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Week in Review

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This week saw more floor debate after the second funnel last week. On Wednesday, the Senate moved over twenty House bills through the chamber and down to the Governor. Budget bills are beginning to move through the process with the House Appropriation committee approving six budgets this week. One of these budgets was the Justice Systems budget that contained a \$20 million dollar increase to the Department of Corrections. Tensions around this budget were high after a corrections officer and nurse were killed in Anamosa last week with Democrats saying that more funding and staffing would have prevented the deaths and Republicans accusing Democrats of politicizing a tragedy. Read more [here](#).

Session is beginning to come to close and priorities are starting to make it to the finish line. One of the priorities of everyone at the Capitol this session was expanding broadband through the State. [HF 848](#), which creates the framework for grants for broadband in underserved areas, has passed both chambers and now heads to the Governor’s desk. HF 848 does not contain the appropriation for the grants, it only authorizes the grant creation and sets the guidelines. This bill requires 20% of the grants be awarded in hard to serve areas with no high-speed providers and caps the grants based on project costs and available broadband speed in areas. Read more [here](#).

Governor Reynolds held a press conference this week to discuss COVID vaccine updates. She announced that the White House told governors earlier in the week that they would be reducing the number of Johnson & Johnson vaccines for 2 weeks before increasing the weekly allocations again. These one-shot vaccines are being used heavily to vaccinate college students and hard-to-reach populations. The Governor also announced that she will not allow Iowa to implement “vaccine passports” that other states have discussed and said that she would push for legislative action or take executive action to ensure these would not be implemented in Iowa. Read more [here](#).

[HF 766](#) passed out of the House Wednesday night 88-3. This bill allows businesses that have an alcohol license to use a 3rd party delivery services, like Uber Eats, GrubHub or DoorDash, to deliver alcohol. The bill also contains immunity for the license holder from wrongdoing of the delivery service. Right now, deliveries of alcohol must be in made in a vehicle owned or leased by the license holder. Read more [here](#).

The race is on to find the best burger in the state. 10 finalists will have their burgers sampled by secret judges who will submit their scores on the burgers. The winner will be announced on May 3rd to kick off Beef Month in Iowa. The ten finalists are: Arty’s Ice Cream and Grill in Wilton, Bambino’s in Ossian, Dutchfix in Pella, Fishback & Stephensen Cider House in Fairfield, Foodie Garage Eatery in Dubuque, Moo’s BBQ

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in Newton, Murph's Creamery & Grill in Toledo, The Map Room in Cedar Rapids, Troy's Bar and Grill in Earling, and Saucy Focaccia in Cedar Rapids. Read more [here](#).

Bills on the Move

Below are bills of interest. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

- [HF 196](#). *Healthcare Recruitment*. Allows health care professionals who graduate from other programs than DMU to be eligible for loan repayments when working in certain rural areas. Senate amended to add athletic trainers and occupational therapists, passed the Senate 46-0, returns to House.
- [HF 390](#). *Fluoridation Notice*. Requires a public water system to give notice to IDPH, local health board, and customers at least 90 days before permanently discontinuing fluoridation in the water system. Senate amended to exempt notice requirements from certain penalty provisions, passed Senate 47-0, returns to House.
- [SF 587](#). *Tax Changes*. Creates a mental health regional services fund with a new funding formula and risk pool. Eliminates the property tax replacement payments (Backfill) and establishes new formula for such payments. Increases SSA to 88.4% for 2022-2023 school year and authorizes a voter approved property tax levy for school playground equipment. Strikes the 2018 tax triggers. Requires a person to be actively involved in managing a forest reserve to qualify for tax credit. Passed Senate 30-17, now goes to House.
- [SF 296](#). *Pharmacy Shots*. The House passed and amended this bill this week. The bill was amended to allow pharmacists to administer the COVID 19 vaccine to patients 18 and older, as well as do point of care testing for patients 6 and over for influenza, strep and COVID-19. The bill now returns to the Senate for consideration.
- [HF 556](#). *Terminating Ag Dealer Agreements*. Makes the termination procedures already in Code applicable for terminating an ag equipment deal regardless of which party, dealer or supplier, terminates. Passed House 93-0, passed Senate 44-0, now goes to the Governor.
- [HF 843](#). *Landlord Tenant*. Requires a request for a service animal accommodation to be reasonable and allows the landlord to move the tenant to another unit managed by the landlord to accommodate. Sets late rent fees at \$20 for rent between \$700-\$1,400 and 10% for rent over \$1,400. Allows a tenant to collect actual damages for acts of the landlord that are willful. Allows a landlord to dispose of property after an eviction. Passed committee 14-9, floor manager Hite.
- [HF 813](#). *Charter Schools*. Allows the establishment of a charter by founding groups under a school board or the state board. Requires renewal every 5 years and the decision of the BOE is not appealable. Requires that evaluation measures, compensation and dispute resolution be in plan submitted to the BOE. Requires budget be published online. Passed Senate committee 13-8, floor manager Sinclair.

In the News

Below are articles of interest from the week. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.



- [Farm Tractor Sales Show Steady Growth Despite COVID-19 Impact](#)
- [FCC allocates Iowa the 17th highest portion of funding to address digital divide](#)
- [Highest summer fuel prices forecast since 2018](#)
- [Iowa issues \\$1.6 million in grants for high school internships](#)
- [Former Illinois congressman, candidate for Iowa's 2nd District seat Bobby Schilling dies from cancer at 57](#)

Next Week Capitol Schedules

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 13, April 5-9, 2021

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Monday, April 5	Tuesday, April 6	Wednesday, April 7	Thursday, April 8	Friday, April 9
	9:00 SESSION On Rules and Administration Call Senate Chamber (AM) 10:00 Appropriations Senate Chamber	9:00 SESSION 9:30 Appropriations Senate Chamber	9:00 SESSION 9:30 Appropriations Senate Chamber	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION 1:30 Appropriations Senate Chamber	1:00 SESSION	1:00 SESSION		



House of Representatives Schedule for *Week 14, April 12 - 16, 2021* Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, April 12	Tuesday, April 13	Wednesday, April 14	Thursday, April 15	Friday, April 16
	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	All Budget Subs On Call
		9:00 Ways and Means Law Library Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber		Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees On Call
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION				
1:30 Ways and Means Law Library Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber				

The Legislative Information Office provides a complete list of committee meetings on the web at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>
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Key Dates for 2021 Session

The new Iowa Legislative Session Timetable has been published. Here is the [link](#) and included below is important dates as we approach the 2021 Iowa legislative session.

January 11	First Day of Legislative Session
January 12	Governor's Budget Released Governor gives her Condition of the State Address to Joint Session
February 12	Final day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
March 5	First Funnel. All Senate and House bills must be out of one full committee
April 2	Second Legislative Funnel. Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain "alive"
April 12	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
April 30	110 th Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end.



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