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AROUND THE CAPITOL

The Senate met for a short session, without any floor work, before turning to subcommittee and committee work. The Senate adjourned until Monday afternoon. The chambers introduced more than 60 bills, study bills and resolutions.

The House debated and approved two bills before turning to subcommittee and committee work. The House also adjourned until Monday afternoon, and so will not be reading in any new bills on Friday morning.

The House approved [HF 93 MH PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS](#) and [HF 94 MOVIE PROP MONEY FRAUD](#) on largely unanimous votes. [HF 94](#) prohibits an employer from using a non-compete agreement to restrict the practice of a MH professional. Representative Andrews, who managed the bill, said that the bill has been narrowly drawn to reflect rulings in court cases. Andrews said that it can be hard on patients who are forced to switch MH providers due to a non-compete because of the need for a patient to build trust with a MH practitioner. Representative Brown-Powers said that Iowa is facing a mental health crisis. She said that the bill will attract MH practitioners to the state because it protects them from interference in their professional duties and helps them serve their clients.

[HF 94](#) establishes penalties for fraudulently uttering movie prop money to get goods or services, ranging from a simple misdemeanor to a Class C felony. Representative Dunwell said that there have been several instances in rural Iowa where movie money has been used fraudulently and said such prop money can easily be purchased on-line. Dunwell said that because the money is marked as fake, it falls outside of current counterfeit and forgery provisions. Representative Wilburn, who served on the subcommittee, said that establishing a range of penalties, based on the value of the theft, had improved the bill. He said that not every crime needed to be charged as a felony. Representative Olsen was the sole vote against the bill.

In committee action, the Senate Transportation Committee approved eight bills in the morning; all came out as successors before the end of the day.

The House Judiciary Committee approved [HSB 6 ASSAULT DEFENSES](#), which bars the defenses of justification or diminished capacity for a defendant who assaults another person, after a non-violent sexual advance, or who assaults a person due to the defendant learning about the sexual orientation/gender identity of the victim. The bill has advanced out of committee in past sessions.

TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

Bills to the **Senate**: (2)

House Files: 22 (HF 123 - HF 144)

House Study Bills: 7 (HSB 98 - HSB 104)

Resolutions INTRODUCED in the **House**: (2)

HJR 2 HUNTING & FISHING AMENDMENT (Fisher) (Judiciary)

Proposes a constitutional amendment that lowans have a right to hunt, fish and trap using traditional methods.

HJR 3 GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION (State Government; Successor to HSB 37) FM: Harris

Proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the process for the succession of a governor in the case of death or disability. Deems the position of lieutenant governor to be vacant for the rest of the term if the lieutenant governor becomes governor due to death or resignation of the governor.

WITHDRAWN: [HF 28](#)

Senate Files: 26 (SF 141 - SF 164)

Senate Study Bills: 7 (SSB 1088 - SSB 1094)

Resolutions INTRODUCED in the **Senate**: (2)

SCR 3 LOBBYIST RULES (Ethics; Successor to SSB 1074) FM: Shipley

Adopts the joint rules for lobbyists for the 90th General Assembly. **PASSED 6-0; FM: Shipley**

SR 1 ETHICS RULES (Ethics; Successor to SSB 1075) FM: Shipley

Adopts the Ethics rules for the Senate for the 90th General Assembly. **PASSED 6-0; FM: Shipley**

HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

Bills to the **Senate**: (2)

HF 93 MH PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS

Prohibits an employer from restricting the place or time a MH professional can practice or prohibiting the professional from contracting for services with a patient the professional previously treated. Makes contrary provisions in current contracts null and unenforceable. Effective on enactment.

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0; it now GOES to the **Senate**

HF 94 MOVIE PROP MONEY FRAUD

Establishes penalties for fraudulently utter movie prop money to get goods or services, ranging from a simple misdemeanor to a Class C felony, based on the value of the fraud.

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-1; it now GOES to the **Senate**

HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION

House Judiciary Committee: Voted Out (2)

[HF 25 CONDEMNATION AWARD REDUCTION](#)

Reduces a condemnation award if the owner of the property fails to respond in a timely manner after all the notices. Requires that at least two notices have been sent and that the notices include the consequences for a failure to respond in a timely manner. Reduces the award by the additional costs incurred, including attorney fees. **PASSED**, 20-0; *FM: Lohse*

[HSB 6 ASSAULT DEFENSES](#)

Bars the defenses of justification or diminished capacity for a defendant who assaults another person after a non-violent sexual advance or an assault due to the defendant learning about the sexual orientation or gender identity of the victim. **AMENDED & PASSED**, 20-0; *FM: Kaufmann*

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

Senate Transportation Committee: Voted Out (8)

[SSB 1026 CHILD CAR SEATS](#) (Now [SF 164](#))

Car Seats: Requires children under the age of three or 30 pounds to be in a rear-facing child seat. Restraint systems: Requires children under 8 to be in child restraint systems used according to the manufacturer's instruction. **Other:** Requires children under 18 to use restraint systems. Strikes exemptions from the use of child seats if a seat belt is not available for use for the child seat. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Klimesh*

[SSB 1027 RESTRICTED FARM CDLS](#) (Now [SF 156](#))

Strikes current provisions exempting various agricultural drivers from CDL requirements. Requires the DOT to issue a restricted CDL to certain agricultural drivers. Waives skills and knowledge test requirements but imposes requirements for a good driving record, limits the miles and areas a driver with a restricted CDL can operate and limits the restricted CDL to 210 days. Establishes an \$8 fee for restricted CDLS. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Zumbach*

[SSB 1028 DRIVING TESTS](#) (Now [SF 157](#))

Allows persons who are qualified to give behind-the-wheel driving instruction but who are not licensed teachers to administer a final field driving test. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Cournoyer*

[SSB 1030 HYDRO EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION](#) (Now [SF 154](#))

Adds specified hydro-excavation equipment to the list of vehicles exempt from size, weight, load and permit requirements. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Klimesh*

[SSB 1031 SCENIC BYWAY FUND](#) (Now [SF 151](#))

Establishes a Scenic Byway enhancement fund for various improvements on scenic byways. Requires treasurers to request donations to the fund when renewing licenses. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Klimesh*

[SSB 1060 CDL THIRD PARTY TESTERS](#) (Now [SF 152](#))

Strikes the current list of third-party CDL testers and authorizes the DOT to adopt rules restricting the scope of third-party testers. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Dickey*

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION (CONTINUED)

Senate Transportation Committee: Voted Out (continued)

[SSB 1061](#) SINGLE TRIP EXEMPTIONS (Now [SF 153](#))

Allows the DOT or the authority that issues a single-trip permit to include exemptions for per-axle load limits. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Zumbach*

[SSB 1062](#) CDL CLEARINGHOUSE (Now [SF 155](#))

Aligns state laws on CDLs and the drug and alcohol clearinghouse with federal regulations related to enforcement, checking the clearinghouse and other matters. **PASSED** 16-0; *FM: Klimesh*

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>COMMERCE</u>	
HF 96	NON-MEDICAL SWITCHING	G Mohr (C), Best , Srinivas
	<u>JUDICIARY</u>	
HF 58	VACATING PARENTAL RIGHTS	Lohse (C), Jones , Srinivas
HF 59	ADOPTION INVESTIGATIONS COSTS	Lohse (C), Jones , Wessel-Kroeschell
HF 60	BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION	Lohse (C), Jones , Srinivas
HF 61	ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS	Lohse (C), Jones , B Meyer
HF 114	ADOPTIVE PARENTS	Lohse (C), Jones , Scheetz
	<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>	
HF 42	ENTERTAINMENT AREAS	Gehlbach (C), Stoltenberg , Wilson
HF 115	ASSESSOR CONDUCT	Dunwell (C), Rinker , Staed
HF 116	COUNTY SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS	Deyoe (C), Amos , Golding

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>EDUCATION</u>	
SSB 1081	2% SSA/CATEGORICAL RATE	Kraayenbrink (C), whole (<i>reassigned</i>)
	<u>STATE GOVERNMENT</u>	
SF 98	PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN CHINA	Kraayenbrink (C), Bousselot , Jochum
SF 117	CAMPAIGN DEPENDENT COSTS	Bousselot (C), Salmon , Weiner
SF 119	CO STANDARDS & AWARENESS	Koelker (C), Bisignano , Cournoyer
SF 123	BEER BARREL TAX	Dawson (C), Bisignano , Cournoyer

HOUSE FILES (HF 123 – HF 133)

[HF 123](#) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST ([Kurth](#)) (Education)

Makes information technology specialist a position that can be shared using supplemental operational weighting.

[HF 124](#) CHILD BATTERER TREATMENT ([Shipley](#)) (Judiciary)

Prohibits a court from assessing fees for a child who voluntarily participates in a batterer's treatment program to resolve a complaint about the child that would be domestic or sexual abuse if done by an adult. Makes the county responsible for the costs.

[HF 125](#) HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESTITUTION ([Shipley](#)) (Judiciary)

Strikes the requirements for restitution for a felony that causes a death if the offender was under 18 or if the offender's crime was directly related to being a victim of human trafficking.

[HF 126](#) LOCAL MANAGEMENT LEVY ([Meggars](#)) (Local Government)

Allows a local emergency management agency to levy for the agency and strikes the county authority. Deems the agency a municipality for certain purposes. See [SF 41](#)

[HF 127](#) PROTECTED OCCUPATIONS ([Meggars](#)) (State Government)

Deems public safety telecommunicators and EM coordinators to be in the IPERS protection occupation category. Reclassifies prior service to match and effective on enactment.

[HF 128](#) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ([Health & Human Services](#); Successor to [HSB 25](#)) FM: [Bergan](#)

Makes changes to the controlled substance schedules under the Uniform Controlled Substance Act. Effective on enactment.

[HF 129](#) DYSLEXIA GRANTS ([Jones](#)) (Education)

Requires the DOE to establish a dyslexia provider grant program to help families offset the cost of services from dyslexia providers.

[HF 130](#) ABSENTEE VOTING ([Levin](#)) (State Government)

Moves the start of the absentee voting period to 40 days before an election.

[HF 131](#) CREDIT UNION MATTERS ([Commerce](#); Successor to [HSB 35](#)) FM: [G Mohr](#)

Public Officer: Reduces the amount of securities a credit union can manage for a public officer to 100% of the deposits minus the federally insured amount. Requires a public officer to secure funds above the federal amount through a letter of credit. **Compensation:** Allows compensation for a credit union director, subject to the bylaws. **Meetings:** Requires CU boards to hold regular meetings. Requires monthly meetings depending on the CU risk rating and on how new the CU is. **Expulsions:** Expands causes for expulsion from a CU and makes changes to expulsion hearings. **Other:** Allows a CU to invest in approved instruments approved by the CU Superintendent.

[HF 132](#) SCHOOL GOVERNMENT CURRICULUM ([Education](#); Successor to [HF 12](#)) FM: [Holt](#)

Requires that a comparative discussions of political ideologies that conflict with freedom and democracy essential to the founding of the US be taught in HS government.

[HF 133](#) VOLUNTARY DEBT CANCELLATION NOTICE ([Commerce](#); Successor to [HSB 32](#)) FM: [Graber](#)

Deems that the only obligation of a financial institution which purchases a car payment contract with voluntary debt cancellation is to notify the vehicle dealer within 30 days of the payment in full of the contract. Requires the dealer to determine whether the consumer is entitled to a refund and to issue it within 60 days. See [SF 131](#)

HOUSE FILES (HF 134 – HF 144)

HF 134 OPEN ENROLLMENT TRANSPORTATION (**Education**; Successor to [HF 41](#)) *FM: Collins*

Strikes requirements that a sending and receiving district agree to arrangements for transportation for an open-enrolled student. See [SF 29](#)

HF 135 UNIVERSITY GRADUATE INFORMATION (**Education**; Successor to [HF 11](#)) *FM: Holt*

Requires the Regents to publish the average income and student loan debt graduates with a bachelor's degree. Requires the state universities to give the Regents such information about students. Includes requirements for the information to be on the internet and to be sortable, to include information about graduate school and other matters. Requires the universities to connect students with career planning services.

HF 136 BANKING POWERS (**Commerce**; Successor to [HSB 30](#)) *FM: P Thompson*

Makes changes related to banking, including allowing various notices to be delivered by any allowed means, that a person gaining control of a state bank shall not jeopardize the interests of the bank, and allowing investments in tax equity financing to equal 20% of the bank's aggregate capital.

HF 137 MOVEABLE SALONS (**State Government**; Successor to [HSB 40](#)) *FM: Wulf*

Expands the definition of salon to include locations that are readily mobile.

HF 138 PROTECTION OCCUPATION WORKERS (**State Government**; Successor to [HSB 38](#)) *FM: Collins*

Adds additional peace officers and fire fighters to the protection occupation category of IPERS. Reclassifies prior service. Effective on enactment.

HF 139 CYBER SECURITY CENTER (**Commerce**; Successor to [HSB 14](#)) (Appropriations)

Establishes a cyber-security simulation training center at ISU to help governments and business deal with cyber-attacks. Appropriates \$2.5 million for the center.

HF 140 VETERANS TRUST APPROPRIATION (**Veterans Affairs**; Successor to [HSB 20](#)) (Appropriations)

Increases the appropriation to the Veterans Trust to \$1.3 million and allocates \$3,000 to each county for training county veteran officers.

HF 141 MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT (**Veterans Affairs**; Successor to [HSB 22](#)) (Ways & Means)

Increases the value of the Military Service property tax credit to \$4,000 and includes provisions on fully funding the credit.

HF 142 VETERANS TRUST SPENDING (**Veterans Affairs**; Successor to [HSB 21](#)) *FM: Graber*

Increases the amount that can be used from the Veterans Trust to \$800,000 when the balance in the trust is below \$50 million.

HF 143 RANSOMWARE ATTACKS (**Economic Growth & Technology**; Successor to [HSB 13](#)) *FM: Wood*

Establishes penalties for ransomware attacks: Aggravated Misdemeanor (under \$10,000 in damages); Class D Felony (\$10,000 to \$50,000); Class C (over \$50,000). Defines ransomware and what constitutes such attacks.

HF 144 RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS (**Health & Human Services**; Successor to [HF 13](#)) *FM: T Moore*

Authorizes the state licensing of rural emergency hospitals that meet federal guidelines for enhanced Medicare payments. Authorizes emergency rulemaking. Specifies that the provisions apply to a hospital operating by December 2020 in a county between 30,000 - 35,000 and that the hospital will not have to convert its certificate of need.

HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 98 – HSB 103)

[HSB 98](#) PLUMBING MATTERS (Ways & Means) [Jones](#) (C), [Harris](#), [Nielsen](#)

Farms: Excludes plumbing and mechanical work done on a farm by a farmer or employee from the plumbing code. Adds emergency repairs to definition of routine maintenance and defines farms. **Other:** Excludes routing maintenance from inspections. Requires the board to adopt rules on the certification/decertification of plumbing inspectors. Requires inspectors to approve installations in compliance with accepted standards and to issue corrective orders for installations not in compliance. Deems that the bill does not affect the work of municipal utilities and rural water districts or railroads. Deems to state inspection does not apply in cities with local inspection. Requires local governments to report on persons practicing as a plumber or mechanical professional without a license. Allows for confidential complaints to the board. Includes other inspection provisions. **Fees:** Requires the board to set fees for inspections and permits.

[HSB 99](#) DOG BREED POLICIES (Commerce) [Lohse](#) (C), [Jacoby](#), [P Thompson](#)

Prohibits an insurer from refusing to renew or issue a policy, or increasing the premium, based solely on the breed of dog owned by the policy holder. Creates an exception if the dog has been classed as high risk, based on sound principles.

[HSB 100](#) TRANSACTION RATES (Commerce) [Kniff McCulla](#) (C), [Kressig](#), [Nordman](#)

Aligns state standards with federal regulations on the standards for transactions secured by a dwelling, including limits on loans and fees.

[HSB 101](#) GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS (Commerce) [Thomson](#) (C), [Bagniewski](#), [J Wills](#)

Moves the filing deadline for group capital calculations by certain insurers to June 30 and strikes other filing deadlines. See [SSB 1057](#)

[HSB 102](#) DNC INSURANCE COVERAGE (Commerce) [Deyoe](#) (C), [Best](#), [Scholten](#)

Deems that a Delivery Network Company does not control the drivers who deliver the rides. Sets liability requirements for delivery available and service periods at \$50,000/\$100,000/\$25,000. Allows the driver or the DNC to maintain the insurance. Requires the DNC coverage to begin if the driver lacks coverage and requires the DNC to defend the claim. **Other:** Includes requirements for the insurance and proof of insurance. Requires the DNC to put in writing the coverage offered by the DNC and to inform the driver that the personal insurance of the driver may not offer coverage while driving for the DNC. Allows insurers to exclude coverage while an insured driver is working for the DNC. Requires the DNC to cooperate with other insurers on coverage claims. Effective July 2024.

[HSB 103](#) VETERAN PROGRAMS (Veterans Affairs) [Andrews](#) (C), [Carlson](#), [Levin](#)

Defines veteran to meet federal definitions. Strikes certain CE requirements for county commissioners. Allows the DVA to receive donations and gifts to be used for training county commissioners and others. Strikes certain duties to train/certify and requires the DVA to verify that various officers are qualified. Includes other certification/CE requirements Prohibits using money from the Veterans Trust for cemetery development grants. Requires the county where a veteran lived to pay for the funeral expenses of a veteran, spouse or child, if the veteran died without means to pay such expenses.

HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 104)

[HSB 104 GOVERNORS FENTANYL PROPOSALS](#) (Judiciary) **P Thompson** (C), **Lohse**, **Wilburn**

Fentanyl: Makes manufacturing/selling/possessing more than 50 grams of fentanyl a Class B felony (50 years and up to \$1 million in fines); for amounts between 5-50 grams a Class B felony (25 years and a fine between \$5,000 and \$100,000); for measurable amounts, a Class C felony and fine between \$1,000 and \$50,000.

Death: Triples the sentence of a person who manufactures a controlled substance that results in death and double if it results in serious injury. Does not allow the sentence to be deferred or for the manufacturer to use protections for someone who assists a person who overdoses. **Minors:** Adds current enhancements for manufacturing meth in the presence of minors to the manufacture of controlled substances and increases the penalty by doubling the sentence. Strikes certain 99-year sentences for dealing meth with minors and doubles the sentence instead. Includes additional substances under provisions covering deliver of controlled substances to minors. **Opioid Antagonists:** Allows a health care provider to prescribe opioid antagonists to a secondary distributor and for a pharmacist to dispense them to a secondary distributor. Defines secondary distributors (law enforcement, EMS, health care providers, schools, county health departments, HHS). Allows a pharmacist to administer opioid antagonists instead of naxolone.

SENATE FILES (SF 141 – SF 146)

[SF 141 COUNTY LAND RECORDS](#) (**Local Government**; Successor to [SSB 1029](#)) *FM: Shipley*

Allows the County Land Record Information System to allow batch access to groundwater hazard statements through the DNR for access to aggregate anonymous data. Allows for fees. Requires the establishment of policies on limitation of uses, authentication of users and prohibitions on foreign access of records.

[SF 142 DOMESTIC ABUSE LOOKBACK](#) (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1006](#)) *FM: Reichmann*

Strikes the 12-year lookback used to determine if domestic abuse is a 2nd offense. See [HF 112](#)

[SF 143 CHILD WELFARE REPRESENTATION](#) (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1015](#)) *FM: Shipley*

Extends the State Public Defender pilot project for child welfare representation to June 2025 and to 16 counties.

[SF 144 POINTING LASERS AT AIRCRAFT](#) (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1016](#)) *FM: Dawson*

Includes aircraft under the provisions making it a criminal offense, ranging from a misdemeanor to a Class C felony, to point a laser at a person. Defines aircraft and lasers.

[SF 145 HUNTING TURKEYS WITH RIFLES](#) (**Schultz**) (Natural Resources)

Requires the NRC to establish a hunting season for turkeys using rifles (.17 caliber Hornady rimfire magnum).

[SF 146 FAIR REFUNDS](#) (**Sinclair**) (Ways & Means)

Designates district fairs and county fairs as designated exempt entities in terms of the sales tax. Retroactive to 2021. Allows for refunds but caps the aggregate at \$50,000.

SENATE FILES (SF 147 – SF 156)

SF 147 ESTABLISHING PATERNITY (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1003](#)) *FM: Rowley*

Allows a juvenile court to require DNA/blood testing of a child and established father on its motion in CHINA/parental rights proceedings. Allows the juvenile court to issue an order overcoming paternity based on the results and if the established father does not object to the determination or if the juvenile court finds it in the best interest of the child despite the objection of the established father. Requires the juvenile court to send notice to the clerk of courts and for a district court to take judicial notice of the ruling. Makes conforming changes, including that under juvenile justice provisions, paternity does not include a father whose paternity has been overcome.

SF 148 NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1063](#)) *FM: Schultz*

Caps non-economic damages against health care providers for substantial or permanent loss of bodily function, substantial disfigurement or death at \$1 million. Deems losses related to dependent care to be economic damage.

SF 149 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT LIABILITY (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1005](#)) *FM: Garrett*

Gives immunity to a school boards, districts, AEAs, private and charter schools and the authorities in charge of those against liability for corporal punishment against a student to the extent that a school employee or volunteer has immunity and allows for the collection of damages for wrongful accusations to the same extent of a school employee or volunteer who has been wrongfully accused.

SF 150 TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTION (**Judiciary**; Successor to [SSB 1007](#)) *FM: Rowley*

Creates an exception to the real estate transfer tax for deeds that transfer the distribution of assets to beneficiaries of a trust. See [HF 111](#)

SF 151 SCENIC BYWAY FUND (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1031](#)) *FM: Klimesh*

Establishes a Scenic Byway enhancement fund for various improvements on scenic byways. Requires treasurers to request donations to the fund when renewing licenses.

SF 152 CDL THIRD PARTY TESTERS (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1060](#)) *FM: Dickey*

Strikes the current list of third-party CDL testers and authorizes the DOT to adopt rules restricting the scope of third-party testers.

SF 153 SINGLE TRIP EXEMPTIONS (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1061](#)) *FM: Zumbach*

Allows the DOT or the authority that issues a single-trip permit to include exemptions for per-axle load limits.

SF 154 HYDRO EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1030](#)) *FM: Klimesh*

Adds specified hydro-excavation equipment to the list of vehicles exempt from size, weight, load and permit requirements.

SF 155 CDL CLEARINGHOUSE (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1062](#)) *FM: Klimesh*

Aligns state laws on CDLs and the drug and alcohol clearinghouse with federal regulations related to enforcement, checking the clearinghouse and other matters.

SF 156 RESTRICTED FARM CDLS (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1027](#)) *FM: Zumbach*

Strikes current provisions exempting various agricultural drivers from CDL requirements. Requires the DOT to issue a restricted CDL to certain agricultural drivers. Waives skills and knowledge test requirements but imposes requirements for a good driving record, limits the miles and areas a driver with a restricted CDL can operate and limits the restricted CDL to 210 days. Establishes an \$8 fee for restricted CDLS.

SENATE FILES (SF 157 – SF 164)

SF 157 DRIVING TESTS (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1028](#)) *FM: Cournoyer*

Allows persons who are qualified to give behind-the-wheel driving instruction but who are not licensed teachers to administer a final field driving test.

SF 158 MINOR SEX ABUSE SOL (**Salmon & Westrich**) (Judiciary)

Strikes the Statute of Limitations on actions for a person who was a minor when the person was injured as a result of sexual abuse by a therapist, counselor or school employee. Requires claims for actions prior to the effective date of the bill to be brought within three years of the effective date of the bill. Includes preferences regarding when the case is tried for some cases.

SF 159 GENDER IDENTITY EDUCATION (**Salmon**) (Education)

Prohibits gender identity/sexual orientation education in schools for grades K-8. Makes definitions. Requires schools to inform parents of all invasive physical exams/health screenings that are not required by federal law. Requires the state BOE to establish standards. Requires schools to notify parents about changes in the mental health or well-being. Allows parents to allege violations of policies regarding human growth and development (sex education). Allows parents to take it to the State BOE if the violation is not fixed or to seek court relief. Establishes civil penalties against schools for violations.

SF 160 PRESCRIPTION RESTRICTIONS (**Salmon, 11 R's**) (Health & Human Services)

Prohibits restricting the authority of a prescriber during a public health emergency in a way that deters the prescriber from prescribing medication according to their best judgement. Makes any policy by an employer that does so unenforceable. Prohibits license discipline for prescribing ivermectin or hydroxychloroquine for COVID.

SF 161 ALTERNATIVES TO PE (**Sinclair**) (Education)

Adds additional activities that a 12-grader can use as alternative activities from PE including show choir, marching band and color guard, if a parent requests and the school principal agrees.

SF 162 VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS (**Alons**) (Transportation)

Makes various vehicle weight limit violations uniform violations, subject uniform citation and complaint provisions.

SF 163 WINDOW TINTING (**Edler**) (Transportation)

Allows drivers to apply to the DOT for an approved window tint status (at least 35% transparency). Sets the fee at \$55. Requires that the tinted window information be available in a database used by law enforcement. Requires persons driving such a vehicle to roll down their windows if stopped by law enforcement.

SF 164 CHILD CAR SEATS (**Transportation**; Successor to [SSB 1026](#)) *FM: Klimesh*

Car Seats: Requires children under the age of three or 30 pounds to be in a rear-facing child seat. Restraint systems: Requires children under 8 to be in child restraint systems used according to the manufacturer's instruction. **Other:** Requires children under 18 to use restraint systems. Strikes exemptions from the use of child seats if a seat belt is not available for use for the child seat.

SENATE STUDY BILLS (SSB 1088 – SSB 1094)

SSB 1088 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (Local Government) **Guth** (C), **Webster**, **Weiner**

Extends the good cause deadline for missing the filing deadline for the elderly/disabled property tax credit until March 31 of the fiscal year the tax is owed. Effective on enactment. See [HSB 93](#)

SSB 1089 TAX PROTEST DEADLINES (Local Government) **Lofgren** (C), **Webster**, **Weiner**

Extends the informal review period for property tax protests to May 25 if the county was declared a disaster area the previous month. Extends filing deadlines and extends the period for a board of review to meet until July 15. See [HSB 94](#)

SSB 1090 TRADE NAMES (Local Government) **Westrich**(C), **Knox**, **ShIPLEY**

Requires a business using a trade name to file the names and addresses of all the owners with the SOS. Strikes several exemptions to filing.

SSB 1091 CITY EMS/FF/POLICE (Local Government) **Driscoll** (C), **Klimesh**, **Quirnbach**

Deems that certain conflict of interest provisions for cities do not prohibit pay for a volunteer fire fighter or an EMS worker who holds multiple positions. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer ff chief on a majority vote of the city council. Allows cities to establish a fund to pay for major equipment for police/EMS/fire fighters. Includes procedures for depositing money.

SSB 1092 COUNTY DRIVERS LICENSE FEES (Local Government) **Westrich** (C), **ShIPLEY**, **Winckler**

Allows a county treasurer to charge a non-resident of the county a \$10 fee for issuing a license. Does not allow the fee if the non-resident pays property taxes in the county. See [HSB 95](#)

SSB 1093 LAND DIVISION APPROVAL (Local Government) **ShIPLEY** (C), **Webster**, **Winckler**

Prohibits city councils and county supervisors from approving the division or consolidation of land without a certificate from the treasurer that the land is free from taxes/assessments. Requires the recorder to refuse to register any documents related to a division/consolidation without the same proof.

SSB 1094 PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENT (State Government) **Kraayenbrink** (C), **Boulton**, **Bousselot**

Restricts IPERS and other retirement systems and the Regents from contracting with public funds managers that take actions based on economic boycotts, or environmental or social criteria that is not solely based on the financial interest of the funds and the beneficiaries. Defines companies involved in the fossil fuel, firearms, ammunition, agriculture, timber and mining industries as protected. Includes other definitions. Bans granting proxy authority that violates this conditions. Bans investments in companies that are engaged in economic boycotts. Bans state banks and credit unions from using theses improper factors in loan decisions. Gives the Attorney General enforcement powers. Similar to [HF 2](#).