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Week 3 Jan 22-26th

IFA

Roger Carr-President and IFA board

We had a successful Day on the Hill and Chili Cookoff last Wed at the Capitol. A big THANK-YOU to everyone who came to join us that day!

The winner for the Chili Trophy this year was the Waucoma Fire Department and we thank the other departments who also participated: Radcliffe, Iowa Falls, Dunkerton, Holland, and Grand Mound. We visited with many legislators who came to eat chili and listen to the IFA priorities.

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.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

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

Sub in House: Passed, but many ideas were presented about how to more cost effectively provide an ID cards for first responders. It was also noted that the language

needed more clarification on who would be eligible.

UNDECIDED

NO ACTION THIS WEEK



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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).

Sen Klemish will be running a bill to put regulations on ATE’s so they can’t be used as a money grab, only used in areas that show a high accident rate.

Sen Klemish’s bill would also make 10% of the fine money to go to the Length of Service Award Program for VOLUNTEER Firefighters.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK-Sen Klemish said he has the bill and is reviewing it.

So are waiting for a sub to be scheduled.

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)

Sub scheduled for 1/22 @12:30 room 304-Click on camera icon to join meeting.

You will not be able to

speak in a HOUSE sub.

FOR

PASSED SUB IN THE HOUSE. Ray Reynolds did a great job telling a story how assaults happen to firefighters too

Bill now goes before the full Public Safety committee



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SSB 3023 PROTECTED WORKER ASSULTS (Judiciary) Rowley, Shipley, Bisignano
Bill Title: A bill for an act relating to assaults, including assaults on persons engaged in certain occupations and inmate assaults on department of corrections employees, and providing penalties.

SUB Tuesday, Jan 31st at 10:30 Room 217

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89719097116?pwd=NnRpWXhUc2pVbmtqODR6YStmckUwQT09>

SF 2033 FIRE FIGHTER EQUIPMENT NOTICE (Webster, Brown, Bisignano) (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.

UNDECIDED

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

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.

Sub scheduled 1/22 at 12:00 Room 217

AGAINST

This bill DID NOT PASS-DEAD



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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

FOR

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

SF 2020 Scholarships for First Responders (Zaun) Rozenboom, Celsi,
Kraayenbrink

EDUCATION

This is a bill to offer education scholarships to career firefighters/ Volunteers are not included but

Sen Zaun said he would add us if the bill goes anywhere

We have not registered for this bill yet.

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

HF 2034 State Fire Code Exemption Wulf (C), Cooling, Lundgren

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.

AGAINST

NO ACTION LAST WEEK

Subcommittee on Jan 31st at Noon in House Lounge

SF 2017 Developing policies regarding school fire drills -Westrich, Cournoyer,

Giddens EDUCATION

This bill relates to the development of a policy governing responses to a fire alarm activated on school grounds outside

of a scheduled fire drill by school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter schools, and innovation zone schools.

This involves training when someone may pull a fire alarm in an active shooter situation.

PASSED SUB



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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

HSB 598 FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS (Local Government) Golding (C),

M Thompson, Wilson

Exempts the pay received by a city employee or officer for volunteer EMS and fire fighter 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.

FOR

Subcommittee on 1/30 at 8:00 am House Lounge

SF 214 FF/EMS EQUIPMENT & PAYMENTS

PASSED SUB

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.

Here is how to look up a bill:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/findLegislation/billNumber?ga=90>

Under BILLS enter the bill number ex: SF 555 and the bill will pop up