



Week 13: April 1st -5th

IFA

Roger Carr-President and IFA board

Bills of interest to IFA

Activity for this week are noted in red.

→ Indicates Companion Bill

ACTION NEEDED

It was good to see many of you at the Mid-year meeting in Cedar Falls. We want to thank Senator Eric Giddens who came to the meeting to welcome firefighters to his district. He is a strong advocate for first responders and it was nice to see him take the time to speak with you.

Both chambers are working on approving budgets and finalizing their tax bill so they can put this session to a close. They are still about 80 million dollars apart and will go into negotiations to come to an agreement. Both sides claim they will be done by April 16th, which is the designated last day of the session.

SF 2237 (SF 214) FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS (Local Government)

->HF 2578 Golding (C), M Thompson, Wilson

Exempts the pay received by a city employee or officer for volunteer EMS and firefighter services from provisions prohibiting contracts between a city and employees or officers. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer fire chief, with the approval of the council. Reserve Funds: Allows a city to establish a reserve fund to pay for emergency vehicles. Directs that insurance payments for related settlements be deposited in such an account if created. Allows the repayment of funds from the GF that were used to purchase emergency equipment.

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEE

Sent to ways & means Klimesh, Rowley and Winkler

Subcommittee Passed (3/27) on to Ways and Means Full Committee

THIS BILL NEEDS TO GET TO THE FULL SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

SF 2265 (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.

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE (Renumbered to SF 2265)

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

READY FOR SENATE FLOOR DEBATE_We asked Sen Whitvers staff if they could add this to the firefighter plates bill and run them together.

->HF 2530(HF 2265) First Responder ID cards (Henderson, Amos Jr. and Rinker)

Passed sub and full committee-renumbered HF 2530

SF2279 PROTECTED WORKER ASSAULTS

Passed sub and full committee

on calendar-fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

Amendment filed (3/25) S-5095 (4/1) S-5112

→ **HF 2302 (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)

PASSED SUB with amendment, adding saliva etc

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

Passed House-sent to Senate

SF 2337 (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.

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).

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

Fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

NO ACTION

→ **HF 2595 (HSB 707) (companion bill) Best-TRANSPORTATION**

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE

On calendar

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

NO ACTION

SF 2408 (SF 489) - ATE BILL strike after amendment - LOSAP-KLEMISH (Ways & Means)

Amend Senate File 489 by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting the amendment.

Puts regulations on ATE's so they can't be used as a money grab, only used in areas that show a high accident rate. 10% of the fine money to go to the Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters. 5% goes to ILEA.

Passed sub 3-0

Passed full committee - renumbered SF 2408

Sent to Ways and Means.

Passed sub and full committees

3/29 fiscal note released. It predicts approx 1.7 M in revenue to LOSAP

THIS BILL NEEDS TO GET TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR A VOTE

**ACTION ITEM: EMAIL/TEXT YOUR SENATOR AND SENATOR WHITVER AND SEN SINCLAIR AND ASK FOR THEM TO BRING SF 2408 TO THE FLOOR FOR DEBATE!
PLEASE SUPPORT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS!**

HF 2579 (HF 2142) Personalized FF & EMS Plates

Allows for personalized FF & EMS License Plates

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE

PASSED HOUSE

SENT TO SENATE TRANSPORTATION

Passed subcommittee-and Transportation Committee

Fiscal note released

Placed on Calendar - Unfinished Business

READY FOR FLOOR DEBATE-We asked if they could run this plate bill and the ID cards together.

SF 2385 (SSB 3172) BOARD REVIEWS (State Government) Cournoyer (C),

Koelker, Weiner

Requires legislation establishing boards to include a repeal date of no more than four years and no more than two years for advisory boards. Re-establishes the government efficiency review committee. Establishes salaries for the Regents and BOE and voting members for the Human Services Council. Makes changes to the powers of many boards. Eliminates or merges many boards. Contains implementing provisions.

(Governor)

Passed sub and full committees....This doc is 330 pages long

PAGE 68 CHANGES THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL (SEE BELOW)

On calendar

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

Sec. 181. Section 100B.1, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

a. The council shall consist of ~~eleven~~ seven voting members and one ex officio, nonvoting member. Voting members of the state fire service and emergency response council shall be appointed by the governor.

(1) The governor shall ~~appoint~~ consider appointing voting members of the council from a list of nominees submitted by each of the following organizations, but may appoint any person to serve on the council:

- (a) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa firefighters association.
- (b) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa fire chiefs' association.
- (c) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa professional fire fighters.
- (d) ~~Two members from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa association of professional fire chiefs.
- (e) ~~One member from a list submitted by the~~ The Iowa emergency medical services association.

~~(2) A person nominated for inclusion in the voting membership on the council is not required to be a member of the organization that nominates the person.~~

~~(3) The tenth and eleventh voting members of the council shall be members of the general public appointed by the governor.~~

~~(4)~~ (2) The labor commissioner, or the labor commissioner's designee, shall be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the council.

Sec. 182. Section 100B.1, subsection 3, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3. ~~Six~~ Four voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of conducting business, a majority vote of the council shall be required. The council shall elect a chairperson from its members. The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or the state fire marshal, or when any ~~six~~ four members of the council file a written request with the chairperson for a meeting

PAGE 267-ELIMINATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

HF 2574 (HSB 710) reorg of Boards and Commissions (House version)

Repeals numerous boards and transfers their duties, including the Capitol Planning Commission, the Fire Extinguishing & Alarm System Board, the Conservation Education Board, the Prison Industry Advisory Board, the Community College Faculty Advisory Board, the Commission on Educator Leadership, the Telecommunications Advisory Committee, the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Committee, the Tourist Signing Committee, the Perinatal Guidelines Committee, the Child Advisory Committee, the County Care MH/DS Committee, the 911 Communications Council, the Iowa Cultural Trust Board, the Iowa Great Places Board, the Farm Deer Council, the Grain Industry Panel, the Organic Advisory Council, the Well Contractors Council the Interstate Cooperation Commission, the State Building Code Advisory Council, the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, the Horizontal & Vertical Infrastructure Board, the Early Child School Alliance, the Public Funds Interest Committee the Board of Shorthand Reporters. Repeals other advisory committees.

PASSED Full Committee 20-2; FM: Bloomingtondale

Passed sub and full committees...only 49 pages long

On calendar

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

**NO ACTION ON EITHER OF THESE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BILLS THIS WEEK
REP MEGGERS TOLD ME HE REQUESTED THAT THEY LEAVE THE 911 COMMISSIONS
COUNCIL IN PLACE.**

FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM CONTRACTORS AND ALARM SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD.

The bill eliminates the fire extinguishing system contractors and alarm systems advisory board and transfers its duties to the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL. The bill eliminates the 911 communications council.

STATE BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COUNCIL. The bill eliminates the state building code advisory council and transfers its duties to the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

SF 2325 (SF 457) CIVIL SERVICE DISCIPLINE Webster (C), Driscoll, Weiner LOCAL GOV

Relating to number of civil service members and procedural issues

PASSED SUB & FULL COMMITTEE w/amendment (2/13)

PASSED SENATE

Passed Sub

Passed Full Committee

Amendment filed

→**HSB 197 (companion) CIVIL SERVICE DISCIPLINE**

Dunwell, Amos, Henderson LOCAL GOV

Passed sub and full committee

Placed on calendar

HOUSE WILL NOT MOVE THIS BILL FURTHER

This bill will most likely not move further this year.

HF 2397 (HSB 617) TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEES (Renumbered HF 2397)

Passed House floor debate - Sent to Senate, assigned to HHS Committee

subcommittee assigned:Edler, Costello, Wahls

Passed subcommittee and Committee

Placed on Calendar on Unfinished Business

No further action this week

SF 2416- SF 2377-ReOrg Cleanup (page 50) WAYS AND MEANS

DIVISION VIII — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. The bill strikes the requirement in Code section 80E.1(2)(b) that the director of the office of drug control policy submit an annual report to the governor and general assembly by November 1 of each year concerning the activities and programs of the director and other departments related to drug enforcement, substance use disorder treatment programs, and substance use disorder prevention and education programs.

The bill strikes Code subunit references in Code section 100.41 and replaces them with references to Code chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, where the applicable portions of law were transferred to as the result of 2023 Iowa Acts, chapter 19.

Sec. 115. Section 80E.1, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2024, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 116. Section 100.41, Code 2024, is amended to read as follows:

100.41 Authority to cite violations.

Fire officials acting under the authority of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, may issue citations in accordance with chapter

805, for violations of this part

chapter 10A, subchapter V, part 2, or a violation of a local fire safety code.

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEE

→ **Companion bill HF 2550(HSB664)-Reorg Cleanup**

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS AND MEANS-fiscal note

Sub assigned: Kaufmann, Best and Nielsen

**4/3-PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE RENUMBERED AS HF 2686
READY FOR FLOOR DEBATE**

SF 2424-SF 555 Property Tax exemption Dickey, Dawson and Petersen

This bill was brought back from the 2023 session. It relates to a property tax exemption for first responders.

Passed subcommittee

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE-NEEDS FLOOR DEBATE IN SENATE

SF 2426-SF 570-EMS tax levy

Under Code section 29C.17, a local emergency management agency's approved budget is funded by one or any combination of several funding options, as determined by the local emergency management commission, including a countywide special levy pursuant to Code section 331.424(1) under the county's supplemental property tax levy authority in an amount sufficient to pay for the maintenance and operation of the local emergency management agency. This bill authorizes the local emergency management commission to certify and levy the countywide special levy for the support of the agency at a rate not to exceed \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value and limits the county's authority to certify such a levy if the agency is being funded with the countywide levy under the bill. The bill also limits a city's authority to levy a tax under Code section 384.12(21) to support an emergency management agency if the agency is being funded through the countywide levy under the bill.

The bill also authorizes the local emergency management commission to certify and levy a countywide additional levy not to exceed \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value for special or unique services and operations, as defined in the bill, approved by the commission. The bill also specifies that the local

emergency management commission is a municipality for purposes of Code chapter 24 (local budgets).

Code section 29C.9 establishes the composition of each local emergency management commission to be a member of the board of supervisors, the sheriff, and the mayor from each city within the county. The bill modifies the composition of each commission to be the members of the board of supervisors, the mayor from each city located in whole or in part within the county, and the president of the board of directors of each school district for which the school district's administrative office is located in the county. The bill also specifies that the sheriff shall be a nonvoting member who serves as the commission's chairperson.

The bill specifies that in any action taken by the commission, the members of the board of supervisors shall constitute one voting unit, the mayors of all cities in the county shall constitute one voting unit, and the presidents of the school district boards of directors shall constitute one voting unit. Each voting unit shall have a single vote and no action shall be valid except by the vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting units. The majority vote of the members present of each unit determines the vote of the unit.

The bill also provides that operations of the commission, except for certain budgeting activities, may be undertaken by an executive committee consisting of one member from each of the voting units. Executive committee members are selected by membership of each voting unit. The sheriff serves as president of the executive committee, but is an advisory, nonvoting member. Under the bill, the executive committee shall have the authority to call a commission meeting at any time and is required to call a commission meeting if either the governor issues a proclamation of a state of disaster emergency in the county or the president of the United States declares a major disaster in the county.

Code chapter 422D authorizes counties to impose a property tax levy, an income surtax, or a combination of both taxes within the county, excluding those areas within a benefited emergency medical services district under Code chapter 357F, to be used for specified emergency medical services costs, if the taxes are approved at election.

The bill adds salaries and benefits of emergency medical care providers, as defined in Code section 147A.1, to the eligible expenditures from the county emergency medical services trust fund under Code section 422D.6.

The bill also provides that if a commission is meeting the financial obligations for implementation of its local emergency management program and operation of the local emergency management agency, the commission may reserve an

amount of unobligated and unencumbered funds, excluding amounts reserved or obligated under the capital improvement plan, as required under the bill, for expenditure obligations in a future fiscal year, not to exceed an amount equal to 30 percent of the local emergency management agency's approved budget for the applicable fiscal year. In addition, the bill allows the commission to reserve an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the annual capital improvement budget for operations expenditure obligations in a future fiscal year. As part of the local emergency management agency's budgeting process, the bill requires the commission to adopt a capital improvement plan that identifies large expenditures or capital improvement projects and the funding sources and financing of such projects. The local emergency management agency's annual budgeting process must also include evaluation of the activities undertaken and the progress made under the capital improvement plan.

The bill applies to budgets for property taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

PASSED SUBCOMMITTEE

4/4 PASSED FULL COMMITTEE-READY FOR FLOOR DEBATE

HF 2680 POLICE/FF RETIREMENT

Makes changes for MFPRS, PORS and IPERS Protection Occupations: Requires an MH exam for police and fire fighters as part of the entrance exam. 411 Changes: Defines an ordinary disability beneficiary as someone retired on disability for three years or less. Deems a member to be in good standing if not fired by the employing city. Deems a member entitled to accidental disability retirement if the person is totally and permanently incapacitated due to the actual performance of duty in the course of employment. Defines mental incapacity. Sets a formula for a member who receives ordinary disability but is entitled to accidental disability. Makes other changes to payouts and eligibility. Increase contribution rates to 9.64%. Requires cities to continue hospitalization and medical benefits to retired members for injuries incurred while on duty, including heart and lung disease and cancers. Prohibits charging the member for insurance costs. Requires the city be given notice within 90 days of the occurrence of the disease and requires legal actions to begin within two years. Exempts the city from claims for an injury discovered three years after employment. Pensions: Includes an income tax exemption for a surviving spouse who is not over 55 or disabled.

H 8277 by Kaufmann - Defines cost-sharing and changes the contribution rate to 9.55% ADOPTED

AMENDMENT H-8277

4/4 The House PASSED the bill as amended 95-0; it now GOES to the Senate

OSHA SURVEY-PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION NEEDED: THIS INFO WAS TAKEN FROM THE IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION FACEBOOK PAGE-PLEASE RESPOND TO THE SURVEY!

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is proposing an extensive new safety and health standard, titled “Emergency Response,” to replace the existing “Fire Brigades Standard.” The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the “Emergency Response Standard” was [published in the Federal Register](#) on February 5, with the public comment period open until May 6.

This proposed updated standard would issue hundreds of new requirements that may be very burdensome, and in many cases impossible, for volunteer fire departments to comply with. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) encourages volunteer departments and associations to [submit comments](#) on this proposed rule and request a public hearing so OSHA can have the best possible understanding of how this proposed rule would impact volunteer departments. We also encourage you to send a letter to OSHA requesting a 90-day extension to the public comment period on this proposed rule.

Additionally, please [fill out this survey](#) to assist the NVFC in collecting department data as we formulate our own comments on the proposed rule.

To assist you in developing your comments and public comment period extension letters, the NVFC has assembled [this comment guide](#). This guide provides guidance on:

- Where to find the text of the proposed standard
- Where and how to submit your comments on the proposed standard
- How to evaluate if your department is covered by the proposed standard
- How to develop your comments
- What part of the proposed standard will impact volunteer departments the most

The NVFC’s comment guide also links you to a map of states with OSHA plans, a template for your comment extension letter, and webinars to further assist you in understanding whether or how the proposed rule would impact your department.

The NVFC recently hosted a Roundtable Talk on this issue, which you can watch [here](#). View some of the questions and answers resulting from the live discussion [here](#).

The NVFC has also put together [this outline of the proposed standard](#) to further highlight important language and provide additional context to the comment guide.

BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

SF 2205 (SF 454) Requirements to civil service commission when hiring public safety positions Webster, Weiner, Westrich (LOCAL GOV)

This bill relates to civil service requirements for the hiring of certain city public safety positions. Under current law, Code chapter 400(civil service) sets forth a variety of provisions relating to hiring civil service employees, including examinations, probationary periods, veteran preferences, and other qualifications.

PASSED SUB

PASSED FULL COMMITTEE W/AMENDMENT (RENUMBERED AS SF 2205)

PASSED SENATE FLOOR DEBATE 46-0.

Sent to House - Sub assigned (Dunwell (C), Abdul-Samad, Henderson)Local Gov

Passed subcommittee and Full Committee

PASSED HOUSE (3/26) on to the Governor's Desk

HF 2339 CANCER SURVEILLANCE (H Wilz) (Health & Human Services)

Appropriates \$2 million to HHS in FY 2025 for a focused review of cancer surveillance data. Requires HHS to work with the Iowa Cancer consortium. Requires the HHS employ one full-time staffer on cancer control and employ staff with expertise in epidemiology and biostatistics.

INTRODUCED

02/08/2024 Rereferred to Appropriations

Withdrawn SF 2166 - subbed for HF 2166

Passed both House & Senate-sent to the Governor

SF 2202 EMERGENCY DISASTER AID

This bill relates to a proclamation of disaster emergency and the disaster aid contingent fund.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, and upon the governor's determination that financial assistance is essential to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of local and state government adversely affected by a major disaster or emergency that cannot be otherwise adequately met from other means of assistance, the governor may accept a grant by the federal government and may enter into an agreement with the federal government pledging the state to participate in the funding of the financial assistance in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total eligible expenses, with the applicant providing the balance of any participation amount. If financial assistance is granted by the federal government for state

disaster or emergency financial assistance-related expenses or serious needs, the state shall participate in the funding of the financial assistance authorized in an amount not to exceed 25 percent of the total eligible expenses.

The bill provides that when any emergency financial assistance is provided by the federal government, the executive council may make financial grants to meet disaster or emergency funding-related necessary expenses, serious needs, or hazard mitigation projects of local governments and eligible private nonprofit agencies adversely affected by the major disaster or emergency if those expenses or needs cannot otherwise be met from other means of assistance

PASSED SUB AND FULL COMMITTEE

Placed on Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

4/3 Passed Senate- sent to Governor

→ **HF 2308 Emergency Disaster Aid**

2/27 Passed-sent to Senate

Placed on Senate Calendar under unfinished business (Still Alive)

SF 2158 public safety telecommunicators

This bill relates to public safety telecommunicators.

Code section 80B.11C requires the Iowa law enforcement academy (ILEA) to establish minimum standards for training of public safety telecommunicators.

“Public safety telecommunicator” is defined as a person who serves as a first responder by receiving requests for, or by dispatching requests to, emergency response agencies that include but are not limited to law enforcement, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services agencies.

The bill changes the term “communications officer” to “public safety telecommunicator” to conform with the term used by ILEA in establishing minimum Passed Senate-sent to House

->HF 2163 **public safety telecommunicators-companion bill**

PASSED HOUSE- Sending to Governor

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