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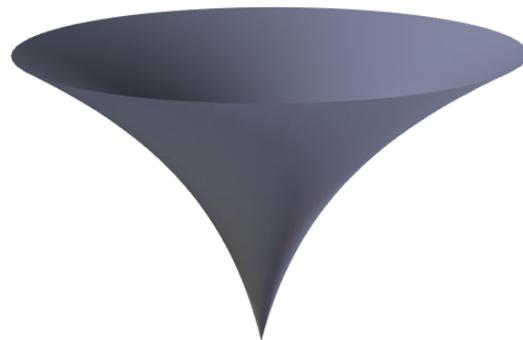
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Legislative Update Week Seven

1st Funnel Deadline Approaches

We are one week away from the first major deadline of the 2023 legislative session. The Iowa legislature establishes deadlines for consideration of policy bills referred to as the first and second funnels.

The first funnel deadline is Friday, March 3rd. Legislation must be reported out of at least one committee in either the House or Senate to remain eligible for consideration.



First Funnel is Next Friday, March 3rd

The second funnel deadline is Friday, March 31st. Legislation must pass one chamber and be reported out of committee in the other, to remain eligible for consideration.

Appropriations, Ways and Means and Leadership bills are exempt from funnel deadlines.

Target adjournment for the 2023 legislative session is April 28th, the 110th calendar day of the legislative session.



Pop Culture Depiction of Funnel Week Feels

ICAA Advocacy

State Government Reorganization

Monday, Iowa Community Action Association's Executive Director, Katherine Riley Harrington, provided testimony at the Senate State Government subcommittee meeting on [SSB 1123](#), the Governor's state government reorganization bill.

You can read a copy of her remarks [here](#).

The bill passed out of committee this week and will receive a new bill number. We are waiting on the lengthy committee amendment to be published and will provide a summary next week.



House Work on [HSB 126](#)

The House State Government Committee's assigned subcommittee will meet once more next week to finalize their series of meetings. The meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27th at 11:30. The details to view it virtually are below:

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Childcare Bills Update and Tracker

There was not much movement on childcare bills this week. [HSB 50 Childcare Reimbursements](#), that passed the House HHS Policy Committee last week has received a new bill number, [HF 343](#).



Several of the bills that have been introduced still need to pass out of a House or Senate committee to remain eligible for consideration.


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 Spotlight Tracker: Child Care Bills
*New information highlighted.

Short Title	Description	Current Status	Fiscal Notes (if applicable)
Childcare Wage Increases	Increases the amount for the wages earned for performing certain childcare services. Defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 427 in House HHS Policy. Passed administration. Eligible for consideration. HSB 91 in House HHS Policy. Passed administration. Eligible for consideration. 	Click here
Childcare Physicals	Requires employees of childcare facilities to take a physical within six months of starting employment or within 30 days of starting employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSB 32 in House HHS Policy. Passed administration. Eligible for consideration by the full committee. HF 427 (Child Care Policy) in Senate HHS Policy. Passed committee. Placed on calendar. Received new bill number. Eligible for consideration by the full Senate Committee. 	
Childcare Payments	Requires DPHS to amend its rules to make childcare assistance payments for a child covered under the program on days the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 427 in House HHS Policy. 	

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

Governor's Health Care Bill Moves

[HF 427](#) (formerly [HSB 91](#)) and [SSB 1133](#) are health care-related bills that have been introduced by the Governor. HSB 91 has passed out of the House HHS Policy Committee and has been renumbered to HF 427. SSB 1133 remains in the Senate HHS Policy Committee. A subcommittee has been assigned but a meeting has not been scheduled as of this writing.



A summary of the proposed changes follows:

- Rural Hospitals:** Authorizes the state licensing of rural emergency hospitals that meet federal guidelines for enhanced Medicare payments. Effective on enactment.
- Grants:** Appropriates \$1 million to HHS for FY 2024 to award four grants to encourage collaboration among regional health care centers.
- Fellowships:** Requires the HHS to create four obstetrics fellowships for underserved areas in the state. Includes implementing provisions.
- Contraceptives:** Allows a pharmacist to dispense a three-month supply initially of a self-administered hormonal contraceptives, and an annual supply later. Requires the patient be at least 18 and pursuant to a standing order from the HHS. Prohibits the pharmacist from an appointment for the first 27 months and requires an attestation from the patient after that on a self screening risk assessment. Includes training and immunity for the pharmacist. Requires the HHS, in consultation with the appropriate boards, to develop standards for administering the bill. Requires insurance to cover hormonal contraceptives
- Insurance Forms:** Prohibits insurance forms that have provisions that are unjust, misleading or otherwise contrary to public policy. Gives a carrier 20 days to appeal a notice from the Insurance Commissioner that violates these provisions.

- **MOMS:** Includes men in pregnancy support services, including a list of covered services. Appropriates \$2 million for support services for fathers. Deems the money to not revert.
- **Baby Leave:** Gives a parent who is a state employee and who gives birth to or adopts a child four weeks of paid leave, and one week if the parent.
- **Childcare facilities:** Strikes certain limits on the value of a childcare facility that is subject to reduced assessments.
- **Adoption:** Caps non-recurring adoption expenses at \$1,000.
- **Iowa Scholarships:** Changes eligibility to make all foster children under age 26 eligible for scholarships

Public Assistance Oversight

[SSB 1105](#) and [HF3](#), have both passed subcommittees but not yet been brought up at the full committee level. We have heard from policy makers the House and Senate HHS committees have reached an initial agreement for identical language and will run the bills in committee next week. As of now, no amendments have been released. However, this is what we believe will be included:



1. The asset test will remain. In addition to the value of the one vehicle, some value (potentially between \$10-15k) of the second vehicle would be excluded. \$15,000 in liquid assets would also be excluded.
2. The soda and candy bans will be included in both bills.
3. \$1 million for Double Up Food Bucks will be removed.
4. The computerized identity authentication process will remain.
5. The section on ABAWDs and work requirements will remain.

Eviction Expungement



Pete McRoberts, ACLU, encourages Senate subcommittee members to support SSB 1118.

HSB 43 and **SSB 1118** deal with the sealing of eviction records. A subcommittee was held this week for SSB 1118. Testimony was heard from both sides of the issue. Pete McRoberts of the ACLU started off the subcommittee with testimony in support of the bill.

SSB 1118 passed out of the subcommittee on a vote of 3-0. Senator Taylor expressed that he is very supportive of the bill and would like to see it pass the Senate this year.

HSB 43 has already passed a subcommittee but has not yet been brought up in the full committee. In order to make it past the funnel deadline of March 3rd, the bills will have to be taken up by the full committees next week.

Around the Capitol

The Eide Walton Team spends a lot of time listening, learning and speaking in subcommittees.

Subcommittees are public hearings held on bills. Three to five members of a committee are assigned to a bill to learn more about its subject and about the interest for it to become law. Subcommittee members then make recommendations on whether the bill should move forward. They also suggest whether amendments should be passed to improve the bill's language and possible implementation.



Maddy enthusiastically listening in on this sub, (and maybe hoping her caffeine will kick in).



Matt attended a House subcommittee and took a nice shot of Rep. Tom Determann (R-Comanche), pictured in the middle.



Kate provided testimony to Senate subcommittee members via Zoom.

Please don't hesitate to contact us!



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