



**Week 10: March 11-March 15th**

**IFA**

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**Bills of interest to IFA**

**Activity for this week are noted in red.**

→ Indicates Companion Bill

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March 15th was the deadline for the second funnel date. All bills must be through one chamber and through the sub and full committees on the other side to stay relevant. Ways & Means bills and Approps bills do not have these guidelines.

March 15th was also the deadline to file papers to run for office. The following legislators have announced that they will not plan to run again next year:

**House Republicans (9): Best, Carlson, Deyoe, Fry, Gustafson, Osmundson, Sherman, Stoltenberg, Phil Thompson**

**House Democrats (4): Abdul-Samad, Forbes, Staed (running for Senate), Steckman**

**Senate Republicans (1): Edler**

**Senate Democrats (2): Jochum, Todd Taylor**

The Revenue Estimating Conference also met on March 15th. This is a quarterly meeting to determine the current budget numbers.

**SF 2237 (SF 214) FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS** (Local Government)

Golding (C), M Thompson, Wilson

Exempts the pay received by a city employee or officer for volunteer EMS and firefighter services from provisions prohibiting contracts between a city and employees or officers. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer fire chief, with the approval of the council. Reserve Funds: Allows a city to establish a reserve fund to pay for emergency vehicles. Directs that insurance payments for related settlements be deposited in such an account if created. Allows the repayment of funds from the GF that were used to purchase emergency equipment.

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEE

Sent to ways & means Klimesh, Rowley and Winkler

**Subcommittee has not met yet**

Funnel Proof bc Ways & Means

→ **HF 2578(HSB 598) FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS(companion bill)**

PASSED SUB

Passed full committee

On debate calendar

**SF 2205 (SF 454) Requirements to civil service commission when hiring public safety positions** Webster, Weiner, Westrich (LOCAL GOV)

This bill relates to civil service requirements for the hiring of certain city public safety positions. Under current law, Code chapter 400(civil service) sets forth a variety of provisions relating to hiring civil service employees, including examinations, probationary periods, veteran preferences, and other qualifications.

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE W/AMENDMENT (RENUMBERED AS SF 2205)

PASSED SENATE FLOOR DEBATE 46-0.

Sent to House - Sub assigned (Dunwell (C), Abdul-Samad, Henderson)Local Gov

Passed subcommittee and Full Committee

**SF 2265 (SF 2012) First Responder ID cards** (Lofgren-Cournoyer-Giddens)

TRANSPORTATION

This bill allows first responders to apply for an ID card when they renew their driver license.

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE (Renumbered to SF 2265)

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

→ **HF 2530 (HF 2012) First Responder ID cards (companion bill)**

Passed Sub & Full COMMITTEE 2/13

On debate calendar

**HF 2302 (HSB 523) PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS** (Public Safety) Shipley (C), Levin, Vondran

Increases the penalties for various assaults on protected workers (DOC employees, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS and other workers)

PASSED SUB with amendment, adding saliva etc

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

Passed House-sent to Senate

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

→ **SF2279 PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS**

Passed sub and full committee

on calendar-fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

**SF 2337 (SSB 3016) Eliminate ATE and no hands free** (Zaun-Bisignano-Garrett)  
JUDICIARY

The bill defines the terms “electronic device”, “use”, and “voice-activated or hands-free mode”. The bill allows the use of an electronic device if the vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the roadway, or as far away from the center of the roadway as is practicable if the vehicle cannot be entirely removed.

After July 1, 2025, it prohibits the state or a local authority from placing or causing to be placed on or adjacent to a highway, or maintaining or employing the use of, any automated or remote system for traffic law enforcement (ATE system).

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

Fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

→**HF 2595 (HSB 707) (companion bill) Best-TRANSPORTATION**

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE

On calendar

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

**SF 489 - ATE BILL strike after amendment** - KLEMISH (Ways & Means)

Amend Senate File 489 by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting the amendment.

Puts regulations on ATE's so they can't be used as a money grab, only used in areas that show a high accident rate. 10% of the fine money to go to the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters. 5% goes to ILEA.

Passed sub 3-0

Passed full committee-Ready for floor debate

**HF 2579 (HF 2142) Personalized FF & EMS Plates**

Allows for personalized FF & EMS License Plates

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

PASSED HOUSE

SENT TO SENATE TRANSPORTATION

Passed subcommittee-and Transportation Committee

Fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar

**SF 2191 (SF 2017) Developing policies regarding school fire drills** -Westrich,

Cournoyer, Giddens

EDUCATION

This bill relates to the development of a policy governing responses to a fire alarm activated on school grounds outside of a scheduled fire drill by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools. This involves training when someone may pull a fire alarm in an active shooter situation.

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE (Renumbered as SF 2191)

PASSED SENATE-sent to House

Passed Sub

DEAD

**HF 2443 Levy for fire and ems**

Raising the limit certain townships may levy for fire protection service and emergency medical service

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Ways and Means

**Did not pass the subcommittee (indefinite postponement) - DEAD**

**HF 2339 CANCER SURVEILLANCE** (H Wilz) (Health & Human Services)

Appropriates \$2 million to HHS in FY 2025 for a focused review of cancer surveillance data. Requires HHS to work with the Iowa Cancer consortium. Requires the HHS employ one full-time staffer on cancer control and employ staff with expertise in epidemiology and biostatistics.

INTRODUCED

02/08/2024 Rereferred to Appropriations

**SF 2385 (SSB 3172) BOARD REVIEWS (State Government) Cournoyer (C), Koelker, Weiner**

Requires legislation establishing boards to include a repeal date of no more than four years and no more than two years for advisory boards. Re-establishes the government efficiency review committee. Establishes salaries for the Regents and BOE and voting members for the Human Services Council. Makes changes to the powers of many boards. Eliminates or merges many boards. Contains implementing provisions.

(Governor)

Passed sub and full committees....This doc is 330 pages long

PAGE 68 CHANGES THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL (SEE BELOW)

On calendar

**Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)**

Sec. 181. Section 100B.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. The council shall consist of ~~eleven~~ seven voting members and one ex officio, nonvoting member. Voting members of the state fire service and emergency response council shall be appointed by the governor.

(1) The governor shall ~~appoint~~ consider appointing voting members of the council from a list of nominees submitted by each of the following organizations, but may appoint any person to serve on the council:

- (a) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa firefighters association.
- (b) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa fire chiefs' association.
- (c) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa professional fire fighters.
- (d) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa association of professional fire chiefs.
- (e) ~~One member from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa emergency medical services association.

~~(2) A person nominated for inclusion in the voting membership on the council is not required to be a member of the organization that nominates the person.~~

~~(3) The tenth and eleventh voting members of the council shall be members of the general public appointed by the governor.~~

~~(4)~~ (2) The labor commissioner, or the labor commissioner's designee, shall be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the council.

Sec. 182. Section 100B.1, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3. ~~Six~~ Four voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of conducting business, a majority vote of the council shall be required. The council shall elect a chairperson from its members. The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or the state fire marshal, or when any ~~six~~ four members of the council file a written request with the chairperson for a meeting

PAGE 267-ELIMINATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

**HF 2574 (HSB 710) reorg of Boards and Commissions (House version)**

Repeals numerous boards and transfers their duties, including the Capitol Planning Commission, the Fire Extinguishing & Alarm System Board, the Conservation Education Board, the Prison Industry Advisory Board, the Community College Faculty Advisory Board, the Commission on Educator Leadership, the Telecommunications Advisory Committee, the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Committee, the Tourist Signing Committee, the Perinatal Guidelines Committee, the Child Advisory Committee, the County Care MH/DS Committee, the 911 Communications Council, the Iowa Cultural Trust Board, the Iowa Great Places Board, the Farm Deer Council, the Grain Industry Panel, the Organic Advisory Council, the Well Contractors Council the Interstate Cooperation Commission, the State Building Code Advisory Council, the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, the Horizontal & Vertical Infrastructure Board, the Early Child School Alliance, the Public Funds Interest Committee the Board of Shorthand Reporters. Repeals other advisory committees.

PASSED Full Committee 20-2; FM: Bloomingtondale

Passed sub and full committees...only 49 pages long

On calendar

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

**FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM CONTRACTORS AND ALARM SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD.** The bill eliminates the fire extinguishing system contractors and alarm systems advisory board and transfers its duties to the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

**911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL.** The bill eliminates the 911 communications council.

**STATE BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COUNCIL.** The bill eliminates the state building code advisory council and transfers its duties to the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

**SF 2325 (SF 457) CIVIL SERVICE DISCIPLINE** Webster (C), Driscoll, Weiner LOCAL GOV

Relating to number of civil service members and procedural issues

PASSED SUB & FULL COMMITTEE w/amendment (2/13)

PASSED SENATE

Passed Sub

Did not pass Full Committee - DEAD

→**HSB 197 (companion) CIVIL SERVICE DISCIPLINE**

Dunwell, Amos, Henderson LOCAL GOV

Passed subcommittee

**SF 2330 POLICE & FIRE HIRINGS (Westrich) (Workforce)**

Does not allow exams for police/firefighter positions, except for new or open positions and allows the use of an initial/promotion exam only for the appointment of promotion of officers. Requires that certified copies of exam lists be given to city councils. Allows a civil service commission to hold applicants in reserve for open positions. Allows for temporary hires until an exam can be held and filled with a qualified applicant. Requires the city council to certify police and firefighter candidates as eligible and requires those candidates to meet specified standards.

Subcommittee assigned: Rowley, Donahue, Guth

NO ACTION

DEAD

**HF 2397 (HSB 617) TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS**

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEES (Renumbered HF 2397)

Passed House floor debate - Sent to Senate, assigned to HHS Committee

subcommittee assigned: Edler, Costello, Wahls

Passed subcommittee and Committee

Placed on Calendar

**HF 2482 (HF 2183) Expanding cancer benefits in 411**

Act concerning benefits relating to members of the municipal fire and police retirement system. (PORS and 411 systems)

PASSED SUB & FULL COMMITTEE

Passed House floor. Sent to the Senate

Subcommittee assigned: Schultz, Boulton, Driscoll

Fiscal note released

DID NOT PASS FULL STATE GOV COMMITTEE - DEAD

**SF 2202 EMERGENCY DISASTER AID**

This bill relates to a proclamation of disaster emergency and the disaster aid contingent fund.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, and upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local and state government adversely affected by a major disaster or emergency that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, the governor may accept a grant by the federal government and may enter into an agreement with the federal government pledging the state to participate in the funding of the financial assistance in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total eligible expenses, with the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state

disaster or emergency financial assistance-related expenses or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the total eligible expenses.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, the executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster or emergency funding-related necessary expenses, serious needs, or hazard mitigation projects of local governments and eligible private nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the major disaster or emergency if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met from other means of assistance

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

→ **HF 2308 Emergency Disaster Aid**

Passed-sent to Senate

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

**SF 2377-ReOrg Cleanup (page 50) WAYS AND MEANS**

DIVISION VIII — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The bill strikes the requirement in Code section 80E.1(2)(b) that the director of the office of drug control policy submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities and programs of the director and other departments related to drug enforcement, substance use disorder treatment programs, and substance use disorder prevention and education programs. The bill strikes Code subunit references in Code section 100.41 and replaces them with references to Code chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, where the applicable portions of law were transferred to as the result of 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter 19.

Sec. 115. Section 80E.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 116. Section 100.41, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

100.41 Authority to cite violations.

Fire officials acting under the authority of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, may issue citations in accordance with chapter 805, for violations of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, or a violation of a local fire safety code.

PASSED SUBCOMMITTEE

→ **Companion bill HF 2550(HSB664)-Reorg Cleanup**

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS AND MEANS-fiscal note

### **SF 2158 public safety telecommunicators**

This bill relates to public safety telecommunicators.

Code section 80B.11C requires the Iowa law enforcement academy (ILEA) to establish minimum standards for training of public safety telecommunicators.

“Public safety telecommunicator” is defined as a person who serves as a first responder by receiving requests for, or by dispatching requests to, emergency response agencies that include but are not limited to law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services agencies.

The bill changes the term “communications officer” to “public safety telecommunicator” to conform with the term used by ILEA in establishing minimum standards for training of public safety telecommunicators.

**On debate calendar for Monday, March 18th in Senate**

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