
A photograph of a grand, ornate staircase in a classical building. The staircase is wide and made of stone, with a dark wooden handrail and ornate metal balusters. At the base of the stairs, there are two large, cylindrical pedestals made of reddish-brown stone, each topped with a bronze statue of a female figure. The walls are painted a light yellow, and the ceiling features a large, colorful mural of a classical scene. A large, ornate chandelier with multiple white globe lights hangs from the ceiling. The floor is made of polished, multi-colored tiles. The text "LWVIA 2024 Session Preview" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# LWVIA 2024 Session Preview



The 2024 session will be Amy's  
32<sup>nd</sup> session, and the League's  
lobbyist since 2010. She became  
a Pioneer Lawmaker in 2015.

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## Expert Guests



**Sydney  
Gangestad**

Lobbyist,  
Denton's Davis Brown  
Everytown for Gun Safety



**Mary Nelle Trefz**

Lobbyist & Advocacy  
Network Director, Iowa  
ACEs 360



**Craig Patterson**

He's not going to be  
here, but he's your  
other lobbyist!

# 2024 Iowa Legislative Session



**January 8, 2024**

Session Begins: Speech Week  
(Governor, Chief Justice, Guard)



**February 16, 2024**

First Funnel: Bills must be voted  
out of originating committee\*



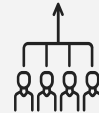
**April 16, 2024**

"Last Day" of Session: 100<sup>th</sup>  
day (no more pay)



**January 19, 2024**

Individual Bill Deadline: last day  
for individually sponsored bill  
requests



**March 15, 2024**

Second Funnel: Bills must  
be out of second chamber's  
committee\*



**May 16, 2024 (-ish)**

Governor has 30 days  
from session's end to  
sign or veto bills

*\*Does not apply to Government Oversight, Ways & Means, Appropriations Committees*





# Senate

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**34** Republicans | **16** Democrats

Sen. Jack Whitver (R-Polk) | Majority Leader  
Sen. Amy Sinclair (R-Wayne) | Senate President

Sen. Pam Jochum (D-Dubuque) | Minority Leader



# House

The image shows the interior of the House Chamber in the Iowa State Capitol. The room features high ceilings with ornate moldings and a large mural on the wall. The text 'COURAGEOUS CONFIDENCE IN THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE COMMUNITY IS THE SURE SIGN OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS... THE IDEAL STATE THAT IN WHICH AN... THE LEAST OF ITS... DONE TO ALL' is inscribed on the mural. The room is filled with columns and arches, creating a grand and historic atmosphere.

**64** Republicans | **36** Democrats

Rep. Pat Grassley (R-Butler) | Speaker of the House  
Rep. Matt Windschitl (R-Harrison) | Majority Leader

Rep. Jennifer Konfrst (D-Polk) | Minority Leader



## ★ VOTING

Promote equal access to voting and ensure all votes are counted. Adopt automatic voter registration. Enact ranked choice voting. Pass a constitutional amendment allowing Iowans with felony convictions to vote after time served.

## 🏛️ TRANSPARENCY & CITIZENSHIP

Demand government accountability and transparency by requiring all amendments and bills discussed in committee to be available to the public prior to a vote. Demand timely processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Encourage direct citizen participation by continuing virtual committee and subcommittee meetings. Preserve gender balance requirements for state boards and commissions.

## 🎓 EDUCATION

Increase oversight and track public funds being used for non-public schools. Require any non-public school receiving public funds to meet the same standards as public schools. Fully fund public schools. Continue to expand access to affordable childcare and four-year-old preschool.

## 👩‍⚕️ REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Guarantee access to the full range of women's reproductive health services. Make contraception available without prescription. Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive and accessible. Support new moms with 12 months of postpartum Medicaid coverage. Set policies that attract maternal health professionals and address the state's OB/GYN deserts.

## 2024 Public Policy Priorities

## 👤 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Prevent human trafficking in all of its forms, support its victims, and enact "Safe Harbor" legislation to protect human trafficking survivors from criminal prosecution.

## 💧 ENVIRONMENT

Increase funding for environment and water quality initiatives, including REAP, and develop state climate change strategies.

## 🔒 GUN SAFETY

Enact comprehensive common sense gun safety legislation to address increasing gun violence in the state. Enact background checks on all gun sales, close gun show loopholes, require gun safety locks, repeal "stand your ground" law, and resist efforts that expand carrying in public spaces and schools.







# Voting

- ☒ Promote equal access
- ☒ Ensure all votes count
- ☒ Ranked choice voting
- ☒ Voting Restoration Amendment



## Transparency & Citizenship

- ☒ Amendments in committee public prior to vote
- ☒ Continue virtual committee/subcommittee meetings
  - ☒ Timely processing of FOIA requests
- ☒ Preserve board gender balance requirement



# Education

- ☒ Track public funds used in non-public schools
- ☒ Require non-public schools meet same standards
  - ☒ Fully fund public schools
- ☒ Expand affordable childcare & four-year preschool





# Reproductive Rights

- ☒ Guarantee full range of reproductive health services
  - ☒ Contraception available without prescription
- ☒ Medicaid services are comprehensive & accessible
  - ☒ 12-month Medicaid postpartum coverage
  - ☒ Address state's OBGYN deserts



# Gun Safety

- ☒ Enact common sense gun laws:
  - Background Checks
  - Gun Show Loopholes
  - Gun locks
  - Reverse Stand Your Ground





## Environment

More funding for water quality, REAP, and other environmental programs. Develop and implement a statewide climate change strategy.



## Human Trafficking

Support victims and enact "Safe Harbor" legislation to shield victims from criminal prosecution

# Top Issues in 2024

## Tax Cuts



Property taxes and income taxes remain a focus – accelerating income tax cuts, eliminating income tax, property tax transparency

## Reorg 2.0



Government reorganization continues with boards & commissions recommendations, budgets, Code review

## Other?



Workforce, Medicaid response to DOJ investigation, abortion, what are YOU hearing?