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The seventh week of the Iowa legislative session has wrapped up, and as expected, things moved at a slower pace compared to earlier weeks. With the first funnel deadline behind us, both chambers spent this week reviewing their caucus priorities among the bills that remain. It's typical for several similar bills to be introduced each year, but the deadline helps eliminate duplicates so the caucus can concentrate on sending one bill to the Governor's desk.

Both chambers dedicated considerable time to floor debates on various bills this week. Typically, non-controversial bills are addressed early in the session to streamline the bill docket. While several measures prompted substantial discussion, they were ultimately forwarded to the other chamber for further consideration. It is anticipated that bills facing less consensus will undergo amendment and additional debate in the coming two weeks.

As floor debate continues next week, it is anticipated that HF-2654 will be considered on the House floor. This legislation offers a resident tuition waiver at Iowa's Community Colleges for dependents of Iowa's first responders. The bill has received substantial support among members of the Iowa House, and we expect it to pass once it is brought forward. Additionally, there have been productive discussions with members of the Iowa Senate, including those interested in managing the bill on the floor once it is transmitted from the House. While some work remains, there continues to be significant support for this measure.

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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