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The 2026 Legislative session has now surpassed the six-week mark and reached the conclusion of its initial funnel deadline. Since the session's commencement, the two chambers have held subcommittees to review 865 bills. Each of these bills after passing through subcommittee would still have to make it through the full committee to survive funnel. The funnel deadline serves as a legislative mechanism for eliminating bills that lack sufficient support among chamber members. Notably, this year was different from previous practice—many bills were advanced to full committee despite limited backing or considerable opposition, rather than being “killed” at the subcommittee stage.

ISPA experienced an active week, providing testimony at multiple subcommittee meetings. This session saw several Automatic Plate Reader bills introduced; notably, two measures—HF-2161 and HF-2555 (both detailed in the bill watch report)—successfully advanced through House committees and have passed the first funnel. ISPA representatives testified before the subcommittees, and both bill managers indicated a willingness to consider our feedback as decisions are made regarding which legislation to move forward.

HSB-625, known as the “Police Officer Bill of Rights,” also advanced out of committee this week, ensuring its eligibility after the first funnel. Committee members recognized that further work is necessary and noted that amendments will be added as the legislative process continues. Once again, ISPA members addressed the subcommittee to express their concerns. We remain committed to collaborating with both chambers to ensure that any pertinent amendments are incorporated into the final version of this legislation should it be enacted.

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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