

The 2025 Iowa Legislative Report
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With two weeks to go before the first funnel deadline, both chambers continued with a frenzied pace of new bill filings, introducing more than 140 bills and study bills on Thursday, making it a very busy day despite the light committee schedule. Both chambers continued to move bills through subcommittee and full committees this week and it is expected this will continue next week. Although we will work bills in the subcommittee process, it is the bills that are finding momentum to move their way through full committee that remains our focus. We have a mix of monitored bills with registrations both for and against. The next two weeks will determine whether these bills will die or move forward for further debate.

We had a great turnout from both members and legislators for the ISPA legislative breakfast this week. Members met with legislators explaining the importance of our priority bills as well as answering questions regarding the details of each bill and how each bill will affect our members. With funnel week only two weeks away, it was a perfect time to meet and advocate for ISPA's priorities.

Here are the bills we are tracking this session:

SF-22/HSB-64 (these bills are similar but not companions) Hands Free

- Prohibits hand-held electronic device use while driving.
- Allows voice-activated or hands-free use.
- Increases fines for violations from \$45 to \$100.
- Preempts local laws on electronic device use while driving.
- Establishes penalties for repeat offenders, including license suspension.

- **Both bills passed out of their respective subcommittees.**

We are registered in favor of this bill

SF-33 SLIP

- Defines eligible law enforcement officers and retirement systems.
- Provides cash payment for accrued sick leave upon retirement or death.
- Allows use of sick leave value for health insurance premiums.
- Excludes officers under collective bargaining agreements.
- Forfeiture of sick leave benefits upon reemployment with previous employer.
- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered in favor of this bill.

HF-46 Motorcycle Profiling Training

- Mandates training on motorcyclist profiling for law enforcement officers.
- Defines motorcyclist profiling and prohibits its use in law enforcement actions.
- Requires local agencies to adopt policies against motorcyclist profiling.
- Establishes annual reporting on training requirements and substance.
- Includes in-service training requirements for all law enforcement officers.
- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered opposed to this bill.

SF-397 (Formerly SSB-1058/HF-177 (Formerly HSB-24) Assaults on correction officers

- Increases penalties for assaults against designated public service workers from aggravated misdemeanors to class 'C' and 'D' felonies.
- Introduces a minimum term of seven days for certain assault convictions, with no eligibility for suspension of the minimum sentence.
- Includes saliva in the definition of bodily fluids for inmate assaults, expanding the scope of what constitutes an assault in correctional facilities.
- Classifies assaults causing bodily injury or mental illness as class 'D' felonies.
- Clarifies that any other assault against public service workers is an aggravated misdemeanor.
- **Passed House committee.**
- **Passed Senate committee**

We are registered in favor of this bill.

HF-322 The Iowa Stop Squatters Act

- Allows real property owners to submit complaints to law enforcement for the immediate removal of unauthorized occupants under specific conditions. These conditions include the owner or their authorized agent notifying the unauthorized person of their lack of permission to be on the property, and the unauthorized person not being a current or former tenant or an immediate family member.
- Law enforcement is required to investigate the complaint and, if valid, direct the unauthorized occupant to vacate the property. The act also introduces penalties for unauthorized occupants who fail to vacate after being notified, categorizing the offense based on the amount of property damage caused. Additionally, it holds property owners accountable for submitting false complaints.
- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered Opposed to this bill

HSB-104 Homeland Security and Emergency Management department bill.

- Under current law, money collected due to the imposition of the emergency communications service surcharge are deposited in the 911 emergency communications fund.
- Moneys remaining in the 911 emergency communications fund after paying all obligations may first be used to provide grants to public safety answering points agreeing to consolidate.
- The bill eliminates this distribution option.
- **Subcommittee met but has yet to sign off on the subcommittee report**

We are registered opposed to this bill.

HF-487 Drug paraphernalia and testing equipment

- **Subcommittee scheduled for 2-24**

We are registered in favor of this bill.

Below is a list of bills we are registered as undecided but continue to monitor:

HF-549 (Formerly HF-42) Officer involved shooting

- **Passed committee**

We are registered undecided on this bill.

SSB-1019 Window Tint

- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered undecided on this bill.

HF-71 Traffic stop quotas

- **Subcommittee tabled**

We are registered undecided on this bill.

SF-311 (Formerly SSB-1010)/HSB-82 Civil Service Employees

- **Passed Senate**
- **Passed House subcommittee**

We are registered undecided on this bill.

SF-137 Officer training short course

- **Passed subcommittee**

We are registered undecided on this bill.

If you have any questions regarding bill status, procedural processes or simply curious as to the general tone from week to week, please reach out to us anytime.

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