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## Fwd: Eide Walton Legislative Update April 22, 2022

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## Legislative Update Week Fifteen

Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver said it could be “several more weeks” before the Legislature adjourns. The scheduled adjournment date was April 19th. That was the last day legislators would receive their per diem expense payments.

Among the outstanding issues are all the appropriation bills and bills related to ethanol, pharmacy benefit managers, unemployment compensation, pipelines and others.

The rank-and-file House and Senate members will likely have short weeks in Des Moines as legislative leaders and the Governor attempt to find common ground on the remaining issues.

### Fireworks

Governor Reynolds signed legislation this week that prevents cities from being able to restrict fireworks sales to only certain zoning categories. See [SF 2285](#).

## Childcare Update



This week, the Senate amended [HF 2198](#) (permits 16-years-olds working or volunteering at a childcare facility to be unsupervised) to include the child-to-staff ratio language from [HF 2131/SF 2268](#). They passed HF 2198 as amended by a vote of 30-18.

The bill will now be sent to the House for their consideration of the amended language ([H-8362](#)). The House chamber has already agreed to the provisions that would permit 16-year-olds working or volunteering at a childcare facility to be unsupervised. Language in HF 2131 to increase child-to-staff ratios in childcare centers has passed a committee in the House but has yet to be taken up by the full chamber.



For a summary of the status of key childcare legislation click [here](#).

## Budget Bills - No changes this week.

For updated details click [here](#) to view the Eide Walton Spotlight Tracker: Budget Bills.



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