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Legislative Update Week Twelve

Second Funnel Deadline

This week marks the end of the second legislative funnel deadline. Policy bills have had to have been reported out of one chamber entirely and out of a committee in the opposite chamber in order remain

eligible for consideration. Although, past experience tells us very few issues are truly dead for the session until the legislature actually adjourns. It is not uncommon to see items pop up as amendments to other bills or in budget bills in the closing weeks of the session.



Second Funnel

The legislature will now turn their attention to passing the State Fiscal Year 2024 budget in at least nine budget bills: Justice Systems, Education, Health and Human Services, Transportation, RIIF, Economic Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Administration and Regulation and Standings.

Senate Budget Bills Introduced



Bill Number	Description	Current Status	Policy or Budget Amendment (PBA)
SF 514	Administration & Regulation	Forwarded to Senate Appropriations	
SF 514	Agriculture & Natural Resources	Forwarded to Senate Appropriations	
SF 514	Economic Development	Forwarded to Senate Appropriations	
SF 514	Education	Forwarded to Senate Appropriations	
SF 514	Health & Human Services	Forwarded to Senate Appropriations	

This week, the Senate introduced nearly all of their budget proposals. The bills reflect some of the changes expected in state government when Governor Reynolds signs, [SF 514](#), and do not, at this time, include any appropriations.

We are dusting off the Eide Walton Budget Bill Spotlight Tracker again this year! For updates on the progress the legislature makes on their budget negotiations click [here](#).

State Government Reorganization

The State Government Reorganization bill, [SF 514](#) has been enrolled 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 Update and Bill Tracker

Childcare Assistance Eligibility and Rates

A subcommittee was held this week for [HSB 233](#), which changes the state childcare assistance eligibility requirements and childcare reimbursement rates. Association lobbyists spoke in favor of the bill. The bill passed subcommittee 2-1.



Childcare Physicals - Rescinded

[HF 319](#) was introduced by the House to strike the requirement that employees of childcare facilities must have a pre-employment physical exam. This week, it passed the Senate HHS Policy Committee with an amendment that adds additional language that requires staff to sign a statement indicating whether or not the employee has a communicable disease or other health condition that could pose a threat to a child.

Carryforward Report Released

A new fiscal report was released on the childcare assistance carryforward. See [here](#) for that report.

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Spotlight Tracker: Child Care Bills
 New information highlighted

Short Title	Description	Current Status	Public Notice (if applicable)
Children's Wage Exemption	Exempts from the minimum for the wages received by performing certain childcare services. Defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SF 494 in House Ways and Means. Passed subcommittee on 3/23. Higher for committee vote. 	Read More
Childcare Payments	Requires employers of childcare facilities to take a prorate with the number of working employees on within the days of working employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SF 613 in House HRB Policy. Passed subcommittee. Eligible for consideration by the full committee. SF 613 in House HRB Policy. Passed subcommittee. Received new bill number. Eligible for consideration by the full Senate Chamber. 	
Childcare Payments	Requires DHS to annual to take to make childcare assistance payments for a child covered under the program on days the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SF 613 in House HRB Policy. 	

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

Public Assistance Oversight

This week, subcommittees were held for both **SF 494** and **HF 613**. Both bills passed out of subcommittees along party lines, and SF 494 was passed out of the House Appropriations Committee.

All Democrats and three Republicans voted no, representatives Michael Bergan, Brian Lohse, and David Young.

A public hearing for SF 494 was requested by House Democrats. It has been scheduled for next Tuesday, April 4 at 9:30 am.



House Subcommittee on HF 613

To learn more, click [here](#).

Eviction Record Expungement Bill

A subcommittee was held for **HF 548** this week. It passed subcommittee with Senators agreeing that an additional amendment would be necessary to move the bill forward. However, the bill was not brought up by the full Senate Judiciary Committee and therefore did not pass the second funnel deadline.

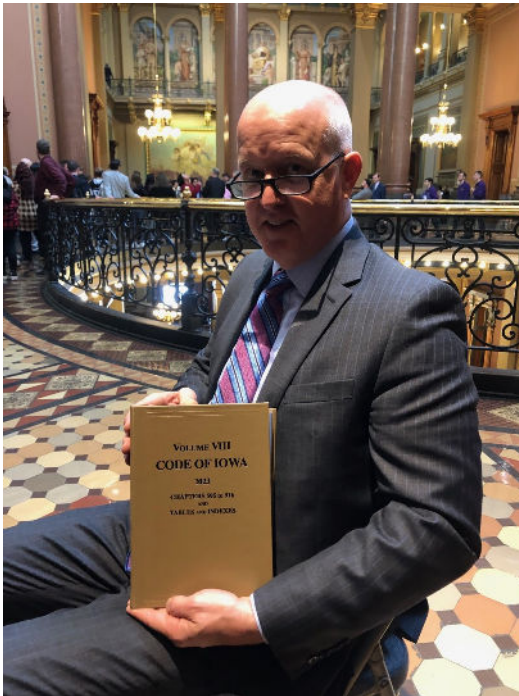


Around the Capitol

It's almost Tulip Time! Iowans from Pella made their annual trip up to the Statehouse to promote their world-famous festival happening May 4-6.

They brought delicious Dutch treats to share! It's one of our favorite Statehouse traditions.

To learn more about the Tulip Time Festival, click [here](#).



This week, Matt decided to show Maddy how the OG lobbyists used to look up laws using a Code book. "It's good to get a little ink on your hands," he explained.



Maddy appreciated the lesson but will remain true to her generation and continue to use the General Assembly's website. "It's works just fine."

Please don't hesitate to contact us!



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