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The Iowa Legislature has reached the crucial milestone of "second funnel week" during its annual session. This phase in the legislative calendar determines which bills will continue to move forward for possible passage and which will not advance further this year.

The funnel process is designed to concentrate legislative efforts, ensuring only the most viable bills proceed. In Iowa, the "funnel" refers to a series of deadlines by which bills must progress through committees to remain eligible for debate and passage. The first funnel requires bills to clear their respective committees in either the House or Senate. The second funnel, currently underway, sets a deadline for bills to have passed out of committee in both chambers, with exceptions for budget and tax-related legislation.

During second funnel week, legislators are particularly focused on reviewing, amending, and advancing priority bills. Updates will continue throughout the session as bills advance or are set aside.

The legislation that successfully passed through the second funnel includes measures addressing accident reporting threshold increases, license plate reader restrictions, and drone regulation. Conversely, proposals such as the Bill of Rights and the First Responders dependent education waiver did not advance beyond this stage of ISPA review.

The activity on our monitored bills has been updated in the weekly bill tracker document. If you have any questions regarding specific 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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