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It was very busy at the Capitol this week. Sub Committees have started to move at a quicker pace as funnel week is fast approaching. March 3rd is the last day for House and Senate bills to be passed out of committees, so legislators are starting to feel pressure on some of the individually drafted bills. Committee bills are pushed through the process by the chairs but individually sponsored bills rely upon the legislator to push them through. We expect the next couple weeks to stay busy as they sort out what bills will remain alive through the funnel deadline. Please refer to the ISPA Bill Watch list for updates as to where bills are in the process and any renumbering of the bills as they proceed forward.

ISPA's Legislative breakfast was a great success this week. We had a large turnout of board members as well as uniformed officers. There were multiple events going on at the Capitol that day, but we still had a strong showing from members of both the House and Senate. This is just a great event for our members to get to know their Legislators as well as advocate for our priority bills. A big thank you to all that attended!

There was also progress made on our priority 411 bill this week. SSB-1132 was filed and a subcommittee was held on Tuesday. It was fortunate that our board members were at the Capitol and were able to attend. There was a lot of discussion from Police and Fire as well as well as from the Cities. As you can imagine, there was not an agreement made during the subcommittee meeting, there was however a commitment to hold another subcommittee meeting next week in an attempt to moving the bill forward. Discussions between the interested parties continued throughout the week. The House, who has passed this bill the past few years, intends to file a companion bill once we find a compromise in the Senate. We want to be cautious as we proceed through the legislative process but there does seem to be strong momentum in the Senate to get this bill across the finish line this session.

Feel free to reach out to any of us for further clarification or if you have any questions. All of us at Fitzgerald, Smith, and Associates look forward to representing ISPA at the state Capitol this year.

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