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State Policy Update

First Funnel

The first funnel will be Friday, March 8th, and it is one of a few deadlines set in place to keep the legislative process moving. By this date, bills must be passed out of committee from their respective chamber (Ex. Senate files must be passed out of their Senate committee and House files must be passed out of their House committee) in order to continue in the legislative process.

If bills are not passed out, they are considered "dead" and cannot be debated or voted on. Exceptions to this rule are Appropriations bills, Ways and Means bills, government oversight bills, and bills from leadership.

Legislation

[House File 18](#) Establishes a worker shortage loan forgiveness program to be administered by the college student aid commission. In House Economic Growth subcommittee with Huseman, Baxter, and Judge.

[House Study Bill 166](#) Establishes an interim study committee relating to the impact of state assistance program income restriction guidelines. Passed subcommittee and returned to House Human Resources Committee for a vote.

[House Study Bill 179](#) Makes appropriations relating to the future ready Iowa initiative. In House Appropriations subcommittee with Grassley, Best, Hall, Kerr, and Oldson.

[House Study Bill 208](#) Permits qualified entities to request national criminal history checks of certain covered individuals. Passed subcommittee and returned to House Public Safety Committee for a vote.

[House File 230](#) Creates the Iowa job training tax credit program. In House subcommittee with Wheeler, Huseman, and Jacoby.

[House File 290](#) Relates to eligibility and reporting requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Placed on House debate calendar.

[House File 330](#) Relates to certain workforce training programs administered by community colleges and tuition assistance related to such programs. In House Economic Growth

subcommittee with Brink, Bennett, and Lundgren.

[House File 562](#) Relates to the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Referred to House Economic Growth Committee, awaiting subcommittee assignment.

[Senate File 79](#) Relates to apprenticeship training delivered via interactive distance learning. Returned to the Senate State Government Committee without a recommendation from the subcommittee.

[Senate File 163](#) Relates to state child care assistance, including eligibility and waiting list guidelines and copayment requirements. In Senate Human Resources subcommittee with Edler, Johnson, and Mathis. Many similar bills have been filed in the House and Senate.

[Senate File 164](#) Exempts from the individual income tax the wages of individuals who are employed in high-demand jobs. In Senate Ways and Means subcommittee with Feenstra, Brown, and Dotzler.

[Senate File 297](#) Creates a tax credit for community college students pursuing a credential leading to a high-demand occupation. Passed subcommittee and returned to Senate Education Committee for a vote.

[Senate File 309](#) Relates to unemployment compensation benefits and department-approved training. In Senate Labor and Business Relations subcommittee with Schultz, Carlin, and T. Taylor.

[Senate Study Bill 1108](#) Relates to the supplemental nutrition assistance program and workfare. Passed out of subcommittee and returned to the Senate Labor and Business Relations Committee for a vote.

Important Dates

March 8 First Funnel

Final date for House bills to be passed out of House committees, and Senate bills out of Senate committees.

April 5 Second Funnel

Final date for Senate bills to be passed out of House committees and House bills to be passed out of Senate committees.

May 3 Target Adjournment Date

This update is a bi-weekly publication intended to share information and resources regarding legislative activities, events, and bills related to workforce issues in Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Britney Samuelson at bsamuelson@sppg.com or 515-237-0340.