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## AROUND THE CAPITOL

Both chambers continued with floor debate today, with one Senate committee meeting. The Ways & Means Committee approved five bills, including [SSB 1126 INCOME/PREMIUM TAXES](#) vote, which will cut and then eventually eliminate the individual income tax. Senator Dawson said that Iowa needs to have more competitive taxes. Senator Quirnbach said that state revenues are declining due to past cuts and that the state will need to reduce necessary services and support for K-12 and universities as a result.

The Senate approved eleven bills and sent them over to the House. Most passed on largely unanimous votes, but [SF 455 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT](#) passed on a party-line vote and [SF 318 APPRENTICESHIPS](#), [SF 251 SCHOOL BUDGET](#), and [SF 219 TATTOO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS](#) passed on largely party-line votes. Senator Weiner said the amendment to [SF 455](#) improved the bill but said that cities need more flexibility to deal with storm water runoff due to differences in local conditions. Senator Todd Taylor said that he supports the expansion of apprenticeship opportunities in [SF 318](#) but said that the bill as written could negatively impact current apprenticeship programs. The Senate also approved [SF 326 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS](#) on a 45-3 vote. Senators Alons, Costello and Salmon voted against the bill after Senator Edler added an amendment to allow pharmacists to sell over-the-counter hormonal contraceptives.

The House approved [SF 514 STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION](#) on a 58-39 vote, with five Republicans voting with the Democrats against the bill (Cisneros, Dieken, Sexton, M Thompson and C Thomson) and one absent (G Mohr). The House conformed its bill to the Senate, but rejected any further changes. Representative Bloomingdale, who managed the bill, said that the changes were overdue and will streamline state government. She said that the bill will save the state money while allowing agencies to improve services. Democrats said that the bill was rushed through the legislative process, and done without talking to Iowans. They called the bill a power grab and said that the reorganization gives the Governor too much power. They said that some agencies, such as the Department of the Blind have special needs that are not well served by the reorganization.

Governor Reynolds released a statement on the passing of the bill:

For decades, Iowans have seen state government grow beyond its means. Today, the Iowa House joined me and the Iowa Senate to declare an end to bloated bureaucracy. We are making government smaller, more efficient, and more effective. We are saving taxpayer dollars and putting Iowans' needs first. This transformational legislation will put Iowa in the best position to help our state thrive.

## OTHER BILLS

The House sent [SF 507 PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENT](#) back to the Senate on a party-line vote, with an amendment. The House approved [HF 661 STATEWIDE FARMERS MARKETS 77-20](#), after an amendment from Representative Ingels for allowing made to order food from a home business to be considered as home-made food. Representative Judge said all food made for sale should be subject to strict food safety rules.

## TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

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

**Bills RETURNED to the Senate: (1)**

**Bills to the Senate: (5)**

**Bills to the House: (11)**

**House Files: 2 (HF 668 - HF 669)**

**House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 231)**

**WITHDRAWN:** [HF 2](#), [HF 58](#), [HF 59](#), [HF 80](#), [HF 278](#), [HF 346](#), [HF 653](#), [HF 662](#)

**Senate Files: 1 (SF 551)**

**Senate Study Bills: none (last introduced SSB 1206)**

## SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

**Senate Ways & Means Committee: Voted Out (5)**

### **SF 363 NON-RESIDENT DEER LICENSES**

Allows a non-resident to purchase a non-resident deer license for 1/2 cost to hunt with a family member on farmland owned or leased by the family member. Exempts such licenses from the quotas on non-resident licenses. Defines family members. **AMENDED & PASSED** 17-0; *FM: Driscoll*

### **SSB 1126 INCOME/PREMIUM TAXES**

**Fund:** Changes the Taxpayer Relief Fund to the Individual Income Tax Elimination Fund. **Individuals:** Phases in a reduction to 2.5%. Uses the II tax elimination fund to reduce rates in later years. **Corporate Tax:** Requires the DOR to determine every year if corporate income tax receipts will exceed \$700 million. Requires corporate rates to be reduced until the rate reaches 5.5%. **Insurance:** Reduces the premium tax to 0.9%. **AMENDED & PASSED** 12-5; *FM: Dawson*

### **SSB 1127 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION** (now [SF 551](#))

Decouples Iowa from federal bonus depreciation. **PASSED** 17-0; *FM: Koelker*

### **HF 111 TRANSFER TAX EXEMPTION**

Creates an exception to the real estate transfer tax for deeds that transfer the distribution of assets to beneficiaries of a trust. **AMENDED & PASSED** 17-0; *FM: Sweeney*

### **HF 258 CDL CLEARINGHOUSE**

Aligns state laws on CDLs & the drug and alcohol clearinghouse with federal regulations related to enforcement, checking the clearinghouse and other matters. **PASSED** 17-0; *FM: Klimesh*

## HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

### Bills to the Governor: (2)

#### SF 262 PERSONAL DATA

Establishes personal data rights for Iowa consumers. Requires companies meeting certain size requirements to respond to data requests within specified timelines and restricts the use of some personal data. Includes other rights and responsibilities on personal data. Includes enforcement powers of the AG, with 90-day notice requirements. Makes definitions. Effective 2025.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0 (3/6)

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

#### SF 514 STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Enacts provisions to reorganize all of state government. Reduces the number of cabinet level agencies from 37 to 16. Reduces the votes needed in the Senate to confirm to 30 and increases the positions which are appointed by the Governor. Removes many administrators from the salary range. Eliminates some protections for transferred employees and removes some from the merit system/collective bargaining system. Gives the AG authority over election misconduct and allows the AG to prosecute crimes even if the county attorney declines.

#### AMENDMENTS to SF 514

[H 1104](#) by [Turek](#) - Strikes the changes to Voc Rehab services. **FAILED**, 61-35

[H 1111](#) by [Srinivas](#) - Strikes the changes to the state Board of Health. **FAILED**, 62-34

[H 1106](#) by [Srinivas](#) - Strikes the changes to the CASA Board. **FAILED**, 62-35

[H 1103](#) by [Cooling](#) - Strikes the changes to the State Fire Marshal office. **FAILED**, 62-35

[H 1099](#) by [Nielsen](#) - Strikes provisions ending set terms for some administrators and having them serve at the pleasure of the governor. **FAILED**, 63-34

[H 1100](#) by [Nielsen](#) - States that any employee transferred due to the bill cannot lose pay, benefits or collective bargaining status. **FAILED**, 62-35

[H 1101](#) by [Nielsen](#) - Strikes the changes to the Consumer Advocate. **FAILED**, 63-34

[H 1107](#) by [Zabner](#) - Strikes the changes increases the authority of the AG to prosecute crimes if the county attorney declines and over election misconduct. **FAILED**, 58-39

[H 1110](#) by [Srinivas](#) - Strikes changes to PERB. **FAILED**, 61-36

[H 1096](#) by [Turek](#) - Delays the changes to Voc Rehab to 7/24. **FAILED**, 60-37

[H 1109](#) by [Nielsen](#) - Strikes the changes to the Department of the Blind. **FAILED**, 60-36

[H 1102](#) by [Zabner](#) - Strikes the removal of salaries of officers from the pay range. **FAILED**, 62-34

[H 1095](#) by [Steckman](#) - Strikes the changes to the CBCs. **FAILED**, 62-33

[H 1105](#) by [Nielsen](#) - Requires a 2/3 vote by the Legislature before the duties of a state agency can be privatized. **RULED NOT GERMANE; MTSR FAILED**, 62-34

[H 1097](#) by [Nielsen](#) - Strikes the efficiency committee and establishes a new committee with legislators and appointees from the Governor. **FAILED**, 61-34

[H 1098](#), [H 1108](#)- **WITHDRAWN**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 34-15 (3/7)

The **House PASSED** the bill 58-39; it now GOES to the **Governor**

## HOUSE FLOOR ACTION (CONTINUED)

### Bills RETURNED to the Senate: (1)

#### **SF 507 PUBLIC FUND INVESTMENT**

Restricts IPERS and other retirement systems and the Regents from contracting with companies that invest based on non-pecuniary interests or economic boycotts (limiting investments in the fossil fuel, firearms, ammunition, agriculture, timber and mining industries). Requires the maintenance of a list of scrutinized companies involved in investments. Includes reporting requirements.

#### **AMENDMENTS to SF 507**

[H 1090](#) by [Nielsen](#) - *Strike & Replace*: Requires public funds to invest money exclusively for the benefit of the members of the fund. **RULED NOT GERMANE; MTSR FAILED** 63-34

[H 1089](#) by [J Wills](#) & [Lundgren](#) - Excludes companies with less than 10 employees. Includes exceptions related to investments in scrutinized companies if the contracts are under \$50,000 or if the prohibition conflicts with other statutory duties.

[H 1117](#) to [H 1089](#) by [Lundgren](#) - Makes a date correction. **ADOPTED**

[H 1089](#) by [J Wills](#), as amended, **ADOPTED**

The **House PASSED** the bill as amended 63-34; it now RETURNS to the **Senate**

### Bills to the Senate: (5)

#### **HF 400 VACATING PARENTAL RIGHTS**

Allows a parent to request a juvenile court to vacate an order terminating parental rights if certain events have not occurred. Requires the court to find that doing so is in the best interests of the child.

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0; it now GOES to the **Senate**

#### **HF 466 TELEVISED COMMITMENT TESTIMONY**

Allows a court to hear testimony from a doctor during an involuntary commitment proceeding by telephone or televised means. Allows for the respondent or attorney, or the applicant, to waive the televised/telephoned appearance.

The **House PASSED** the bill 97-0; it now GOES to the **Senate**

#### **HF 469 ADOPTION INVESTIGATIONS COSTS**

Allows the juvenile court to waive placement investigations in adoptions if the guardian has been the child's guardian for three years, if the child is a minor and if the guardian has already undergone various criminal and abuse checks.

The **House PASSED** the bill 89-8; it now GOES to the **Senate**

#### **HF 553 CYBERSECURITY DEFENSES**

Establishes affirmative defenses for entities which use cybersecurity programs to protect personal information against data breaches. Includes requirements for the cybersecurity program.

[H 1071](#) by [Kniff McCulla](#) - Makes a date correction. **ADOPTED**

The **House PASSED** the bill as amended 97-0; it now GOES to the **Senate**

#### **HF 661 STATEWIDE FARMERS MARKETS**

Makes licensing for farmer's markets that pay a \$200 fee and for famer's markets that must be licensed as food establishments for a \$150 fee valid statewide.

[H 1094](#) by [Ingels](#) - Includes made to order foods as home-made foods and reduces the fees for food processing plants. **ADOPTED**

The **House PASSED** the bill 77-20; it now GOES to the **Senate**

## SENATE FLOOR ACTION

### Bills to the House: (11)

#### **SF 197 LAND SURVEYOR LICENSING**

Retains requirements for land surveyors to have practical experience for licensing but strikes the 6-year requirement. Strikes outdated licensing provisions and updates references. Strikes the requirements for a candidate to demonstrate necessary practical experience before a licensing exam.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 219 TATTOO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibits the HHS from requiring that an applicant for a tattoo permit show proof of graduating from a HS or college or from completing a GED.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 37-11; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 251 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Limits the administration costs for schools to 5% of the budget. Defines administrative costs.

[S 3083](#) by [Donahue](#) - *Strike & Replace*: Limits administrative costs to 5% and defines administrative costs. **FAILED**, 32-16

[S 3079](#) by [Zaun](#) - Limits the 5% limit to school districts with an enrollment of more than 1,000 students but retains provisions requiring all school districts to certify expenses. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 36-12; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 318 APPRENTICESHIPS**

Establishes an Office of Apprenticeship and an Iowa Apprenticeship Council in the DWD. Gives the Office various duties related to the registration of apprenticeships. Establishes the members of the Council, including the DWD director as an *ex officio* member. **Other**: Requires licensing authorities to grant licenses to persons who have successfully completed apprenticeship programs. Prohibits exams for apprentices that are different than the exam for other applicants. Divides training and administration responsibilities between sponsors of apprenticeship programs and employers.

[S 3081](#) by [Dickey](#) - Makes technical corrections and changes definitions. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 35-13; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 326 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS**

Allows a pharmacist to dispense an epinephrine auto-injector without a prescription to a person who is 18 and the pharmacist has previously given the person an auto-injector. Requires the pharmacist to instruct the person to contact emergency medical services and to give notice to the person's primary health care provider. Gives immunity to pharmacists for good-faith actions. Requires the BOP and the BOM to adopt rules. Makes definitions.

[S 3066](#) by [Edler](#) - **WITHDRAWN**

[S 3068](#) by [Edler](#) - Allows a pharmacist to issue self-administered hormonal contraceptives. Defines such contraceptives to include patches and rings but not abortion inducing drugs. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 45-3; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 398 ROBOTICS**

Requires the DOE to include technical education assistance to schools on chartering technical & career education student organizations. Allows a HS athletic organization to sponsor robotics competitions.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

## SENATE FLOOR ACTION (CONTINUED)

### Bills to the House (continued)

#### **SF 399** POOL INSPECTIONS

Exempts a housing coop from pool inspections if the coop is fewer than 72 members and the bylaws provide for pool inspections.

[S 3076](#) by **McClintock** - Adds spray pads to the bill. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 455** STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Prohibits local governments from adopting requirements for topsoil preservation at construction sites. Allows the regulation of stormwater runoff but does not allow more restrictive rates after construction than prior to construction. Limits the regulation of runoff from upstream properties.

[S 3074](#) by **Webster** - Allows local governments to regulate topsoil preservation no more restrictively than NPDES requirements or beyond five-year flood runoff restrictions.

[S 3082](#) to [S 3074](#) by **Weiner** - Allows local governments to adopt stricter restrictions if the government can show the restrictions are necessary after hydraulic studies. **FAILED**, 33-15

[S 3074](#) by **Webster** - **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 33-15; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 477** INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

Requires the BOM to grant licenses to international medical graduates who meet specified criteria and who are licensed in specific countries. Requires the graduate to have an immigration status that allows the graduate to work as a doctor. Allows international medical programs to apply to the BOM for accreditation. Authorizes provisional licenses. Effective January 2024.

[S 3080](#) by **Bousselot** - Strikes the accreditation and immigration status provisions and makes related changes. Moves the effective date to July, 2024.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 47-0; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 513** DOT PEACE OFFICER TRANSITION

Establishes a process for transitioning motor vehicle enforcement officers in the DOT to the DPS. Keeps transferred employees with ten years of service in IPERS; moves officers with less than ten years of service to PORS. Authorizes DOT to designate certain employees with limited authority as peace officers. Requires the DPS to adopt rules on the transfer of duties for hazardous materials, on driving a commercial vehicle and on other matters and to report to the Legislature on the adoption of rules.

[S 3075](#) by **Klimesh** - *Strike & Replace*: Re-enacts much of the bill. Adds duties and reporting requirements to the DPS related to commercial vehicles. Requires the DPS to consult with the DNR on hazardous wastes. Includes retirement provisions and transfer of forfeited funds. **ADOPTED**

The **Senate PASSED** the bill as amended 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

#### **SF 527** ALL SYSTEMS PERMIT

Allows all-systems permits for movement on all paved streets and highways, except the where prohibited on the interstate or where local authorities have indicated the all-systems permit is not valid. Does not allow the exclusion of farm market roads or truck routes but requires highways and streets under local control to be connected to highways and streets under state control to be valid. Does not require vehicles over 80,000 pounds to have warning lights due to the weight.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0; it now GOES to the **House**

### Deferred On: (1)

#### **SF 386** COLLEGE SUPPORT ORDERS

## HOUSE &amp; SENATE AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

7-9 AM	<i>Iowa Association of Building Officials Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Legislative Dining Room 15</i>
	<i>Coalition for Family &amp; Children Services in Iowa Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Rotunda, North Wing</i>
7 AM-NOON	<i>Iowa Honey Bee Day</i>	<i>Rotunda, West, East &amp; South Wings</i>
8:30 AM	<b>HOUSE CONVENES</b>	<i>House Chamber</i>
9 AM	<b>SENATE CONVENES</b>	<i>Senate Chamber</i>
	<b>House Ways &amp; Means Committee</b> <a href="#">HF 344</a> COUNTY CAR TITLING SERVICES & FEES: <b>Best</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 355</a> TEACHER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS: <b>Osmundson</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 431</a> MONEY TRANSMISSIONS: <b>Lundgren</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 494</a> COUNSELOR COMPACT: <b>Sexton</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 640</a> VETERINARY SUPERVISION: <b>Sexton</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 122</a> SPORTS WAGERING & TAX CREDITS: <b>Kaufmann</b> (C)	<i>Room 102</i>
9:15 AM	<b>Senate Rules &amp; Administration Committee</b> Governor's Appointments.	<i>Senate well</i>
10 AM-3:30 PM	<i>Iowa Kennel Club, Show &amp; Sport Dog Education Day</i>	<i>Rotunda, North Wing</i>

## SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

8 AM	House Subcommittee <a href="#">SF 329</a> STATE EMPLOYEE ABSENCES: <b>Stoltenberg</b> (C), <b>Cahill</b> , <b>Golding</b>	House Lounge
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 231</a> PARKING SALES TAX EXEMPTION: <b>Harris</b> (C), <b>Best</b> , <b>Croken</b>	House Lounge 2
8:15 AM	House Ways & Means Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 457</a> HONEYBEE SALES: <b>Jones</b> (C), <b>Sexton</b> , <b>Isenhart</b>	House Lounge
8:30 AM	House Appropriations Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 427</a> GOVERNOR HEALTH PROGRAMS: <b>Wood</b> (C), <b>Fry</b> , <b>Matson</b> , <b>A Meyer</b> , <b>Wessel-Kroeschell</b>	Room 103
9:30 PM	Senate Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 159</a> ASSAULT DEFENSES: <b>Bousselot</b> (C), <b>Quirmbach</b> , <b>Webster</b>	Room 217
10 AM	Senate Health & Human Services Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 319</a> CHILDCARE PHYSICALS: <b>Edler</b> (C), <b>Costello</b> , <b>Jochum</b>	Room 217
10:30 AM	House Environmental Protection Subcommittee <a href="#">SF 516</a> EDUCATION SUPPORT WAGES: <b>Fisher</b> (C), <b>Baeth</b> , <b>Hayes</b>	House Lounge
NOON	House Appropriations Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 560</a> CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT APPROPRIATION: <b>Nordman</b> (C), <b>Ehlert</b> , <b>Stone</b>	House Lounge
12:30 PM	House Appropriations Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 451</a> NURSING HOME SEX OFFENDERS: <b>Young</b> (C), <b>Brown-Powers</b> , <b>Ehlert</b> , <b>Fry</b> , <b>A Meyer</b>	House Lounge

## HOUSE DEBATE CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

<a href="#">HF 370</a>	ED	SCHOOL MATTERS (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 390</a> )	<i>Gehlbach</i>
<a href="#">HF 498</a>	SG	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	<i>Harris</i>
<a href="#">HF 499</a>	CO	CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM LOSSES	<i>Young</i>
<a href="#">HF 555</a>	HH	PHARMACY MATTERS	<i>Bergan</i>
<a href="#">HF 557</a>	LG	LAKE ELECTIONS (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 433</a> )	<i>Nordman</i>
<a href="#">HF 566</a>	HH	HEALTH ADVISORY GROUPS	<i>Fry</i>
<a href="#">HF 570</a>	PS	ASSAULTS ON PREGNANT WOMEN (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 384</a> )	<i>Shiplee</i>
<a href="#">HF 578</a>	LA	STATE PARENTAL LEAVE	<i>Bergan</i>
<a href="#">HF 592</a>	TR	INTERNET CAR SALES (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 504</a> )	<i>Sieck</i>
<a href="#">HF 605</a>	CO	ENERGY BENCHMARKING	<i>J Wills</i>
<a href="#">HF 615</a>	ED	HOME SCHOOL DIPLOMAS	<i>Gustoff</i>
<a href="#">HF 622</a>	JU	DESIGNATING SCHOOL BATHROOMS (attached to <a href="#">SF 482</a> )	<i>Holt</i>
<a href="#">HF 632</a>	EG	CYBER-ATTACK SPENDING	<i>Sorenson</i>
<a href="#">HF 636</a>	JU	EDUCATIONAL SETTING	<i>Gustoff</i>
<a href="#">HF 645</a>	JU	RULE & STATUTE INTERPRETATION	<i>Gustoff</i>

## HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

[SF 516](#)

OPEN SPACE PLANS

Fisher (C), Baeth, Hayes

## HOUSE FILES (HF 668 – HF 669)

**[HF 668](#) CHILDCARE PROPERTY TAXES** (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 224](#)) *FM: Kniff McCulla*

Excludes childcare facilities from determinations on the property taxes for residential property and specifies the value of such facilities is equal to the product of the residential rollback percentage times the actual value of the property. Effective retroactively.

**[HF 669](#) LANDLORD TENANT/MOBILE HOMES** (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 125](#)) *FM: P Thompson*

**Landlord-Tenant:** Makes definitions and changes in computing timelines. Changes a prohibition to including certain items in a lease to a prohibition to enforcing those items. Makes changes to notice for eviction (forcible entry and detainer) proceedings. Deems that 90 days of peaceable possession is a bar for eviction proceedings. Does not allow remaining personal property in a mobile home to be disposed by the landlord unless the mobile home is the premises. **Fee:** Increases the fee for a manufactured home retailer to \$120.

## SENATE FILES (SF 551)

**[SF 551](#) WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION** (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [SSB 1127](#)) *FM: Koelker*

Decouples Iowa from federal bonus depreciation.