

The 2025 Iowa Legislative Report
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An eventful week seven at the Iowa State Capitol as both chambers moved SF-418, Gender Protections & Sex Definitions, through the legislative process. Much of the week consisted of protests at the subcommittee and committee meetings as well as the public hearing held on Thursday. It was estimated that 2,500 protestors were in the Capitol for that hearing. Both chambers approved SF-418 sending it to the Governor's office for her signature on Friday. The Senate passed the bill on a party-line vote (33-15); the House passed the bill on a 60-36 vote. This bill brought out a lot of emotions in both chambers that will most certainly be carried forward into next week as the two chambers will try to move bills through committee to survive the first funnel deadline on Friday the 7th.

It was also a busy week for ISPA as our monitored bills moved through the process as well as a few new bills that came out of drafting. The Legislative Services Agency has been overwhelmed with bill and amendment requests this session and has caused a delay in bills being introduced. These delays will put even more pressure on committee chairs to move bills past the funnel with only a few days to debate in subcommittee and subsequently full committee for passage.

We will provide a detailed update of the bills that survived the funnel next week, but we have notated some of our monitored bills that have already made it out of committee and thus survived the first funnel deadline.

Here are the bills we are tracking this session where we are registered as Opposed or in Favor:

SF-22/HSB-64 (these bills are similar but not companions)-For 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 committees.**
- **Survived 1st funnel**

SF-33-For 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**

HF-46-Opposed 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**

SF-397 (Formerly SSB-1058/HF-177 (Formerly HSB-24)-For 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**
- **Survived 1st funnel**

HF-322-Opposed 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**

HSB-104-Opposed 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 tabled the bill**

HF-487-For Drug paraphernalia and testing equipment

- **Passed Subcommittee**

HSB-265-For IPERS benefits

- Introduced 2-27-2025

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

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

- **Passed committee**
- **Survived 1st funnel**

SSB-1019-Undecided Window Tint

- **Passed subcommittee**

HF-71-Undecided Traffic stop quotas

- **Subcommittee tabled**

- **SF-311 (Formerly SSB-1010)/HSB-82-Undecided** Civil Service Employees
- **Passed Senate committee**
 - **w/amendment (Changes effective date to 8-16-25)**
- **Passed House committee**
- **Survived 1st funnel**

SF-137-Undecided Officer training short course

- **Passed committee**
- **Survived 1st funnel**

HSB-187-Undecided

- Law enforcement in immigration programs
- **Passed subcommittee**

SF-272/HF-267-Undecided Employee benefits and cancer presumption

- **Passed Senate subcommittee**

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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