

Iowa state government embraces AI platform to streamline legislative process

DES MOINES, Iowa- Upvote, an AI-native software company, announces partnerships with Iowa’s House of Representatives and Governor’s Office to use AI-powered tools to streamline the legislative process and make it more accessible.

Iowa House caucuses and the office of Gov. Kim Reynolds implemented Upvote’s Legible platform to develop, evaluate and publish legislation, starting with the 2025 legislative session that opened Jan. 13. Upvote is a Des Moines-based startup with customers in 5 states and counting.

Iowa Speaker of the House Pat Grassley has seen an immediate impact on legislative operations. “Legislative staff are leveraging Legible, a tool that allows them to analyze bills with a faster speed than before. It empowers them to examine many aspects of legislation and track what’s most important, making the workflow smoother and more effective. This technology is boosting efficiency and increasing the

standards of policy we’re developing.”

Iowa is one of the first state governments in the nation to integrate AI-powered tools in its legislative work. Legible brings:

- AI-powered document analysis: Legible leverages artificial intelligence to provide real-time insights, summarize complex legislative documents, and enhance decision-making processes.
- Streamlined workflow: The platform’s intuitive design allows for seamless collaboration among its users, reducing administrative bottlenecks and expediting the legislative process.
- Increased efficiency: By automating routine tasks, Legible enables users to focus on policy development and track legislative developments.
- Enhanced document management: Legible provides a centralized repository for all legislative documents, enabling easy access and real-time updates for all authorized users.

Upvote founders Zack Krawiec and Kasey Clary

originally met as interns in the Iowa Statehouse before Clary went on to build and manage technical solutions while Krawiec acquired law and business degrees.

The Legible platform is also licensed by trade associations, corporations, lobbyists and others who work with state legislatures, noted Krawiec. “The goal is perfect policy information delivered at the pace of business. Buy-in from state leadership is a big step toward redefining how critical information is discovered, understood, and communicated.”

“We recognized that AI was the key to putting the power of technology into the hands of officials, staffers, and the lobby to allow them to work with unprecedented efficiency”, said Clary.

Upvote, which won funding from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, has been a winner or finalist in numerous startup competitions from TAI’s Prometheus Awards to the international SXSW Pitch competition in Austin, TX.

Consumer Connection: Insurance tips for high school and college graduates

By Sonya Sellmeyer, Consumer Advocacy Officer for the Iowa Insurance Division

Graduating from high school or college is a major milestone and comes with new responsibilities, including managing insurance needs. Whether driving a car, renting an apartment, or planning for your health, understanding basic insurance coverage is essential for financial protection.



For cheaper car insurance it’s smart to stay on your parent’s policy, if possible. However, if you need a policy, shop around for quotes and inquire about discounts for good grades, safe driving courses, and policy bundling with renters insurance. Also, understand key car insurance terms such as liability coverage which pays for damage you cause to others’ property or injuries to others. Iowa law requires minimum liability coverage of \$20,000 of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident; \$40,000 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident; and \$15,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident. Collision coverage pays for damage to your car from an accident after you pay the deductible or the out-of-pocket amount. Comprehensive coverage may reimburse for non-collision

incidents like theft, animal collisions, or weather damage. If your car is going with you to a dorm or apartment, report the change of location to your insurance company.

Your personal property will need protection, too. First, check with your parents to see if their homeowners policy extends coverage to a student living in a dorm or apartment. If not, renters insurance is essential and approximately \$20 a month. It protects your personal belongings against theft and fire, and many landlords require it. Renters insurance also provides liability coverage, and additional living expenses in case your dwelling becomes uninhabitable by a fire or storm disaster. The policy may also cover your property if it is stolen from your car. Be sure to take inventory of your belongings and choose coverage that matches their value. If you are purchasing a home, homeowners insurance will be required by the mortgage company.

Even young, healthy people need health insurance. Under federal law, you can stay on your parent’s health insurance until age 26. If that’s not an option, explore health plans that cover essential services like preventive care, emergency services, and prescriptions. If you obtain a job with benefits, an employer-sponsored health plan is often the most affordable and comprehensive choice. Another option to consider is a Marketplace plan through HealthCare.gov. You may qualify for subsidies to lower your premium. Also, if you’re pursuing further education, universities often offer cost-effective coverage.

Always speak to a licensed insurance agent regarding all your insurance options, and compare several companies before purchasing any insurance policy. Higher deductibles can lower your premium but mean more out-of-pocket costs if you file a claim. Starting your insurance journey early helps you build good habits and financial resilience.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY		
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)	CASE NO. ESPR017410
IN THE MATTER OF)	
THE ESTATE OF)	
JEANNE MARIE HETLAND, Deceased.)	NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Jeanne Marie Hetland, Deceased, who died on or about April 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 5, 2025, the last will and testament of Jeanne Marie Hetland, deceased, bearing date of August 25, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kelly Hetland was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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