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Last week was uneventful with most of the Legislative time being spent in caucus discussions and budget talks. There was some floor work done but most of the bills were non-cons, clearing the calendar for the few controversial bills left to debate.

This week is the second funnel deadline for policy bills. This means that Senate bills must be reported out of House Committees and House bills out of Senate committees. As with the first funnel rules, Ways and Means bills as well as Appropriation bills are “funnel proof”. A few of our monitored bills died in the funnel this week. Below is a brief description:

- HF-2326, dealing with traffic violations and stationary vehicles died in the House but SF-2133, its companion bill, was placed on unfinished business in the Senate so it survived.
- SF-2141 is a hands-free bill died but the companion bill in the House was referred to Ways and Means so it survived.
- SF-2278, a Civil Service bill, did not survive funnel.
- Both collective bargain bills drafted in the House failed to make it through funnel.

As we’ve discussed in years past, bills that have died due to funnel can still be revived as an amendment in other policy bills or appropriation bills. This process is rare but will warrant monitoring regardless. The bill watch has been updated with these changes.

A good portion of the budget bills were introduced in the House this week and it’s assumed that the rest will run through committee early next week. The Senate hasn’t moved a budget bill as of this close of business this week. It is likely they will start moving them next week allowing the full negotiations between the chambers to begin. There has obviously been private discussion with the leadership on the overall budget numbers, but floor debate brings those discussions to the rank and file. These floor debates usually don’t bring about major changes although sometimes small changes can bring forward hours of debate. Either way, it looks like the end of session could come within the next 30 days barring any major roadblocks between the chambers.

Feel free to reach out to any of us for further clarification or if you have any questions.

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Name	Bill Number	Sponsor	Title	Bill Status	ISPA Position
411 Benefits	HF 797	Kaufmann (R)	<p>Defines an ordinary disability beneficiary as a member retired for less than five years. Makes other definitions. Accidental benefits: Allows an ordinary disability beneficiary to apply for an accidental disability benefit. Includes provisions on determination of payouts. Makes a person who is otherwise eligible for disability benefits ineligible if the person is fired for certain reasons. Rates: Increases the employee contribution to 9.55%. Hospitalization: Requires cities to continue to offer hospitalization and medical benefits for injuries received on duty to members who are receiving disability benefits. Exempts the member from various costs. Requires actions to require the city to pay to begin with two of the date the city denied a claim. Disease: Requires a fire fighter or police officer to be granted a leave without loss of pay if the person has been exposed to an infectious disease.</p>	Passed House Passed Senate Committee	Support
Traffic violations involving stationary vehicles	SF 2133	Riechman (R)	<p>Allows an officer, a driver of a protected vehicle, to file a written report 72 hours after an incident regarding a vehicle that fails to move over for a stopped emergency/law enforcement vehicle. Requires the investigating officer to contact the owner of the vehicle. Allows the owner to be cited and creates a permissible inference that the owner was the driver.</p>	Passed Committee/Placed on Unfinished Business	Support

Hands Free Devices	<u>HF 2129</u>	A. Meyer (R)	A bill for an act relating to the use of an electronic device in a voice-activated or hands-free mode while driving, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable.(Formerly HF 75.)	Passed Committee (Referred to W&M)	Support
Confidentiality of information for law enforcement	<u>SF 513</u>	Dawsen (R)	A bill for an act relating to the confidentiality of certain law enforcement information involving a person experiencing a mental health crisis, substance-related disorder crisis, or housing crisis	Passed Committee	Support
Release of records for fire and police retirement systems	<u>HF 2154</u>	Siegrest (R)	A bill for an act relating to release of certain records maintained by the statewide fire and police retirement system.	Passed House/Passed Senate Committee	Support
DOT employees designated as peace officers	<u>SF 2338</u>	Brown (R)	A bill for an act relating to department of transportation employees designated as peace officers, and including effective date provisions.	Passed Committee/ Placed on Unfinished Business as a House Companion	Support
DOT employees designated as peace officers	<u>HF 2345</u>	Worthan (R)	An Act relating to department of transportation employees designated as peaceofficers, and including effective date provisions	Passed House/ Placed on Unfinished Business in Senate	Support
ILEA	<u>HF 2358</u>	Osmundson (R)	An Act relating to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Passed House/Passed Senate Committee	Monitoring
Brady-Giglio List	<u>HF 2496</u>	Klien (R)	An Act relating to the procedural requirements for placing an officer's name on a Brady-Giglio list, and for a prosecuting agency disclosing exculpatory evidence.	Passed House/Passed Senate Committee	Monitoring