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Legislative Update Week Eleven

Second Funnel Approaches

The legislature is one week away from their next significant deadline - the second funnel.

For the first funnel deadline, policy bills are required to pass out of committee in one chamber. For the second legislative funnel, the bill must be approved in the originating chamber where it was introduced and by a committee in the other chamber. Appropriations and Ways and Means bills are exempt from the funnel deadlines.

This process will further limit the number of policy bills under consideration as the legislature turns its attention to passing the state fiscal year 2024 budget.



State Government Reorganization

The State Government Reorganization bill, [SF 514](#) is in the enrollment process and will then be sent to the Governor for her signature.

It passed the House by a vote of 58-39 and the Senate by a vote of 34-15.



Childcare Bills Update and Tracker

Childcare Assistance Eligibility and Rates

This week, the House Appropriations Committee introduced [HSB 233](#), that relates to childcare assistance eligibility and provider rates. Earlier this month Iowa HHS withdrew administrative rules that would have implemented an increase to childcare assistance eligibility from 145% of FPL to 155% and raised childcare rates to align with the recent market rate survey. Some House policymakers expressed concerns about these changes being implemented administratively and preferred implementation via legislative action.



ICAA is registered in favor of HSB 233 to continue to move this important discussion forward.

Childcare Reimbursements

ICAA also supports [HF 343](#), which would provide for categorical eligibility for childcare assistance for childcare providers. A [Fiscal Note](#) has been published for this bill, this week.

We look forward to working with policymakers as these discussions continue through the budgeting process.


Spotlight Tracker: Child Care Bills
[View information highlighted.](#)

Short Title	Description	Current Status	Fiscal Notes (if applicable)
Childcare Waiver Expansion	Expands from the income to the wages exempt for performing certain childcare services; defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 343 in House Ways and Means. Passed, submitted to an ADA. Update for legislative week. 	Fiscal Note
Childcare Provider's	Requires employers of childcare facilities to make a personal with six months of starting employment or within 90 days of starting employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 343 in House Ways and Means. Passed, submitted to an ADA. Update for legislative week. HF 343 in House Ways and Means. Passed, submitted to an ADA. Update for legislative week. HF 343 in House Ways and Means. Passed, submitted to an ADA. Update for legislative week. 	
Childcare Expenses	Requires ICAAW 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 343 in House Ways and Means. Passed, submitted to an ADA. Update for legislative week. 	

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

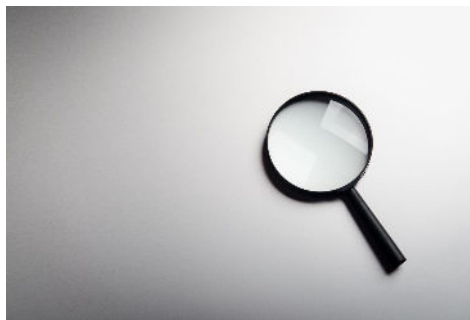
Public Assistance Oversight

[SF 494](#) passed the Iowa Senate Wednesday evening on a party line vote of 34-16. Three amendments that were introduced by Democrats failed, while one introduced by floor manager Senator Edler passed along party lines.

This amendment, [S-3094](#), removed a bill section about checking data related to Section 8 housing. Senator Edler explained that the amendment was intended to reduce the costs of the bill and would do so by millions of dollars each year. See [here](#) for the fiscal note for SF 494.

The bill now moves to the House. The House version, [HF 613](#), did not move this week, and we are awaiting a Fiscal Note.

SF 494 and HF 613 contain different provisions, so the chambers will have to come to an agreement for the legislation to move forward.



Eviction Record Expungement Bill Advances

[HF 548](#) passed the House this week on a vote of 95-0. It was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. A subcommittee has been scheduled for next Tuesday, March 28.



An amendment, [H-1144](#), was adopted and makes the following changes to the bill:

1. Adds the option for a landlord or tenant to jointly apply for the expungement of a completed FED or Forcible Entry Detainer. This means that a landlord now has the ability to propose to a tenant that their records be sealed in exchange for settling or satisfying their debts.
2. Extends the period that someone can have their file sealed from 5 to 7 years after the time of the eviction.
3. Removes all references to credit agencies or credit reports.
4. Clarifies that this does not create a cause of action from a tenant against anyone.

Around the Capitol - Kindof

We mentioned last week that March Madness is a hot topic under the Golden Dome. Matt's alma mater, Drake University, won the Missouri Valley Conference title and earned a bid to the tournament. The 12th-seeded Drake men's basketball team battled No. 5 seed Miami before ultimately losing its first round NCAA Tournament matchup, 63-56 to the Miami Hurricanes at MVP Arena on Friday, March 17.



Matt dutifully traveled to Albany, NY to cheer his bulldogs on and met up with fellow Drake alumni, too.



Above: Matt pictured with Senator Nate Boulton (D-Des Moines) and Representative John Forbes (D-Urbandale)



Right: Matt and Senator Boulton toured the New York State Capitol. Here they are pictured on the NY House Chamber floor.

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