

## --Week 2 of the 90th General Assembly--

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

Last week much attention was given to [HSB1](#), the proposed legislation to establish Educational Savings Accounts. We have heard from several people that although many bills are being introduced, there will not likely be major movement on anything until HSB1 is finalized. This gives us time to have conversations with legislators on bills that we are watching.

There are many things that go into whether or not and when we declare a formal position on a bill. Is it a direct or indirect impact to public health? Are the winds for or against us? Also, is the bill likely to move? It's a bit of a chess game; knowing that our political capital is limited, we want to make sure to use it wisely so we maximize our impact and/or don't inadvertently shut ourselves out of conversations.

[Legislative Update from LS2](#) (IPHA's contract lobbyist firm, sent to all clients)

[IPHA bill tracker](#) (updated 1/20/2023)

[IPHA 2023 Policy Platform](#)

Regardless of the formal IPHA position on a bill, we always encourage you to contact your legislators and/or the Governor's office on any issue you are passionate about. Make sure you know who your legislators are and how to contact them, check it all out on the [Find Your Legislator](#) page.

The [APHA Policy Statement Database](#) is a great place to look for literature reviews and recommended actions on a broad range of public health topics. Below are a few relevant to the bills we are watching.

### Public Health Authority

- [Preserving Public Health Capacity by Protecting the Workforce and Authority](#)
- [Addressing Threats to Public Health Practice](#)

### Maternal Health

- [Expanding Medicaid Coverage for Birthing People to One Year Postpartum](#)
- [A Global Call to Action to Improve Health Through Investment in Maternal Mental Health](#)

### Gender Identity & LGBTQ Health

- [Promoting Transgender and Gender Minority Health through Inclusive Policies and Practices](#)
- [A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention within a Public Health Framework](#)
- [Sexual and Gender Minority Demographic Data: Inclusion in Medical Records, National Surveys, and Public Health Research](#)
- [Sexuality Education as Part of a Comprehensive Health Education Program in K to 12 Schools](#)

While the focus of our advocacy efforts will center upon [IPHA's 2023 Policy Platform](#), if there are bills that you would like IPHA to consider that you don't see on the list, please share those with the IPHA team. If you have questions on the positions or tactics we are taking on any piece of legislation, please contact [Lina](#), the [Advocacy Committee](#), or a member of the [Board of Directors](#).

Thanks for all you do to represent public health in Iowa!

Your Advocacy Committee Co-chairs,

Sydney Evans & Christy Roby

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