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The first funnel is now complete for the 2023 legislative session. All bills that are eligible to be considered moving forward must have passed out of either the House or the Senate full committees. This is normally a frantic week at the Capitol as legislators work to keep their bills alive. The two chambers held literally hundreds of sub committees this week readying them for consideration for the full committee meetings. Many bills were amended in committee to keep them alive as others were passed out with the intention of amending them on the floor. Either way, the bills that made it through the first funnel will need to be monitored as they move through the opposite chambers committee process. Not all bills that passed the funnel will make it to the Governor's desk just as the bills dying in funnel may show up as amendments in later bills. We will continue to monitor all bills that we have registered on, but priority will be given to those that survived the funnel process.

One of the major actions that took place this funnel week was the passage of our 411 bill out of the Senate's full committee. We have been working on this bill the last few years and while we have had support in the House, we were unable to garner enough support in the Senate. There has been a lot of work, and continues to be a lot of work, to find a compromise this session searching for the right language to satisfy all parties involved and it seems that we are a step closer to that goal. The bill is not in its final form as there will be changes to perfect it along the way. SF-505 still must pass on the Senate floor but certainly progress has been made.

We have updated the bill watch list this week as we do each week. This week we have highlighted in yellow the bills that died during funnel week. After this week we will move those bills to the "monitored bills" tab. Still watched but not bills that will be moving through the committee process this session. Below is a summary of the status of the bills we have registered for this session.

Bills that survived funnel:

- SF-183 is a bill relating to the maximum age for police and firefighters. This bill has passed the Senate floor and was messaged to the House. The House had a similar bill, HSB 162, that died in the funnel signaling that they will move the Senate bill if they decide to move the legislation forward.
- SF-207 is an electronics hands free in vehicles bill. This bill passed the Senate committee and was referred to the Ways and Means committee to keep it alive for the rest of the session. A similar bill in the House died in funnel.
- HF-358 and SF-230 are companion bills that deal with eluding a police officer. Both bills were passed by their respective committees.
- HF-184 is a bill dealing with reporting of arrests made with controlled substances. This bill passed the House committee.
- SF-505 is the 411 bill. This bill was amended in committee with agreed to language and passed out of committee. And is alive for floor debate.
- SF-385 and HSB 188 are the Brady-Giglio bills. Both bills passed through their respective committees.
- SF-457 is a civil service bill dealing with disciplinary actions. SF-454 is also a civil service bill but this one deals with hiring practices. Both bills survived the funnel.
- SF-491 is a window tint bill. This is one of three that was filed in the Senate this session. This bill passed committee the other two died.

Bills that died in funnel

- SF-28 is a bill requiring all passengers in a vehicle to wear seatbelts.
- SF-48 deals with window tinting in vehicles.
- SF-180 is a SLIP bill.
- SF-163 deals with window tinting in vehicles.
- HSB-197 is a companion to a SF-457 dealing with civil service. The House bill died in funnel make it likely that they will run the Senate bill.
- SSB-1202 is a peace office authority bill.

All these bills are explained in more detail on the bill watch spread sheet and have hyperlinks to the bill number if you choose to review the bill as written.

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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