

The 2025 Iowa Legislative Report
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The second week of the 2025 Legislative session was a busy one. After a relatively slow first week for bill filings, focusing mostly on committee introductions and speeches, this week saw a significant increase in both bill filings and subcommittee meetings. Although Monday will be busy with another round of subcommittees, the rest of the week should see a significant increase in bills moving through the full committee process. The Education and Health and Human Services committees will see the largest volume this week.

Week three will also continue the budget committee process. These committees will have presentations from various state entities providing information regarding their budget request. Although we will not see significant progress on the actual budget targets, they will start to hone in on the committee's funding priorities. Property tax discussions will also continue this week, no doubt having an impact on future revenue. This bill, if passed, will have a significant impact on the legislature's final budget numbers.

Here are the bills we are tracking so far this session:

SF-22- 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.

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.

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.

We are registered opposed to 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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