

Iowa Legislative Report
Iowa State Police Association
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Week two of this legislative session was again quite uneventful. The legislature was not in session on Monday to observe Martin Luther King Day and didn't gavel in until 10:00 AM on Tuesday. Most of the committees were canceled due to lack of bill activity so many legislators went back to their home districts Wednesday afternoon or early Thursday. Add to this scenario, extreme wind chills (a big concern for the farmer legislators) and a dozen or so members out with Covid and you set the stage for a quiet week.

Most of the energy in the Capitol right now is focused on lowering the State's income tax. Income tax cuts are a priority of the Governor as well as the House and Senate. As is always the case, finding consensus is the difficult part. The Senate Ways and Means chair stated that he would not hold another committee meeting until this bill is drafted. If both chambers can find a compromise it will be back to business and usual, if not, it may slow the entire process down and affect some of our priority bills. It's our understanding that both chambers are working to find the right language for agreement so the next couple of weeks will provide more intel on the process.

In the Governor's State of the State address on January 11th, she spoke of a police officer retention plan. She stated that there would be funding available for a \$1,000 retention bonus for Iowa police officers. As of the date of this report there are still no details to go with this policy proposal. We have been in communication with the Governor's staff and are hopeful that we will have more details soon.

It looks as though next will be slow moving again as we are hearing that many committee meetings for next week have already been cancelled. We will utilize this time to work the Senate on our 411 bill and press for early passage. Since this bill already passed the House last session, if it is passed by the Senate in its

current form, the bill will be sent directly to the Governor’s office for her signature.

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 |
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| 411 Benefits | HF 797 | Kaufmann (R) | 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. | Passed House Passed Senate Committee | Support |

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| Traffic violations involving stationary vehicles | HSB 557 | Worthan (R) | A bill for an act relating to traffic violations involving the approach of certain stationary vehicles, including by providing for reporting of violations, requiring investigations, and providing for enforcement against vehicle owners. | Passed Sub | Support |
| Hands Free Devises | HF 2129 | 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 | Support |
| Hands Free Devises | SF 330 | Rozenbom (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 SF 46.) | Passed Committee | Support |
| Confidentialiy of informatioon for law enforcement | SF 395 | 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 | | Monitoring |
| Release of records for fire and police retirement systems | HSB 583 | Siegregst (R) | A bill for an act relating to release of certain records maintained by the statewide fire and police retirement system. | Passed Committee | Support |
| Window Tint | SF 332 | Shipley (R) | A bill for an act relating to the minimum standard for transparency for motor vehical window tint. | Passed Sub | Against |
| Officer bill of rights | SF 2123 | Riechman (R) | A bill relating to the Iowa lawenforcement academy council including the revocation or suspension of certifications of law enforcement officers and reserve peaceofficers in this state and certifications of lawenforcement officers in other states, and the peaceofficer, publicsafety, and emergency personnel bill of rights including formal administrativei nvestigations of officers. | | Monitoring |

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| Move over | SF 2133 | Riechman (R) | 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. | Passed Committee | Support |
| DOT employees designated as peace officers | SSB 3059 | Brown (R) | A bill for an act relating to department of transportation employees designated as peace officers, and including effective date provisions. | | Support |
| Police authority on RAGBRI | SF 2162 | Schultz (R) | A bill for an act relating to the authority of a law enforcement officer over local businesses operating during an annual recreational bicycle ride across the state. | | Against |