

2026

P3 Workshop

Legislative overview

PDI

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPERS OF IOWA

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2027 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Professional Developers of Iowa is the state association of economic development professionals united to strengthen communities and drive long-term growth for Iowa.
- PDI's more than 300 members come from disciplines including community, county and regional economic developers, utilities, legal and financial firms, universities, community colleges, engineering and construction firms, and rail transportation companies.
- PDI's 2025 legislative priorities represent the collective interests of economic development leaders across Iowa's 99 counties.

TOPICS / AGENDA

- Purpose of Legislative Committee
- Why advocacy matters
- How to contact your representative
- PDI State Legislative priorities
- Legislative schedule
- 2026 Legislative Session in review & 2027 thoughts
- Q&A

2026

Election Year

Change is coming (IGOV/Cabinet, IA House, ½ Senate)

Leadership Changes. Agency Directors, Dept. Leadership

Find candidates local events & attend!

Offer tours, meetings with business & leadership

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LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLES

Partnering with League of Cities and others!

Stay tuned for locations!

Creston: Tuesday, Sept. 29 @ 10am

Council Bluffs: Wednesday, Sept. 30 at 3pm

Spencer: Thursday, October 1 @ TBD

2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED:

WINS:

Workforce Housing Increase

Business Incentives for Growth (BIG)

Continued Economic Development Funding

2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON:

ONGOING ISSUES:

Property Tax
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
Housing
Infrastructure
Workforce Development (260E/F)

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

- Know your legislators
- Invite them to projects (Public & Private)
- Share successes & failures (why!)
- Measure outcomes / Use Data
- Build partnerships – Think regionally
- Stay engaged with PDI Team
- Q&A

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Iowa State Capitol building at night. The building is illuminated with warm yellow lights, highlighting its classical architecture, including arched windows and a prominent dome. The sky is dark blue. A diagonal split runs across the image, with the left side being a solid dark blue and the right side showing the building. The text is overlaid on the dark blue portion.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA discussion

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