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Week in Review

Today marks the end of the first legislative funnel. This date represents a deadline set by the Legislature to funnel out bills—if a piece of legislation didn’t make its way through at least one full committee, it is considered “dead” and can no longer be worked on. However, there are several bills that are not subject to the funnel, these include bills that are in Ways and Means, Appropriations, Government Oversight, etc. The next funnel date is April 5; this funnel requires that a bill must have moved through one full chamber and through a full committee in the other chamber to remain viable.

Next week, debate/floor work in the chamber will pick up significantly as House bills bounce to the Senate and vice versa. If you have specific questions about any individual bill, please contact us.

Additionally, legislators will begin to increase their focus on appropriations and budgets. Joint budget targets are anticipated shortly after the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meeting next Friday, March 15. The House and Senate will have to work to close the almost \$60M difference in their individual budget targets. With most budget chairs having their budgets already “penciled” together, once joint targets are agreed to, negotiations between the House and Senate will begin in earnest on each individual budget.

Bills on the Move

Traffic Cameras. The House Public Safety Committee voted out a automatic traffic camera regulation bill, [HSB 125](#), on a unanimous vote, after amending the bill. Representative Klein, who is managing the bill, said that he hopes he has a compromise that can be approved. As amended, the bill will regulate where automated traffic devices can be placed. It also requires that revenues be split between local governments and the state. The bill, in some form, has been around for several sessions, and passed in each chamber at some point, but legislators have not been able to pass a bill in the same form and send it down to the Governor. In contract, the Senate Judiciary committee passed a total ban bill that would require a complete elimination of traffic cameras in Iowa ([SF 343](#)).

Pharmacy Benefit Managers. House and Senate committees voted out bills dealing with the regulation of pharmacy benefit managers. The bills require PBMs to include qualified retail pharmacies in the pharmacy network if the pharmacy accepts the conditions of the network, allows a PBM to appeal to the Insurance Commissioner if the PBM feels that a pharmacy is not qualified, and requires a PBM to make an annual attestation of compliance with the Insurance Commissioner.

Construction Defects. House and Senate committees approved bills ([HSB 177](#) and [SSB 1146](#)) that establishes a mandatory process for resolving disputes over class action construction defects before litigation is pursued. The bill gives the contractor an opportunity to repair before litigation is pursued. The bill establishes timelines and requirements for the contractor.

Hormonal Contraceptives. The House and Senate Human Resources ([HSB 214](#) and [SF 513](#)) committees approved bills dealing with over the counter contraceptives, a priority of the Governor. The bills allow for the purchase of hormonal contraceptives that are distributed by pharmacists. The House committee added an amendment that requires the woman complete a screening assessment, a blood pressure screening before dispensing, primary care visit



required after 27 months. Additionally, the House amendment requires an initial 3 month supply followed by a year supply be able to be given, as well as DPH, BOM and BOP to require the PMP be utilized. The Senate version passed another variation.

Children's Mental Health. Another priority of the Governor moved through both the House and Senate Human Resources committee. The bill provides for a comprehensive overall plan that makes sure we don't have gaps in service across the state or in certain areas. The bill is now funnel proof.

Mandatory Reporting Training. [HF 538](#) passed out of the House Human Resources committee, the bill would adopt the [recommendations](#) from the interim workgroup on mandatory reporters. The amendment changes training requirements that are currently every 5 years to every 3 years. After initial two hour training, a one hour annual training would satisfy the DHS training. Employers could offer supplemental trainings but the required training would be offered by DHS on a free online platform.

Private Generation. HSB 185 was passed by House and Senate committees and deals with private generation issues. The bill proposes an equitable change to how customer use utility infrastructure and the costs associated with that use. The goal is to make sure costs are not inequitably transferred from one customer to another. The bill allows electric companies to do what RECs and municipal utilities currently have the ability to do: charge customers based on their energy usage and the demands placed on the system. Currently, rate regulated electric companies (Mid-American and Alliant) are not able to charge all customers for their use of the infrastructure used to provide electricity to their home or business. Private generation customers (e.g. customers who generate solar energy) do not pay for these infrastructure costs, even though they use it more than traditional customers. These customers take energy off the grid and send energy back to the grid using the distribution infrastructure more than a regular customer.

E-Verify for Employers. Senate Judiciary approved [SF 243](#) on an 11-4 vote after amending the bill. The bill prohibits employers from knowingly employing unauthorized workers and requires the use of the federal E-Verify program. Senator Garrett said that it is not fair to US workers to allow people to come into the US illegally and take jobs. Senator Hogg said that he has concerns about the accuracy of the e-verify system. The bill had 26 Republican sponsors when introduced this session.

Empower Rural Iowa. One of the governor's priority bills, [HSB 204](#), advanced this week. The bill makes changes to the broadband policy in code, and also increases the amount of workforce housing tax credits available and makes the program competitive. Changes to the legislation are supposed to be made to the broadband section. The bill will have to next go through the Ways and Means committee.

Governor Reynolds

Earlier this year, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump announced that Gov. Reynolds has been appointed to the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board. Established under Executive Order 13845, this Board will work directly with the National Council for the American Worker, leveraging the knowledge of its members to develop and implement a strategy to revamp the American workforce to better meet the challenges of the 21st century.

On Wednesday in D.C., Governor Reynolds presented to the Advisory Board on Future Ready Iowa. During the strategy session, board members discussed ways to highlight education and training pathways that lead to great careers. They also shared ideas on how to improve the labor market data to better match adults and students with the skills required for the good-paying jobs available in the 21st century. "With the entire nation facing a skilled workforce shortage, I believe the goals and ideas driving Future Ready Iowa can serve as a model for other states to replicate," said Gov. Reynolds. "Through the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, I look forward to



developing more collaborative relationships and encouraging other members to share their best practices that can benefit Iowans now and in the future.”

In the Legislature Next Week

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 9, March 11-15, 2019

Subject to Change

Monday, March 11	Tuesday, March 12	Wednesday, March 13	Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15
	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
			10:00 Hous. Res. EM 22 Transportation EM 24	
			11:00 Appropriations EM 22	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Nat. Resources EM 22 Veterans Affairs EM 24	1:00 State Govt. EM 22 Local Govt. EM 24	1:00 SESSION	On Call: All Committees
1:15 Rules EM 22				
2:00 Education EM 22 Labor Bus. EM 24	2:00 Ways and Means EM 22	2:00 SESSION		
3:00 SESSION	3:00 SESSION			

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 9, March 11 - 15, 2019
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Monday, March 11	Tuesday, March 12	Wednesday, March 13	Thursday, March 14	Friday, March 15
	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	
		10:00 Ways and Means EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Local Government EM 19 Agriculture EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Education EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Ways and Means EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
2:00 Ways and Means EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:30 Veterans Affairs EM 19 Environmental Protection EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:30 Public Safety EM 19 Economic Growth EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
3:00 SESSION	2:00 SESSION	2:00 Natural Resources EM 19 Judiciary EM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor EM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		
		2:30 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** 110th Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.



In the News

1. [University of Iowa Hires Consultant Without Competitive Bidding](#)
2. [Sizable Majorities View Mental Health and Opioid Abuse as “Big Problem” or “Crisis”](#)
3. [Iowa Airport Hope to Land Millions in State Funding](#)
4. [Pompeo Asks Iowa Farmers to Stand Firm with Trump on Trade](#)
5. [House Committee Oks to Increased Cost for Solar Customers](#)
6. [Economic Impact of Casinos on the State Increases](#)
7. [Iowa Senate Advances Medicaid Work Requirement](#)
8. [IA House Panel Green Lights Reynolds Incentives for Housing, Broadband](#)
9. [Felon Voting Rights Restoration Clears Iowa Panel](#)



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