

Healthcare Newsletter

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Week in Review

The Legislature returned to the Capitol this week and made progress on some of the policy priorities that have contributed to the stalemate of work over the last few weeks. Biofuels, unemployment benefits, and workforce were 3 lingering issues that passed this week and were sent down to the Governor for her signature. Work wrapped up Tuesday afternoon, and for procedural reasons, the House and Senate gaveled-in and out Wednesday and Thursday, but no work was scheduled. There has yet to be an agreement on scholarships for private schools, the Bottle Bill, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), as well as the \$72 million budget gap between the two chambers. Although progress was made this week, it does not mean that the Legislature is on the verge of wrapping up anytime soon. Legislators will be in town this weekend for the Legislative Charity Softball game being held on Sunday at Principal Park. Republicans are raising money for the Puppy Jake Foundation, and Democrats are raising money for the Iowa Food Bank. It will follow the Iowa Cubs home game earlier in the afternoon.

Bills on the Move

[HF 2549](#) - Mental Health Loan Repayments

- Establishes a prescribing MH professional loan repayment program in the CSC, similar to other loan repayment programs for health care professionals. Requires the professional to practice for five years. Gives priority to lowans and members of the Iowa National Guard. Limits loan repayments to \$40,000 annually and \$200,000 overall (psychiatrists); \$10,000 and \$50,000 (ARNP); \$8,000 and \$40,000 (prescribing psychologist). Adds additional payments levels for buy-ins by service areas (\$20,000 for a psychiatrist, \$4,000 for a psychologist /MH professional, \$5,000

for a PA operating under a psychiatrist or psychiatric ARNP. Appropriates \$1.5 million for the program.

- Amendment S 5140 by Cournoyer - Strike & Replace: Replaces with SF 2195 MH LOAN REPAYMENTS (Establishes a MH professional loan repayment program in the CSC. Requires the professional to practice for five years (full-time) or seven years (part-time). Gives priority to lowans and members of the Iowa National Guard. Limits loan repayments to \$8,000 annually and \$40,000 overall. Creates a fund. Establishes reporting requirements and other provisions.) **ADOPTED 29-15**
- The Senate PASSED the bill as amended 44-0; it now GOES to the House

HF 2355 - Unemployment Benefits

- Allows an employer to get relief for unemployment benefit payments even if the employer failed to respond if the failure is due to insufficient notice to the employer from the DWD. Does not allow a voluntary shared workplan to claim a reduction of hours based on a workweek of more than 40 hours. Makes part-time employees eligible for such plans and revokes plans if an employer lays off workers. UE: Strikes current legislative findings in the Code that unemployment is a crushing force on unemployed workers, and states that unemployment is undesirable and that the state policy is to stabilize employment. Reduces the calculations for maximum benefits to sixteen weeks. Defines misconduct and gives examples. Lowers the amount for wages for offers to unemployed workers to be considered suitable work. Strikes the ability of workers to collect an additional 13 weeks of benefits if the business has gone out of business. Allows for any ALJ decision to be appealed to court without going through the Employment Appeals boards. Makes decisions more broadly applicable.
- The House PASSED the bill 58-37 (3/23)
- Amendments to HF 2355
 - H 8259 by the Senate - Requires a one-week waiting period before an unemployed person can begin to collect benefits.
 - The House REFUSED to CONCUR in H 8259
 - The Senate RECEDED from H 8259 44-0 & PASSED the bill 30-14; it now GOES to the Governor

SF 2383 - Workforce/ Regulatory Proposals

- Inspections: Prohibits cities and counties from requiring inspections of manufactured homes that has been inspected and built in accordance with federal regulations. Work Learning: Requires the DOE to have a process for school boards to report annually on student participation in work-based learning programs. Requires the

BEE to develop certification for work-based learning supervisors. Requires student education plans to identify work-based learning opportunities in HS that will help the student in college. Health Loan Repayment: Includes neurology students in various student loan repayment programs. Strikes requirements for residency programs to be based in Iowa. Increases the number of loan agreements the CSC can enter into if funds are available. Allows for the part-time practice of medicine in Iowa under these programs. Includes community colleges as eligible institutions and ARNPs as health care providers. Military/Guard: Requires licensing boards to adopt expedited procedures for licensing military spouses by January 2023. Requires temporary licenses for spouses whose out-of-state licensing fails to qualify in order to give the spouse time to meet Iowa standards. Strikes requirements for a person to first establish Iowa residency, except for certain professions. Requires licensing fees, initially and for one renewal, to be waived for active military and active Guard members, or veterans honorably discharged in the last five years. Exempts veterans with certain kinds of license plates from various parking fees. Allows all veterans to purchase a lifetime hunting/fishing license. Prohibits DOT from charging veterans with a 100% disability any fees for non-commercial or motorcycle licenses. Increases the military property tax credit. Insurance: Requires the Insurance Commissioner to issue a temporary insurance producer license if the applicant meets the requirements, pending checks.

- The Senate PASSED the bill 48-0 (4/5)
- The House PASSED the bill 70-24 ; it now GOES to the Governor

SF 2381 - MOMS Program

- Requires DHS to create a program for maternal support (MOMS) using non-profits that offer pregnancy support programs. Requires an RFP for a program administrator. Sets requirements for participating programs, including that the program have a primary commitment to childbirth and not abortion. Requires Medicaid to request federal waivers for extended post-partum coverage from 6 months to 12 months. Appropriates \$2 million for costs in FY 2022, \$5.6 million in FY 2023, and \$8.9 million in FY 2024.
- Passed the Senate on 4/05 (32-16)
- This week, a House Approps subcommittee met on the bill. It was discussed how Division II of the bill (expanded postpartum care Medicaid coverage) has been adopted in 32 states. Opponents of the bill spoke to Division I of the bill and the concerns around data privacy for women utilizing the MOMS program at certain, privately run facilities.
- The subcommittee held off on moving the bill to full committee due to the uncertainty around the Senate's budget proposals.

Appropriations Bill Tracker

2022 Appropriations Bills Tracker					
HF 2650	Agriculture and Natural Resources	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.23	In Senate Approps 3.29	
HF 2565	Administration and Regulation	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.24	In Senate Approps 3.29	
HF 2564	Economic Development	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.24	In Senate Approps 3.29	
HF 2578	Health and Human Services	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 4.5	In Senate Approps 4.12	
HF 2575	Education	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.29	In Senate Approps 3.31	
HF 2558	Judicial Branch	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.22	In Senate Approps 3.24	
HF 2559	Justice System	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.22	In Senate Approps 3.24	
HF 2579	Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF)	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 4.5	In Senate Subcommittee 4.12	
HF 2557	Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals	NOBA	Amended & Passed House 3.22	Passed Senate Committee 4.13	In Senate 4.14

All NOBA's can be Read Here

Upcoming Legislative Forums

- 4/29/2022 [Capitol Chat](#)
- 4/30/2022 [Legislative Forum-Jefferson County](#)
- 4/30/2022 [Eggs & Issues-Fort Dodge](#)
- 4/30/2022 [April Talk with Officials-Urbandale](#)

In The News

- [Iowa Has Passed 35 New Laws This Year. Here's What They Do](#)
- [Radio Iowa: Closure of Glenwood Resource Center is a chance for town to grow, diversify](#)

- [Des Moines is hosting a free dental clinic this fall. Here's what to know and how to help](#)
- [Iowa nursing home facilities see employment rate drop 11% since start of the pandemic](#)
- [CR Gazette: Reduction in Iowa's unemployment benefits headed to governor](#)
- [IPR: Home health aides are hard to find — and it could get worse](#)

Senate Schedule: Week 17 - May 2 - May 6, 2022

IOWA SENATE - Schedule for Week 17, May 2-6, 2022

Subject to Change

Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6
11:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
				All committees on call

House Schedule: Week 17 - May 2 - May 6, 2022

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 17, May 2 - 6, 2022 Prepared in the Office of House Speaker Pat Grassley

Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6
	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION				ON CALL: All Committees

Senate schedule [here](#).
House schedule [here](#).

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2022 Session Timeline

The full 2022 legislative calendar can be found [here](#).

Below are the key dates of interest.

JANUARY 10 – First day of session (Iowa Code Sec. 2.1)

JANUARY 11 - Governors Condition of the State Address

FEBRUARY 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of House committees

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MARCH 18 – Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of Senate committees
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APRIL 19 – 100th calendar day of the session (Per diem expenses end)

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