



Week 6: Feb 12-16 - FUNNEL WEEK
IFA
Roger Carr-President and IFA board

Bills of interest to IFA
Activity for this week are noted in red.
→ Indicates Companion Bill

PASSED FUNNEL:

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

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

PASSED SUB

Passed full committee

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)

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)

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

Passed Sub & Full COMMITTEE 2/13

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

→ **SF 2279 (SSB 3023) PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS companion bill**

Rowley, Shipley, Bisignano

PASSED SUB with amendment, adding saliva etc

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

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

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

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE

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

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

Sen Klemish will introduce after funnel in Ways & Means Committee

HF 2142 Personalized FF & EMS Plates

Allows for personalized FF & EMS License Plates

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

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)

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.

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

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)

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

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 20-2; FM: Bloomingtondale

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

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) ready to go to the floor calendar, then will go to the HOUSE

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

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

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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.

HSB 617 TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEES

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

SF 2154 (SF 174) Building design element regulation Local Gov)

Building design element regulation by government subdivisions

PASSED SUB & COMMITTEE (Renumbered SF 2154)

→ **HF 490 (COMPANION BILL)**

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

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INTRODUCED referred to Appropriations

THESE BILLS ARE DEAD AND WILL BE REMOVED IN NEXT WEEKS UPDATE

SF 2301 LOCAL FIRE CODES (Westrich) (Local Government) Westrich (C), Guth, Winckler Prohibits a local government from adopting a building code that is less strict than the state code regarding fire safety.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

HF 529 Debris and Lights (Dunwell-Bagniewski-Gerhold) TRANSPORTATION
Passed subcommittee however legislators seemed willing to strike the section allowing tow trucks to have blue lights.

We are ok with the clean-up part of the bill but do not want to see tow trucks with flashing blue lights.

PASSED SUB

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

SF 2020 Scholarships for First Responders (Zaun) Rozenboom, Celsi, Kraayenbrink
EDUCATION

This is a bill to offer education scholarships to career firefighters/ Volunteers are not currently included but Sen Zaun said he would add us if the bill goes anywhere

We have not registered for this bill yet.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

SF 555 (SF 113) VOLUNTEER EMS TAX ABATEMENT Dickey (C), Dawson, Petersen
The bill provides a property tax abatement for volunteer firefighters

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

HF 2034 State Fire Code Exemption Wulf (C), Cooling, Lundgren

This bill requires that administrative rules adopted by the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing that establish the state fire code provide a process for a building in which no more than 50 students subject to an exemption granted under Code section 299.24 are educated to be exempted from the state fire code. Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from certain school

standards for members of a church or religious denomination in specified circumstances. [AGAINST]

SUBCOMMITTEE did not pass this and sent it back - DEAD

SF 2029 BURN BANS (Salmon) (Local Government)

Requires a fire chief to get permission from the city council or the supervisors before submitting a burn ban request to the State Fire Marshal

DID NOT PASS SUB - DEAD

SF 2033 FIRE FIGHTER EQUIPMENT NOTICE (Webster, Brown, Bisignano) (State Government)

Requires the sellers of fire fighter safety equipment containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluorinated substances to give written notice to the purchaser. Requires the purchaser and the seller to maintain the notice for at least three years. Allows the AG, city attorney or county attorney to request such notice and to take action to enforce the bill. Establishes civil penalties.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

HSB 668 Eliminate ATE and no hands free (companion bill) Public Safety Thompson (C), Meggars, Scheetz

ATE: Bans the use of automated traffic enforcement devices on highways as of July 2025. Does not allow the DPS or DOT to share any information to collect civil penalties through interstate compacts unless the compact specifically allows or requires that. Defines such systems. Voids local ordinances as of July 2025.

Texting: Prohibits the use of any electronic devices while driving. Establishes exemptions in some situations for hands-free devices, for law enforcement, health care workers, transit workers, utility maintenance workers, in emergency situations, agricultural uses and for other reasons. Makes citations a moving violation.

PASSED SUB

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

SF 2091 - EMS PLATES TRANSPORTATION Bousset (C), Cournoyer, Winckler

Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is authorized to issue emergency medical services (EMS) special registration plates to the owner of a vehicle who is a current member of a paid or volunteer EMS agency. The DOT designed the plate in cooperation with representatives designated by the Iowa EMS association. This bill instead requires the plate's background to be white and the plate's letters and numbers to be blue. The left side of the plate must depict the star of life. The letters "EMS" must appear on the bottom of the plate.

The bill exempts EMS plates from the general requirements to display the name of the county that issues the registration plates and to be consistent with the design and color of regular registration plates.

The bill provides transition provisions

PASSED SUB

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

SF 570 EMS tax levy

WAYS AND MEANS

Subcommittee: Klimesh, Dawson, and Quirmbach

The bill also authorizes the local emergency management commission to certify and levy a countywide additional levy not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for special or unique services and operations, as defined in the bill, approved by the commission. Also specifies that the local emergency management commission is a municipality for purposes of Code chapter 24 (local budgets). Sets up a commission.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK - DEAD

SF 2229 FIREFIGHTING FOAM (Westrich) (State Government)

Prohibits local governments and townships from purchasing fire-fighting foams with perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl.

PASSED SUB - DEAD

HF 2436 ACCRUED SICK LEAVE

100% payout of safety employee sick leave

DEAD

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NO ACTION-DEAD

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