

Iowa State Police Association: Bill Tracker, Week 2

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Recently Tracked Bills

16 bills

[SSB3023](#) Iowa Department of Transportation Omnibus Bill—Electronic Processes, Records System, and Chauffeur Permit Repeal

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-14

DECLARATION: Undecided

DESCRIPTION: This legislation makes extensive changes to Iowa's transportation statutes, focusing on digital modernization, elimination of the chauffeur's instruction permit, electronic communications, and streamlining records systems for both the Department of Transportation (DOT) and county treasurers.

SUMMARY: The bill eliminates the chauffeur's instruction permit, transitions accident and licensing reports to electronic submission, allows electronic renewal/replacement of licenses and nonoperator IDs, integrates DOT and county treasurer vehicle records into a single electronic system, and authorizes the DOT to use electronic communications for most notices and documents (with consent). Personal email addresses and phone numbers are further protected from disclosure. Multiple provisions have delayed applicability dates tied to system implementation. No appropriations are included.

CURRENT ACTION: Committee report approving bill, renumbered as SF 2088.

[SSB3008](#) Reform and Consolidation of 911 Service Boards into Local Emergency Management Commissions

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-13

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill restructures Iowa's management of 911 emergency services, transferring all duties, powers, and responsibilities from county joint 911 service boards to local emergency management commissions. It mandates consolidation, outlines reporting and operational requirements for public safety answering points (PSAPs), and prescribes funding and property tax allocation mechanisms. The bill also sets deadlines for county agreements and the completion of transfers and consolidations.

SUMMARY: The bill eliminates joint 911 service boards and transfers their responsibilities to local emergency management commissions. It requires each county and its cities to enter written agreements for this transition, including the transfer of assets, debts, and obligations. Local emergency management commissions must submit annual five-year plans and inventories to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The bill limits each county to one PSAP, with certain exceptions, and establishes stringent service, communication, and reporting requirements. Property tax revenues for PSAP operations must go to the commission operating the primary PSAP. Employees displaced by consolidation receive hiring preference for similar PSAP roles for one year. Full consolidation and transfer must be completed by July 1, 2030. Numerous references in statute are updated to reflect this new structure.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee: Webster, Hardman, and Westrich.

[SF2088](#) Motor Vehicle Operations, Registration, Titling, and Records System Reform

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-22

DECLARATION: Support

DESCRIPTION: A comprehensive bill making significant changes to the administration and regulation of motor vehicle operations, accident reporting, recordkeeping, and communications in Iowa. Major areas addressed include elimination of chauffeur's instruction permits, accident reporting thresholds, modernization of recordkeeping and reporting systems, expanded use of electronic communications, and changes to the handling of driver's licenses and identification cards.

SUMMARY: This bill eliminates the chauffeur's instruction permit, updates accident reporting requirements and property damage thresholds, mandates electronic formats for accident and law enforcement reports, enables electronic renewal and replacement of driver's licenses and nonoperator IDs, and restructures the state and county recordkeeping systems into a single comprehensive records system. It further establishes rules for secure use of electronic communications and personal information by the Department of Transportation (DOT), and prohibits certain disclosures of personal data. Applicability provisions tie implementation of new systems to future DOT readiness. No appropriations are included.

CURRENT ACTION: Committee report, approving bill. S.J. 135.

SF2035 Aggravated Eluding and Interstate Fresh Pursuit Law Changes

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-12

DECLARATION: Undecided

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends Iowa's laws regarding eluding law enforcement, establishing aggravated eluding for crossing state borders during pursuit, and authorizes interstate police pursuit and arrest.

SUMMARY: The bill creates a new class 'D' felony for 'aggravated eluding,' which occurs if a driver, while being pursued by Iowa law enforcement, knowingly crosses into another state without yielding. It also authorizes Iowa peace officers to pursue and arrest drivers suspected of eluding or aggravated eluding in other states, provided the pursuit is without unreasonable delay, and sets reporting and extradition requirements.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee recommends passage.

SF2023 Repeal of 911 Call Traffic Reimbursement Requirements

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-12

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill repeals Iowa Code Section 34A.12, removing the authority for the 911 program manager to request reimbursement from joint 911 service boards for costs related to the delivery of 911 call traffic to public safety answering points. It also eliminates the requirement for joint 911 service boards to pay such reimbursements to the department of homeland security and emergency management.

SUMMARY: The bill repeals the statutory provision that allows the 911 program manager to seek reimbursement from local 911 service boards for reasonable costs associated with delivering 911 call traffic. As a result, joint 911 service boards will no longer be legally required to reimburse the department of homeland security and emergency management for these expenses.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee: Dawson, Driscoll, and Staed. S.J. 90.

SF2022 Emergency Telephone System Surcharge and Allocation Reform

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-12

DECLARATION: Support

DESCRIPTION: This bill modifies the monthly emergency communication service surcharge, changes the allocation percentages to joint 911 service boards, provides for annual surcharge increases, and repeals reimbursement requirements for joint 911 service boards.

SUMMARY: The bill increases the monthly emergency communication service surcharge to \$1.15 and establishes an automatic 2% annual increase to the surcharge starting July 1, 2027. It adjusts the percentage of surcharge funds allocated to joint 911 service boards to 55% through June 30, 2028, or until certain upgrades are completed, after which the rate reverts to 60%. The bill also repeals the requirement for 911 service boards to reimburse the department for certain 911 call delivery costs.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee: Dawson, Driscoll, and Staed. S.J. 90.

SF2017 Intimidation with a Dangerous Weapon – Definition and Penalty Modifications

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-12

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends Iowa's statute regarding intimidation with a dangerous weapon, narrowing the scope of the offense to focus on actions directed specifically at another person, and clarifies the circumstances under which felonies are charged.

SUMMARY: The bill revises the legal definition of 'intimidation with a dangerous weapon' in Iowa law. Previously, the offense included shooting, throwing, launching, or discharging a dangerous weapon at, into, or in various occupied structures or assemblies of people. The amendment removes references to buildings, vehicles, assemblies, and similar scenarios. Now, the crime is focused solely on acts directed at another person, where the perpetrator's actions place that person in reasonable apprehension of serious injury, or where the perpetrator threatens to commit such an act under circumstances that make the threat credible. Both class 'C' and class 'D' felony versions are affected by this change.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee: Reichman, Bisignano, and Dawson. S.J. 67.

SF609 Property Tax Abatement for Surviving Spouses of Fallen Emergency Services Members

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2025-03-19

DECLARATION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Authorizes property tax and special assessment abatement on the homestead of a surviving spouse of an emergency services member killed in the line of duty. Establishes eligibility criteria, petition process, and limitations. Applies retroactively to assessment years from January 1, 2025, and takes effect immediately upon enactment.

SUMMARY: "This bill creates a process for the surviving spouse of an emergency services member (including firefighters, peace officers, correctional officers, emergency medical care providers, and certain volunteers) killed in the line of duty to petition for abatement of property taxes and special assessments on their homestead. The bill outlines eligibility requirements, petition procedures, and circumstances that disqualify applicants. The abatement applies to applicable taxes unless objected to by a taxing authority, and may cover multiple years if the spouse remains eligible. The law applies retroactively to assessment years starting January 1, 2025, and is effective immediately."

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee recommends amendment and passage.

HSB612 Law Enforcement Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-22

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: Modifies restrictions on law enforcement use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs, or drones) for traffic enforcement and evidence collection.

SUMMARY: This bill amends Iowa law to allow certified law enforcement officers to use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) to assist in apprehending drivers who are fleeing or attempting to elude police, and to cite such drivers for any traffic violations committed during the pursuit. The bill also changes the standard for when information obtained via UAVs is admissible in court, allowing such evidence if it is collected from a location viewable from public airspace or public view, or if otherwise consistent with state and federal law.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee Meeting: 01/28/2026 8:30AM RM 304.

HSB574 Motor Vehicle Registration Plate and Window Tinting Requirements Reform

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-20

DECLARATION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends Iowa law regarding the issuance and display of vehicle registration plates and modifies standards for vehicle window tinting. It mandates the use of a single registration plate (instead of two) for most vehicles and establishes a specific minimum transparency standard for window tinting.

SUMMARY: The bill requires that only one registration plate be issued and displayed for most vehicles, attached to the rear except for truck tractors, where it must be attached to the front. It updates references throughout the law from 'plates' (plural) to 'plate' (singular) and provides for a staged transition to the new system. The bill also sets a statutory minimum transparency for front windshields and front side windows at 50% light transmittance, removing the Department of Transportation's rulemaking authority to set this standard. Penalties for violations of window tinting standards remain applicable.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee: Jones, Behn and Gosa. H.J. 127.

HSB551 Peace Officer Salary Structure Reform

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-13

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: Establishes a defined salary structure for peace officers within the Iowa Department of Public Safety, specifying base salary percentages for ranks and aligning supervisory pay increases with union-negotiated raises.

SUMMARY: This bill amends current Iowa law to establish explicit annual base salary differentials for peace officers at various ranks in the Department of Public Safety. It sets clear percentage increases for each rank above senior trooper, ranging from 10% to 15% at each step. Additionally, it mandates that sworn supervisors receive the same wage, step, and merit increases as those negotiated through collective bargaining for unionized officers. These changes are intended to provide transparency and consistency in salary determinations for public safety personnel.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee recommends passage.

HSB512 Iowa Department of Transportation Omnibus Bill (2026)

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-13

DECLARATION: Undecided

DESCRIPTION: This bill makes significant changes to Iowa law regarding the Department of Transportation (DOT), including elimination of chauffeur's instruction permits, transition to electronic accident reports, expanded use of electronic communication and applications for licenses and IDs, modernization and centralization of the vehicle records system, and enhanced privacy protections for personal information.

SUMMARY: The bill eliminates the chauffeur's instruction permit, mandates electronic filing of accident reports, authorizes electronic renewal and replacement of driver's licenses and nonoperator ID cards, centralizes vehicle records into a single DOT-managed system, and expands the use of electronic communication for DOT documents (excluding notices of sanctions). It also increases privacy protections by restricting disclosure of email addresses and phone numbers. Applicability dates are tied to DOT system implementation milestones.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee recommends passage.

HSB509 Level II Law Enforcement Academy Training Program Revisions

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-12

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends requirements and terminology for law enforcement officer certification through Level II academy training programs in Iowa.

SUMMARY: The bill updates Iowa Code section 80B.11D to revise eligibility and certification criteria for individuals seeking law enforcement certification via Level II academy training programs. It replaces references to 'short course of study' with 'Level II academy training program,' clarifies applicable applicant qualifications, and updates the timeline for employment following program completion.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee recommends passage.

HF2041 State Law Enforcement Cooperation with Federal Immigration Agencies

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-14

DECLARATION: Undecided

DESCRIPTION: This bill mandates cooperation between state and local law enforcement agencies and officers with federal immigration and customs enforcement agencies upon request.

SUMMARY: The bill amends current Iowa law to require all law enforcement agencies and officers in the state to cooperate and work with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal immigration agencies when requested. It also reinforces that local agencies must comply fully with immigration detainer requests and any other legal documents issued by federal agencies regarding immigration matters.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee Meeting: 01/28/2026 12:00PM RM 304.

HF2031 Peace Officer, Public Safety, and Emergency Personnel Bill of Rights: Attorney Fees and Court Costs for Brady-Giglio List Appeals

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-13

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends the peace officer, public safety, and emergency personnel bill of rights by establishing that officers who successfully appeal their placement on a Brady-Giglio list are entitled to attorney fees and court costs, retroactively applying to cases since July 1, 2021.

SUMMARY: The bill adds a new subsection to Iowa Code 80F.1, providing that if a peace officer wins a district court case to have their name removed from a Brady-Giglio list, the court must award equitable relief, reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and court costs to be paid by the prosecuting agency. The provision applies retroactively to district court rulings issued on or after July 1, 2021.

CURRENT ACTION: Subcommittee Meeting: 01/14/2026 12:15PM RM 304 (Cancelled).

HF2024 Motor Vehicle Window Tint Regulation Changes

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2026-01-13

DECLARATION: Watch

DESCRIPTION: This bill amends Iowa law regarding acceptable levels of window tint on motor vehicles, specifying new light transmittance standards and removing rulemaking authority from the Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY: The bill revises standards for permissible window tint on vehicles operated on Iowa highways. It establishes minimum light transmittance percentages for front windshields, side windows, sidewings, and rear windows, replacing the previous standard of 'excessively dark or reflective' with explicit numeric thresholds. The rulemaking authority of the Department of Transportation on this topic is removed. Exemptions for law enforcement vehicles remain.

CURRENT ACTION: Introduced, referred to Public Safety. H.J. 44.

Upcoming Hearings

2 hearings

DATE: January 28, 2026

TIME: 8:30 AM

COMMITTEE: House Subcommittee: Public Safety

LOCATION: RM 304

BILLS ON AGENDA:

- HSB612 - Law Enforcement Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones)
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DATE: January 28, 2026

TIME: 12:00 PM

COMMITTEE: House Subcommittee: Public Safety

LOCATION: RM 304

BILLS ON AGENDA:

- HF2041 - State Law Enforcement Cooperation with Federal Immigration Agencies
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