

Meet with Iowa Senate and House Representatives for Buffalo

March 14, 2026 – 1:00-2:00 pm

Buffalo Community Center, 426 Clark Street, Buffalo, Iowa

Senator Winckler and Representative Kurth will be at the Buffalo Community Center to discuss the current legislation: school funding, property taxes, voter requirements, education bills, etc.

Please come and let your voice be heard to our local legislators about your views of the current legislation.

The following information is provided about Senator Winckler and Representative Kurth and information on the legislation process:

Cindy Winckler – Iowa State Senator for District 49, which includes Buffalo. Her standing committees include: Appropriation, Education, Ethics (Ranking Member), State Government (Ranking Member), Transportation, and Ways and Means. The following link has more information about Ms. Winckler, including contact info and a link to subscribe to her newsletter: [State Senator](#).

Monica Kurth – Iowa State House Representative for District 98, which includes Buffalo. Her standing Committees include: Agriculture, Education, Ethics, Public Safety, Ways and Means, Bills, Amendments, Floor Manager, and Subcommittee Assignments. The following link has more information about Ms. Kurth, including contact info and a link to subscribe to her newsletter: [State Representative](#).

The following is information on the legislative process:

Legislation in Iowa is a fast-paced process where bills are proposed by lawmakers, reviewed by subcommittees, and must pass both the House and Senate (requiring 51 and 26 votes respectively) before reaching the Governor for signature or veto. The legislature convenes annually in January, with a "funnel" process in March that kills bills without committee support.

Key Stages of Iowa Legislation:

- **Drafting & Introduction:** Ideas from constituents or groups are drafted into bills by the [Legislative Services Agency](#) and introduced only by legislators.
- **Committee Review (Subcommittee):** The bill is assigned to a committee and a 3-person subcommittee, which holds hearings and can amend or kill the bill.

- **Funnel Deadlines:** To manage volume, the "funnel" process requires bills to pass committee, or they are deemed dead, typically around the 8th and 12th weeks of the session.
- **Floor Debate & Voting:** The bill is debated by the full chamber (House or Senate). It must pass with a majority vote.
- **Second Chamber:** The bill moves to the other chamber and repeats the subcommittee-to-floor process.
- **Governor's Action:** If both chambers pass identical versions, the Governor can sign it, veto it, or let it become law without a signature.
- **Veto Override:** The legislature can override a veto with a two-thirds majority vote in both chambers.

The Iowa General Assembly typically meets from January through April, with the first session in odd-numbered years lasting about 110 days and the second in even-numbered years lasting about 100 days.

If you want to track bills, find legislation, you can go to the following link: [Iowa Legislature - Bill Tracking Tools](#).