AGENDA

Early Childhood Iowa Interim Committee

November 30, 2026
10:00 AM
Capitol Building, Room 116

LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Senator Kara Warme, Co-chairperson
Senator Lynn Evans
Senator Cindy Winckler
Representative Michael R. Bergan, Co-chairperson
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Dave Arens, Early Childhood Iowa
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Dr. Shelley Horak, Department of Health and Human Services
Kathy Leggett, Iowa Workforce Development
Patricia Russmann, Early Childhood Iowa
Elizabeth Stanek, Early Childhood Iowa
Unity Stevens, Early Childhood Iowa

10:00 a.m.	Procedural Business Call to Order Roll Call Election of Permanent Co-chairpersons Adoption of Rules Opening Remarks
10:05 a.m.	Early Childhood Iowa Boards and Directors — Presentation regarding transfer of home visitation administration including outstanding questions to be addressed
10:40 a.m.	Presentation by the Department of Health and Human Services — Summary of townhall meetings relating to 256I modernization and ECI home visitation services

11:15 a.m.	Discussion of Items Outlined in Iowa Acts 2026, Senate File 2488 relating to transition of home visitation services to an HHS district-based system: • Financial and logistical consequences to the ECI system and home visitation services • Effects on statewide access to services currently provided through ECI • Impact on rural and underserved communities • Possible course of action to transition home visitation services to an HHS district-based system with minimal disruption and while keeping ECI viable and effective in the long term.
11:45 a.m.	Findings and Recommendations — Vote by legislative members
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn