed 14 and 15 year olds to work in many<br>federally prohibited occupations and bypass hour restrictions under an<br>employer-administered work-related program if approved by the<br>Department of Education or through Iowa Workforce Development.14-17<br>year olds could work in any federally prohibited defined hazardous<br>occupations such as mining, meat packing plants, working with meat<br>grinders or slicers and other dangerous manufacturing and construction<br>jobs if it's an approved work based learning, registered apprenticeship,<br>career and technical education or student learner program. The bill would<br>create a new driving permit for 14 and 15 year old working students and 16<br>and 17 year olds could sell and serve alcohol in any establishment.   |
|   |  | Just two days before the session ended the House and Senate leadership<br>agreed to and passed a bill that was amended. The final bill still includes<br>work hour expansion beyond federally regulations. 14 and 15 year old work<br>expanded in laundry, assembly (15 year olds only), and paper balers<br>beyond federal regulations but can not be granted work program exceptions<br>for employer-administered work programs. 16 and 17 year old work still has<br>the exemption portion of the bill but some occupations were all out<br>prohibited such as mining and meatpacking. 16 and 17 year olds can still be<br>granted exemptions in Iowa for occupations like Power-Driven Hoisting<br>Apparatus (Federal HO 7); Power- Driven Bakery Machines (Federal HO<br>11); Manufacturing of brick, tile and related products (Federal HO 13); and<br>Wrecking, demolition and ship breaking operations (Federal HO 15) which<br>have no exceptions according to the FLSA. |
|   |  | Other changes from the original bill include creating an interim committee to study statutory changes for minor driving privileges, removing language that allows 14 and 15 year olds to get work permits, removes the language that allows 16 and 17 year olds to sell/serve alcohol at a bar, limits the selling/ serving of alcohol to a restaurant environment only, requires the employer to train workers on prevention and response of sexual harassment if a minor is to sell/serve alcohol and prohibits sexually violent predators from employing teens under 18 years of age.  |
| 2 | SF 318 - STATE APPRENTICESHIP<br>AGENCY<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSE<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 34-15<br>1 Absent or Not Voting<br>April 20th, 2023<br>PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR | The law allows for the state of lowa to oversee the administration of the federal registered apprenticeship programs in lowa. Labor had concerns with the language used and many of the suggested changes to the bill were not included. There is an approval process that still needs to be completed with the US Department of Labor.   |
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| 3 | SF 514 - GOVERNMENT<br>REORGANIZATION<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSE<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 34-15<br>1 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR                        | The 1300+ page bill proposed by the Governor reduces cabinet departments<br>from 37 down to 16 by merging departments together and eliminating over<br>500 open positions. The Labor Commissioner, which was previously under<br>lowa Workforce Development, is now under the Department of Inspections,<br>Appeals and Licensing. Some appointed positions like the Labor<br>Commissioner were also changed from having term limits to now being an at<br>-will employee of the Governor. Some public boards lost autonomy like the<br>Department of the Blind which lost the authority to choose their own director<br>and appoint their own officers. The new legislation instead authorizes the<br>Governor to solely make these decisions.  |
| 4 | HF 68 - PRIVATE SCHOOL<br>VOUCHERS<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSE<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 31-18<br>1 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR                           | Parents who do not send their child to public schools can put over \$7500 per year into an "educational savings account" to be used for private tuition in K-12. Some other uses for the funds include books, testing fees and online programs. After the child turns 20 years old any money left over returns to the state.<br>One of the biggest arguments against private school vouchers is they don't operate on an equal level. Private schools don't have to operate with the same transparency requirements, no publicly elected school boards and no requirements to accept every students.<br>The law will be phased in over 3 years with the first year allowing kindergarten students and families with incomes at or below 300% to obtain the funds. The estimated costs are \$345 million per year when fully implemented. |
| 5 | SF 192 - SCHOOL FUNDING<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSED<br>PASSED SENATE 34-15<br>1 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED HOUSE, AND SIGNED BY<br>GOVERNOR  | <ul> <li>SSA (Supplemental State Aid), the annual per pupil funding increase for preK-12 for public education, was set at 3%.</li> <li>Iowa currently will have around a \$2,000,000,000 surplus by the end of the next fiscal year and yet public schools are falling behind and having to make cuts. A representative for the Rural School Advocates of Iowa stated that a 5% increase would allow schools to remain at status quo.</li> <li>Many schools are dealing with declining enrollment and the new voucher program will only make that worse. There is a theory that less kids equals less cost per school but as you know it costs the same amount to teach or heat a room whether you have 14 or 20 kids in a classroom.</li> </ul>   |
| 6 | SF 228 - TRUCKING COMPANY<br>LIABILITY RELIEF<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSED<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 31-19<br>0 Absent or Not Voting<br>April 17th, 2023<br>PASSED HOUSE, AND SIGNED BY<br>GOVERNOR | This legislation was the first one like this in the nation to protect trucking companies. An Iowan injured or killed in a trucking accident, even if the company acted in negligence, will only be able to receive up to \$5 million in noneconomic damages. The original bill set a cap of \$1 million.   |

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| 7 | HF 161 - MEDICAL MALPRATICE<br>CAPS<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSED<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 29-20<br>1 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED HOUSE, AND SIGNED BY<br>GOVERNOR | Caps medical malpractice lawsuits with substantial or permanent loss or<br>impairment of a bodily function, disfigurement or death to \$2 million for a<br>civil case that includes a hospital and a \$1 million cap for clinics.   |
| 8 | SF 494 - SNAP ASSET TESTING<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSE<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 34-16<br>0 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR    | Creates an asset test to receive SNAP benefits and may kick thousands off<br>of the food source. Note: According to Center on Budget and Policy<br>Priorities site that the majority of working age SNAP participants work but<br>are often in unstable jobs.   |
| 9 | SF 547 - HANDS FREE DRIVING<br>IFL POSITION: SUPPORT<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 47-3<br>0 Absent or Not Voting<br>WAS NOT TAKEN UP FOR<br>DEBATE BY HOUSE          | lowa currently has a law for hands free driving but his bill eliminates a<br>loophole that allows people to drive while operating their cell phone if they<br>are using a navigation device. The new law does have exceptions. The<br>National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse says that 45% of<br>worker deaths in road construction sites are workers on foot struck by<br>vehicles. |

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|-----------|--------|-----|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|-------|-----------|
| Alons     | Kevin  | R   | 7    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | R  | w  | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 22        |
|           |        |     |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |       |           |
| Bennett   | Liz    | D   | 39   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97        |
| Bisignano | Tony   | D   | 15   | R  | R  | W  | А  | W  | R  | R  | R  | R | 6 | 2 | 1 | 67    | 91        |
|           |        |     |      |    |    |    | _  |    |    |    |    | _ |   | _ |   |       |           |
| Boulton   | Nate   | D   | 20   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
| Bousselot | Mike   | R   | 21   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 4         |
| _         |        |     |      | _  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |       |           |
| Brown     | Waylon | R   | 30   | A  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | R | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 3         |
| Celsi     | Claire | D   | 16   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
| <b>.</b>  |        |     |      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | - |   |   | • |       | _         |
| Costello  | Mark   | R   | 8    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 7         |
| Cournoyer | Chris  | R   | 35   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3         |
|           |        |     | 10   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | 5 |   |   | • |       | 2         |
| Dawson    | Dan    | R   | 10   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3         |
| De Witt   | Rocky  | R   | 1    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11        |
| Dickey    | Adrian | R   | 44   | w  | w  | w  | W  | w  | w  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6         |
| Dickey    | Aunan  |     | 44   | VV | Ν | Ţ | 0 | 0 | 11    | 0         |
| Donahue   | Molly  | D   | 37   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 98        |
| Dotzler   | Bill   | D   | 31   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R  | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97        |
|           |        |     | 21   | N  | IV | IV | N  | N  | IV | N  | N  | N | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 57        |
| Driscoll  | Dawn   | R   | 46   | А  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 3         |
| Edler     | Jeff   | R   | 26   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | w  | w  | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3         |
|           | Jen    | IX  | 20   | vv |   |   | 0 | 0 | **    | 5         |
| Evans     | Lynn   | R   | 3    | w  | w  | w  | R  | w  | w  | w  | w  | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 22        |

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|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Garrett      | Julian  | R   | 11   | W  | W  | А  | W  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 5         |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Giddens      | Eric    | D   | 38   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R   | R  | R  | R  | R   | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
| Green        | Jesse   | R   | 24   | W  | w  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | w  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6         |
| Green        | 1030    |     | 27   |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    | IX. | - | 0 | 0 |       | 0         |
| Gruenhagen   | Kerry   | R   | 41   | w  | w  | w  | w  | w   | w  | w  | w  | w   | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0     | 0         |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Guth         | Dennis  | R   | 28   | А  | W  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 4         |
|              |         |     | 26   | -  |    | -  | -  | -   | -  | -  |    | -   |   | • | • | 100   |           |
| Jochum       | Pam     | D   | 36   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R   | R  | R  | R  | R   | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 94        |
| Klimesh      | Mike    | R   | 32   | W  | w  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | w  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6         |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Кпох         | Izaah   | D   | 17   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R   | R  | R  | R  | R   | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Koelker      | Carrie  | R   | 33   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3         |
| Kraayenbrink | Tim     | R   | 4    | W  | w  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | w  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 4         |
| Riddyenbrink |         |     | 4    | vv | vv | vv | vv | vv  | vv | vv | vv | IX. | - | 0 | 0 |       | 4         |
| Lofgren      | Mark    | R   | 48   | w  | w  | w  | w  | w   | R  | R  | w  | R   | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 4         |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| McClintock   | Charlie | R   | 42   | R  | W  | W  | R  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 29        |
| <b>.</b> .   |         |     | 4.0  | -  |    | _  | _  | -   | _  | -  | _  | -   |   | • | • | 100   | 07        |
| Petersen     | Janet   | D   | 18   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R   | R  | R  | R  | R   | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97        |
| Quirmbach    | Herman  | D   | 25   | R  | R  | R  | R  | R   | R  | R  | R  | R   | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   | - | - |       |           |
| Reichman     | Jeff    | R   | 50   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 8         |
|              |         |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |     |   |   |   |       |           |
| Rowley       | David   | R   | 5    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W   | W  | W  | W  | R   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6         |
| Rozenboom    | Ken     | P   | 19   | W  | w  | W  | W  | \٨/ | W  | W  | w  | P   | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | F         |
| ROZENDOOM    | Ken     | R   | 19   | VV | VV | VV | VV | W   | VV | VV | VV | R   | 1 | ð | 0 | 11    | 5         |

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| Salmon         | Sandy      | R   | 29   | W   | w   | w   | w   | w   | R  | R   | w   | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 7         |
| Cabulta        | lacar      |     | C    | 14/ | 14/ | 14/ | 14/ | 14/ | W  | 14/ | 14/ |   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11    | 2         |
| Schultz        | Jason      | R   | 6    | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | VV | W   | W   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3         |
| Shipley        | Tom        | R   | 9    | W   | w   | w   | R   | W   | W  | W   | w   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6         |
| Sinclair       | Amy        | R   | 12   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | W   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5         |
| Sweeney        | Annette    | R   | 27   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | w   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 4         |
| Taylor         | Jeff       | R   | 2    | R   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | R   | W   | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 11        |
|                |            |     | ~    | I.  |     |     |     |     |    | I.  |     |   | , | 0 | • | 55    |           |
| Taylor         | Todd       | D   | 40   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R  | R   | R   | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99        |
| Trone Garriott | Sarah      | D   | 14   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R  | R   | R   | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
| Wahls          | Zach       | D   | 43   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R  | R   | R   | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100       |
| Webster        | Scott      | R   | 47   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | w   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11        |
| Weiner         | Janice     | D   | 45   | R   | A   | R   | R   | R   | R  | R   | R   | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 89        |
| Westrich       | Cherielynn | R   | 13   | W   | W   | W   | W   | А   | R  | R   | w   | w | 2 | 6 | 1 | 22    | 14        |
| Whitver        | Jack       | R   | 23   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | W   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5         |
|                | Cindy      | D   | 49   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R   | R  | А   | R   | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 98        |
|                | cindy      |     | τJ   | N   | N   | N   | N   | N   | N  | ~   |     |   | 0 | 0 | 4 | 05    |           |
| Zaun           | Brad       | R   | 22   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | W   | W | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0     | 7         |
| Zumbach        | Dan        | R   | 34   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W   | W  | W   | W   | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5         |

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| 4 | HF 68 - PRIVATE SCHOOL<br>VOUCHERS<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSE<br>BILL PASSED HOUSE 55-45<br>0 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED BY HOUSE AND SIGNED<br>BY THE GOVERNOR       | Parents who do not send their child to public schools can put over \$7500 per year into an "educational savings account" to be used for private tuition in K-12. Some other uses for the funds include books, testing fees and online programs. After the child turns 20 years old any money left over returns to the state.<br>One of the biggest arguments against private school vouchers is they don't operate on an equal level. Private schools don't have to operate with the same transparency requirements, no publicly elected school boards and no requirements to accept every students.<br>The law will be phased in over 3 years with the first year allowing kindergarten students and families with incomes at or below 300% to obtain the funds. The estimated costs are \$345 million per year when fully implemented. |
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| 7 | HF 161 - MEDICAL MALPRATICE<br>CAPS<br>IFL POSITION: OPPOSED<br>BILL PASSED HOUSE 54-46<br>0 Absent or Not Voting<br>PASSED HOUSE, AND SIGNED BY<br>GOVERNOR  | Caps medical malpractice lawsuits with substantial or permanent loss or<br>impairment of a bodily function, disfigurement or death to \$2 million for a<br>civil case that includes a hospital and a \$1 million cap for clinics.                             |
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| 9 | HF 272 - ADOPTIVE PARENTAL<br>LEAVE<br>IFL POSITION: SUPPORT<br>BILL PASSED SENATE 95-0<br>5 Absent or Not Voting<br>WAS NOT TAKEN UP FOR<br>DEBATE BY SENATE | Parents who adopt a child shall receive the same leave benefits as their coworkers who have a biological child.   |

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| Abdul-Samad  | Ako     | D   | 34   | R | R | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 98         |
| Amos Jr      | Jerome  | D   | 62   | R | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 89         |
| Andrews      | Eddie   | R   | 43   | W | W | W | W | W | R | R | w | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 19         |
| Baeth        | Austin  | D   | 36   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Bagniewski   | Sean    | D   | 35   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Bergan       | Michael | R   | 63   | W | W | W | R | W | W | w | W | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 7          |
| Best         | Brian   | R   | 11   | W | W | W | R | W | W | w | w | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 6          |
| Bloomingdale | Jane    | R   | 60   | W | W | W | R | W | W | w | w | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 5          |
| Boden        | Brooke  | R   | 21   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 10         |
| Bossman      | Jacob   | R   | 14   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 7          |
| Bradley      | Steven  | R   | 66   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Brown-Powers | Timi    | D   | 61   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99         |
| Buck         | Molly   | D   | 41   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Cahill       | Sue     | D   | 52   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Carlson      | Ken     | R   | 13   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Cisneros     | Mark    | R   | 96   | W | W | R | W | W | R | R | W | R | 4 | 5 | 0 | 44    | 17         |
| Collins      | Taylor  | R   | 95   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Cooling      | Jeff    | D   | 77   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Croken       | Ken     | D   | 97   | R | R | R | R | R | R | w | R | R | 8 | 1 | 0 | 89    | 89         |
| Determann    | Tom     | R   | 69   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Deyoe        | Dave    | R   | 51   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 7          |
| Dieken       | Zach    | R   | 5    | W | W | R | W | W | W | R | w | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 33         |
| Dunwell      | Jon     | R   | 38   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | R | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 13         |
| Ehlert       | Тгасу   | D   | 79   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Fisher       | Dean    | R   | 53   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 7          |

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| Forbes    | John     | D   | 44   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97         |
| Fry       | Joel     | R   | 24   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5          |
| Gaines    | Ruth Ann | D   | 33   | А | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 7 | 0 | 2 | 78    | 94         |
| Gehlbach  | Dan      | R   | 46   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Gerhold   | Thomas   | R   | 84   | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | w | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 10         |
| Gjerde    | Eric     | D   | 74   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97         |
| Golding   | Cindy    | R   | 83   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Graber    | Martin   | R   | 100  | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Grassley  | Pat      | R   | 57   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 7          |
| Gustafson | Stan     | R   | 22   | W | W | W | W | w | R | w | w | А | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 6          |
| Gustoff   | Thomas   | R   | 40   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Harris    | Austin   | R   | 26   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Hayes     | Helena   | R   | 88   | W | W | W | W | w | R | R | w | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 33         |
| Henderson | Robert   | R   | 2    | А | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 11         |
| Holt      | Steve    | R   | 12   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | А | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0     | 5          |
| Hora      | Heather  | R   | 92   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Ingles    | Chad     | R   | 68   | W | W | W | R | R | W | w | w | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 12         |
| Isenhart  | Charles  | D   | 72   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99         |
| Jacoby    | Dave     | D   | 86   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97         |
| James     | Lindsay  | D   | 71   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Jeneary   | Tom      | R   | 3    | А | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | А | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0     | 7          |
| Johnson   | Craig    | R   | 67   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 3          |
| Jones     | Megan    | R   | 6    | W | W | W | W | R | R | R | w | А | 3 | 5 | 1 | 33    | 9          |
| Judge     | Kenan    | D   | 27   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 91         |
| Kaufmann  | Bobby    | R   | 82   | W | W | W | W | w | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6          |

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| Kniff McCulla | Barb     | R   | 37   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Konfrst       | Jennifer | D   | 32   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 98         |
| Kressig       | Bob      | D   | 75   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 94         |
| Kurth         | Monica   | D   | 98   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99         |
| Latham        | Shannon  | R   | 55   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | А | R | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 8          |
| Levin         | Elinor   | D   | 89   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Lohse         | Brian    | R   | 45   | W | W | W | R | R | W | R | R | R | 5 | 4 | 0 | 56    | 18         |
| Lundgren      | Shannon  | R   | 65   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5          |
| Madison       | Mary     | D   | 31   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Matson        | Heather  | D   | 42   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Meggers       | Joshua   | R   | 54   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Meyer         | Ann      | R   | 8    | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 9          |
| Meyer         | Brian    | D   | 29   | R | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 99         |
| Mohr          | Gary     | R   | 93   | W | W | А | R | W | W | w | w | R | 2 | 6 | 1 | 22    | 6          |
| Mommsen       | Norlin   | R   | 70   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 6          |
| Moore         | Tom      | R   | 18   | W | W | W | R | R | W | w | w | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 8          |
| Nielsen       | Amy      | D   | 85   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99         |
| Nordman       | Carter   | R   | 47   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | w | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 8          |
| Olson         | Rick     | D   | 39   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 93         |
| Osmundson     | Anne     | R   | 64   | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | w | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 10         |
| Rinker        | Matthew  | R   | 99   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Scheetz       | Sami     | D   | 78   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Scholten      | J.D.     | D   | 1    | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 89         |
| Sexton        | Mike     | R   | 7    | А | А | R | W | W | W | w | W | А | 1 | 5 | 3 | 11    | 5          |
| Sherman       | Brad     | R   | 91   | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | w | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 22         |

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| Shipley     | Jeff      | R   | 87   | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | W | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 21         |
| Sieck       | David     | R   | 16   | W | А | W | R | А | W | W | W | R | 2 | 5 | 2 | 22    | 5          |
| Siegrist    | Brent     | R   | 19   | W | W | W | R | W | W | W | R | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 24         |
| Sorensen    | Ray       | R   | 23   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 9          |
| Srinivas    | Megan     | D   | 30   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Staed       | Art       | D   | 80   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 97         |
| Steckman    | Sharon    | D   | 59   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 98         |
| Stoltenberg | Luana     | R   | 81   | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | W | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 22         |
| Stone       | Henry     | R   | 9    | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 14         |
| Thompson    | Mark      | R   | 56   | W | W | R | W | W | W | W | W | R | 2 | 7 | 0 | 22    | 22         |
| Thompson    | Phil      | R   | 48   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 9          |
| Thomson     | Charley   | R   | 58   | W | W | R | W | W | W | W | R | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 33         |
| Turek       | Josh      | D   | 20   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |
| Vondran     | Mike      | R   | 94   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Wessel-     | Beth      | D   | 49   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 99         |
| Wheeler     | Sklyer    | R   | 4    | А | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11    | 5          |
| Wilburn     | Ross      | D   | 50   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 98         |
| Wills       | John      | R   | 10   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5          |
| Wilson      | Elizabeth | D   | 73   | R | R | А | R | R | R | R | R | R | 8 | 0 | 1 | 89    | 89         |
| Wilz        | Hans      | R   | 25   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Windschitl  | Matt      | R   | 15   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 5          |
| Wood        | Devon     | R   | 17   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Wulf        | Derek     | R   | 76   | W | W | W | W | W | W | w | W | R | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11    | 11         |
| Young       | David     | R   | 28   | W | W | W | W | W | R | w | R | R | 3 | 6 | 0 | 33    | 33         |
| Zabner      | Adam      | D   | 90   | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | 9 | 0 | 0 | 100   | 100        |

## **Record of the Governor - 2023**

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| 1 | SF 542 - CHILD LABOR<br>PROTECTIONS ROLLBACK<br>IFL POSTION: OPPOSE<br>SIGNED BY GOVERNOR | <ul> <li>Iowa's child labor bill started off as bad as can be imaginable.</li> <li>Most egregiously the first draft did not properly define that work-based learning workers were covered under workers' compensation and businesses were not subject to civil liability due to student or employer negligent acts. The final bill did state that the state's workers compensation law applies to injuries, sickness or death.</li> <li>Other original language allowed 14 and 15 year olds to work in many federally prohibited occupations and bypass hour restrictions under an employer-administered work-related program if approved by the Department of Education or through lowa Workforce Development.14-17 year olds could work in any federally prohibited defined hazardous occupations such as mining, meat packing plants, working with meat grinders or slicers and other dangerous manufacturing and construction jobs if it's an approved work based learning, registered apprenticeship, career an technical education or student learner program. All of this without requirements for oversight or input from the students' school. The bill would create a new driving permit for 14 and 15 year old working students and 16 and 17 year olds could sell and serve alcohol in any establishment.</li> <li>Just two days before the session ended the House and Senate leadership agreed to and passed a clawed back bill. The final bill still includes work hour expansion beyond federally regulations. 14 and 15 year old work still have the exemption portion of the bill but some occupations were all out prohibited such as mining and meatpacking. 16 and 17 year olds can still be granted exemptions in lowa for occupations like Power-Driven Hoisting Apparatus (Federal HO 7); Power- Driven Bakery Machines (Federal HO 13); and Wrecking, demolition and ship breaking operations (Federal HO 13) which have no exceptions according to the FLSA.</li> <li>Other changes from the original bill include creating an interim committee to study statutory changes for minor driving privil</li></ul> |
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| Reynolds | Kim | R   | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | 0 | 8 | 0      | 0         |