



Week 1- Jan 8-12th

IFA

Roger Carr-President and IFA board

The session started out on a fast track with many bills starting down the pipeline. An early start compared to other years.

The first week was also full of pomp and circumstance with the annual speeches from the Governor, National Guard and the Justice System giving their Condition of the State address speech to the public. And of course, a snowstorm and blizzard that dropped buckets of snow across the state.

The state is also buzzing with presidential candidates making once last push and media from around the globe following.

Monday is caucus night and they will all flee our state for New Hampshire on Tuesday.

Bills of interest to IFA-Action items for this week are noted in red.

HF 529 Debris and Lights (Dunwell-Bagniewski-Gerhold) TRANSPORTATION

SUB: Passed subcommittee however legislators seemed willing to strike the section allowing tow trucks to have blue lights.

Now to the full Transportation committee

We have registered UNDECIDED on this bill as we are ok with the clean-up part of the bill but do not want to see tow trucks with flashing blue lights.

SF 2012 First Responder ID cards (Lofgren-Cournoyer-Giddens) TRANSPORTATION

This bill allows first responders to apply for an ID card when they renew their driver license. This will cost the road use tax fund \$10 per card.

All were unclear about what the purpose of these cards are.

Sub: Passed, however legislators wanted to find out more about why this bill is necessary

HF 2012 companion bill

We have also registered UNDECIDED on this bill and we really do not see the purpose of this. It would cost \$10 per card and we feel there are better ways to spend state money.

SSB 3016 Eliminate ATE and no hands free (Zaun-Bisignano-Garrett) JUDICIARY

The bill defines the terms “electronic device”, “use”, and “voice-activated or hands-free mode”. The bill allows the use of an electronic device if the vehicle is



at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the roadway, or as far away from the center of the roadway as is practicable if the vehicle cannot be entirely removed.

Also, the bill states that after July 1, 2025, it prohibits the state or a local authority from placing or causing to be placed on or adjacent to a highway, or maintaining or employing the use of, any automated or remote system for traffic law enforcement (ATE system).

We have registered AGAINST this bill as we are hoping for the 10% funding from these fines to go to LOSAP

HSB 523 PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS (Public Safety) Shipley (C), Levin, Vondran

Increases the penalties for various assaults on protected workers (DOC employees, law enforcement, firefighters, EMS and other workers) by one step. (AG)

We have not registered on this yet. THOUGHTS?

SF 2033 FIRE FIGHTER EQUIPMENT NOTICE (Webster) (State Government)

Requires the sellers of fire fighter safety equipment containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluorinated substances

to give written notice to the purchaser. Requires the purchaser and the seller to maintain the notice for at least three years. Allows the AG, city attorney or county attorney to request such notice and to take action to enforce the bill. Establishes civil penalties.

We have registered UNDECIDED on this bill/NOTE: Career firefighters have registered FOR this bill.

SF 2029 BURN BANS (Salmon) (Local Government)

Requires a fire chief to get permission from the city council or the supervisors before submitting a burn ban request to the State Fire Marshall

We have registered AGAINST this bill.

SF 555 VOLUNTEER EMS TAX ABATEMENT Dickey (C), Dawson, Petersen

The bill provides a property tax abatement for volunteer firefighters


We have registered FOR this bill

SF 2020 Scholarships for First Responders (Zaun) EDUCATION

This is a bill to offer scholarships to career firefighters/ Volunteers are not included but Sen Zaun said he would add us if the bill goes anywhere

I am talking to the Sponsor if this bill, Sen Zaun asking WHY volunteers were excluded from this bill! He said he doubts it will go anywhere but if it does, he will add us. We have not registered for this bill yet.

HF 2034 This bill requires that administrative rules adopted by the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing that establish the state fire



code provide a process for a building in which no more than 50 students subject to an exemption granted under Code section 299.24 are educated to be exempted from the state fire code. Code section 299.24 provides for an exemption from certain school standards for members of a church or religious denomination in specified circumstances.

REALLY??? I think we should register **AGAINST** this bill

REMEMBER, The chili cookoff is Jan 24th from 11:00-1:00. If your department wants to bring a roaster of chili, please let us or a board member know. Everything else will be provided. Come to the Capitol and meet legislators and help advocate for the work you do! They need to hear from you, what better way than face to face!

Even if you can't bring chili PLEASE COME!

ONE LAST THING.....Do you know who your Senator and Representative are? If not, you can find them here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>
Do you have them on speed dial? We are going to need you to contact them throughout this legislative process. They need to hear from you.