

A photograph of a grand, ornate staircase in a classical building, likely a state capitol. The staircase is wide and made of stone, with a large chandelier hanging above it. The walls are decorated with murals and classical architectural elements like columns and statues. The lighting is warm and dramatic, highlighting the architectural details.

LWVIA 2025 State Priorities Preview



The 2025 session will be Amy's 33rd session. She has represented the League at the State Capitol since 2010 and became a Pioneer Lawmaker in 2015.

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Senate

34 Republicans* | **16** Democrats

Sen. Jack Whitver (R-Polk) | Majority Leader

Sen. Amy Sinclair (R-Wayne) | Senate President (acting Lt. Gov)

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

*One Republican seat is vacant – SD 30 (Waylon Brown)

House

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



Senate Elections

18 Republicans | **7** Democrats

Unopposed*: 5 Republicans | 2 Democrats

Open Seats: 2 Republican | 2 Democrat

Biggest Battles: Zaun, Giddens

* 2 Republicans, 1 Democrat have third party challengers



House Elections

64 Republicans | **36** Democrats

Unopposed*: 17 Republicans | 17 Democrats

Open Seats: 9 Republican | 4 Democrat

Biggest Battles: Matson, Turek, Andrews, Gustoff

* 4 Republicans, 4 Democrats have third party challengers

2025 Iowa Legislative Session



January 13, 2025

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



March 7, 2025

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



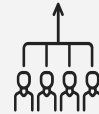
May 2, 2025

"Last Day" of Session: 110th day
(no more pay)



February 14, 2025

Individual Bill Deadline: last day
for individually sponsored bill
requests



April 4, 2025

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



June 2, 2025 (-ish)

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

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

★ 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. End electoral college.

🏛️ 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. Reinstate gender balance requirements for appointed boards and commissions.

🎓 EDUCATION

Provide 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 and reinstate all AEA functions. Continue to expand access to affordable childcare and free four-year-old preschool.

👩‍⚕️ REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Guarantee access to the full range of women's reproductive health services. Repeal the six-week abortion ban. Make contraception available without prescription and promote programs that help prevent unplanned pregnancies. Ensure Medicaid services are comprehensive and accessible. Set policies that attract maternal health professionals and address the state's OB/GYN deserts.

👤 HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Increase state funding for victim services; develop strategies to prevent human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault; and enact "Safe Harbor" legislation to protect victims from criminal prosecution.

💧 ENVIRONMENT

Recognize the need for and fund water quality initiatives. Fully fund REAP. Develop state climate change strategies.

🔫 GUN SAFETY

Enact comprehensive common sense gun safety legislation. Ban assault rifles and military-grade weapons. Enact background checks on all gun sales, close gun show loopholes, require gun safety locks, repeal "stand your ground" law, and oppose legislation that allows the carrying of guns in schools.





Voting

- Promote equal access
- Ensure all votes count
- Ranked choice voting
- Voting Restoration
- Automatic Registration
- End Electoral College



Transparency & Citizenship

- Amendments in committee public prior to vote
- Require virtual option for subcommittee meetings
- Timely processing of FOIA requests
- Reinstate 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
- Reinstate all AEA functions



Reproductive Rights

- Guarantee full range of reproductive health services
- Contraception available without prescription
- Medicaid services are comprehensive & accessible
- Repeal six-week abortion ban
- Make contraception & preventive services more accessible
- Address state's OBGYN deserts



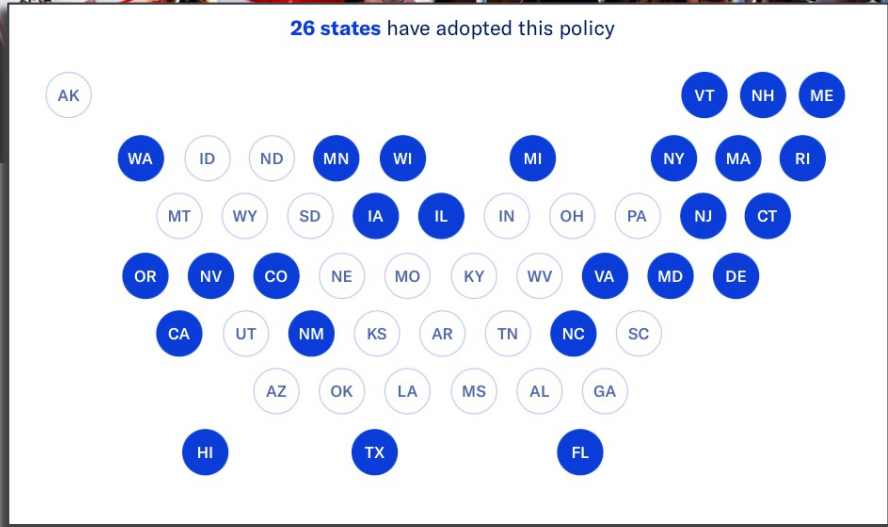
Human Trafficking

- Increase state funding for victim services
- Protect victims from criminal prosecution (Safe Harbor)
- Embrace strategies to prevent human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault.



Environment

- Adopt a state climate change strategy
- Expand water quality initiatives
- Fully fund REAP



Gun Safety

- Oppose policies that put guns in schools.
- Enact common sense gun laws:
 - Background Checks
 - Gun Show Loopholes
 - Mandatory Gun locks
 - Ban assault/military style weapons
 - Reverse Stand Your Ground

Top Issues in 2025

Tax Cuts



Property taxes and income taxes remain a focus – \$1 billion lost tax base, property tax law impact

Reforms



HHS Reforms – behavioral health districts, waiver consolidation, Medicaid deficit, child welfare, DOJ

Other?



Workforce, Opioid Settlement Spending, Immigration, PBMs, What are YOU hearing?