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Legislative Update Week Fifteen

Another slow week for the legislature as their time in Des Moines gets closer to ending. There was very little work done on the budget but both chambers did pass property tax legislation. See below for our summary of the bills.



The Greater Des Moines Partnership brought some cool signage to their legislative Day on the Hill, this week.

Property Tax Legislation

Both the Iowa House and Senate passed separate bills dealing with property tax relief Wednesday as the chambers try to find a compromise on the best way to limit costs for property owners. The proposed property tax bills, [Senate File 569](#) and [House File 718](#), passed out of their respective chambers with bipartisan, near-unanimous support. HF 718 passed on a 93-1 vote with only Representative Bergan voting against the bill, and SF 569 passed on a 48-1 vote with only Senator Quirnbach voting against the bill.

Both measures put limits on local governments' ability to raise property taxes, and add transparency measures that require cities, counties and school districts to publish information on plans to take on debt. The House proposal is projected to provide a roughly \$200 million property tax cut statewide. In the Senate proposal, consolidating levies for cities and counties is expected to result in \$45 million of property tax relief. Other provisions are expected to reduce costs further.

There are major differences between the two bills, as outlined below. Conversations between the chambers are still ongoing.

SF 569	HF 718
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidates several individual tax levies for cities into the city's general services levy Cities' levy rates capped at \$8.10 per \$1000 County levy rate capped at \$3.50 per \$1,000 Caps county rural services levy at \$3.95 per \$1,000 Increases debt levy thresholds Requires local governments to provide information on their budget plans \$6,500 homestead property tax exemption for Iowans 65 and older Eliminates PERL, the Public Education and Recreation Levy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces school foundation property tax levy to \$4.40 per \$1,000 (costs made up through the taxpayer relief fund) Caps property tax increases to 3% for homes and farms Caps property tax increases to 8% for commercial and industrial properties Moves bond elections to the date of the general election Requires local governments to post information on property tax costs and reasons for rate increases

Budget Bill Tracker



Bill Number	Description	Current Status	Notes on Bills and Amendments (2023)
SSB 1209	Administration & Regulation	Referred to Senate Appropriations	
SSB 1210	Agriculture & Natural Resources	Referred to Senate Appropriations	
SSB 1211	Economic Development	Referred to Senate Appropriations	
SSB 1212	Education	Referred to Senate Appropriations	
SSB 1213	Health & Human Services	Referred to Senate Appropriations	

[HF 709](#), the Federal Block Grants bill, passed a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

[SSB 1219](#), the Governor's Transportation, Infrastructure and Capitals bill, was introduced this week and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. It has passed a subcommittee.

For updates on the progress the legislature makes on their budget negotiations click [here](#).

Childcare Update and Bill Tracker

Childcare Assistance Eligibility / Rates

This week **HF 707**, which changes the state childcare assistance eligibility requirements and childcare reimbursement rates, passed a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.



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 Spotlight Tracker: Child Care Bills
 New information highlighted.

Short Title	Description	Current Status	Fiscal Notes (if applicable)
Childcare Wage Enhancement	Changes how the amount for the wage increase for performing certain childcare services. Defines such services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 707 in House 4/19/23. Passed 40-12-1. Placed substitution on the agenda for committee vote. 	Track Item
Childcare Physicals	Requires employees of childcare facilities to take a physical with an invalidity of working employment or within 30 days of starting employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF 707 in House 4/19/23. Passed 40-12-1. Placed substitution on the agenda for committee vote. HF 707 in House 4/19/23. Passed 40-12-1. Placed substitution on the agenda for committee vote. HF 707 in House 4/19/23. Passed 40-12-1. Placed substitution on the agenda for committee vote. 	
Childcare Payments	Requires DHS 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 707 in House 4/19/23. Passed 40-12-1. Placed substitution on the agenda for committee vote. 	

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

Public Assistance Oversight

Opponents of the public assistance oversight bill, **SF 494**, held a press conference on Tuesday to urge Governor Reynolds to veto the legislation.

Participants had the opportunity to speak for 2-3 minutes about why they did not support the bill, which was passed by the House last week.



Around the Capitol



Fun Guy Matt! and Kate



Maddy enjoys a well-deserved brew at the Beechwood Lounge.

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