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Week in Review

This week the legislature continued to move bills through their respective chambers. Although the volume of bills has decreased, there are many outstanding bills that are believed to be a priority that will move over the next couple of weeks. Each day, the chambers moved various budget bills, in an attempt to begin conversations surrounding the overall budget number.

The House and Senate continue to negotiate on overall budget targets. At the time of this publication, there is still no agreed upon target. Until an overall target is reached, negotiations between the House and Senate on individual budgets can not be solidified. It is important to note that the House and Senate budget chairs continue to have conversations on the individual budgets behind closed door; these conversations are helpful as legislators wade through various disagreements, or areas of agreement, in their budgets.

The Governor signed several bills that made their way to her desk. During the legislative session, the Governor has three days to take action on a bill once its been enrolled; once the legislature has adjourned, the Governor has 30 days to consider bills. For budget bills, the governor has line item veto authority, which means she can strike individual appropriations or pieces of policy contained in the budget bill. The chart below reflects the current status on individual budget bills.

	House Bill	Senate Bill	Agreement/Status
Admin and Reg.	HF 759		Passed House on party line vote.
Ag. & Natl Resources		SF 609	Passed Senate. Passed House Appropriations committee.
Eco. Development		SF 608	Voted out of Senate Appropriations.
Education	HF 758		Voted out of full House
Human Services	HF 768		Passed Full House.
Justice Systems		SF 615	Passed Full Appropriations.
Judicial Branch		SF 616	Passed Full Appropriations.
RIIF	HF 765		Passed House chamber.
Transportation	NA	SF 600	Voted out of full Senate; House voted to approve SF 600. Goes to Governor.
Unassigned Standings			

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Bills on the Move

Empower Rural Iowa, [HF 772](#). The bill, is a priority of the Governor and passed the full House Appropriations committee this week. The bill establishes the Empower Rural Iowa Act. Changes specific broadband targets/requirements for download speeds for BB services and references the FCC for those speeds. Allows the CIO to make determinations from time-to-time whether a provider is achieving those speeds. Extends the time for certain unobligated BB grants fund to revert to three years. Extends the grant program to 2025. Allows the CIO to consider additional information outside the application for a grant and determines weighting factors. Includes more rule-making discretion and adds specificity to the meaning of some terms. Housing: Requires the use of application periods and competitive scoring for workforce



housing projects. Strikes certain reservation requirements and requires the EDA to notify tax incentive winners. Makes other changes to the application process, to the definition of a small city in order to allow a city that is partially in a county that is too large for the program to qualify, to claw back/repayment provisions and other matters. Sets caps (\$25 million for workforce housing, with \$10 million for small cities). Includes exceptions to the small city cap. Requires the creation of waiting lists for projects. Requires all credits in FY 20 to go to small cities.

Traffic Cameras. House Appropriations also approved [HF 674](#) on a 15-9 vote. The committee failed to approve the bill last week when they did not have a majority of votes as many members were absent and one republican voted no. The bill regulates the use of automatic traffic enforcement devices; it is not a total ban bill.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers. The senate passed [SF 563](#), a bill that requires pharmacy benefit managers to make an annual report to the Insurance Commissioner of prescription drug prices and rebates, requires the Insurance Commissioner to make the information available on the internet, limits the cost of cost-sharing on prescription drugs for persons and deems rebate information to be confidential. An amendment was adopted on the Senate floor that strikes the cost-sharing provision of the bill. The bill now goes to the House. Additionally, the House Human Services budget bill had an amendment that was adopted that requires Iowa DHS to audit all prescription drug benefit claims managed by a PBM. A report will be due to the legislature by December 15, 2019.

The House passed [SF 507](#) on a vote of 55-44. The legislation now goes to the Governor as the Senate approved the bill a few weeks ago. The bill ensures that idiopathic or unexplained falls from a level surface onto the same level surface are not compensable under workers' compensation. The bill was necessary to fix an Iowa Supreme Court decision from last November.

In the Legislature Next Week

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 14, April 15-19, 2019

Subject to Change

Monday, April 15	Tuesday, April 16	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19
	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
		11:00 Hum Services RM 22		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Education Approps RM 22	1:00 Appropriations RM 22	1:00 Appropriations RM 22	On call: Budget Subs, Appropriations, Ways and Means
1:30 Trans/Inf/Caps RM 22 Admin/Reg RM 24		2:00 Ways and Means RM 22		



House of Representatives Schedule for Week 14, April 15 - 19, 2019
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Monday, April 15	Tuesday, April 16	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19
	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION
	11:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	11:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Government Oversight RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult	1:00 SESSION	1:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	ON CALL: Budget Subs
3:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:30 SESSION			
4:00 SESSION				

Key Dates

January 14	First Day of Legislative Session
February 15	Last Day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
March 8	First Legislative Funnel (Originating chamber bills must be voted out of a full committee to remain "alive")
March 15	Revenue Estimating Conference Meets
April 5	Second Legislative Funnel (Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive")
April 15	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
May 3	110 th Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.

In the News

1. [Iowa Senate Bill Would Raise Age for Buying Tobacco Products From 18 to 21](#)
2. [House and Senate Move to Ban Female Cutting in Iowa](#)
3. [Remaining Iowa Medicaid Insurers to Have Equal Shares of Population](#)
4. [World Pork Expo in Des Moines Cancelled Over Swine Flu](#)



5. [Soft Cap on Property Tax Growth Advances in Iowa House](#)
6. [Iowa Lawmakers Plan would Push Rural Economic Development](#)
7. [Reynolds to Discuss State Funding For Flood Recovery with Iowa Lawmakers](#)
8. [CenturyLink Announces Expanded Broadband in Rural Iowa](#)



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