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Iowa LULAC to host Latino Legislative Day on March 12

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DES MOINES – The Iowa League of United Latin American Citizens will host the first-ever Latino Legislative Day on Tuesday at the Iowa Capitol.

The day will begin with a breakfast from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in room 15. Afterward from 8:30 to 10 a.m., there will be a workshop, where LULAC State Director Joe Enriquez Henry and American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa attorney Rita Bettis will speak.

Democratic Sens. Jack Hatch and Janet Petersen will speak from 9 to 9:30 a.m. There also will be an opportunity to ask them questions.

Hatch will discuss Senate File 71, which would expand Medicaid coverage to 150,000 Iowans who need health insurance.

Petersen will discuss Senate File 266, which would increase money for English language learners.

Anyone is welcome to attend. Spanish-speaking translators will be available at the event.

After the workshop, LULAC members and others will meet with legislators until noon.

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the oldest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. There are more than 880 local LULAC councils, which hold voter registration drives, provide awareness to residents about language and immigration issues, sponsor programs and advocate for Latinos.

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