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State Policy Update

Second Funnel

The second funnel was last week, and it is one of a few deadlines set in place to keep the legislative process moving. By this date, bills must have been passed out of committee from both chambers in order to continue in the legislative process. For instance, Senate files must be passed out of their Senate committee and the House committee. House files must be passed out of their House committee and the Senate committee.

If bills were not passed out of committee in both chambers, 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, bills filed as unfinished business, and bills from leadership.

Legislation

[House Study Bill 166](#) Establishes an interim study committee relating to the impact of state assistance program income restriction guidelines. Did not pass out of Human Resources Committee by funnel deadline.

[House Study Bill 252](#) Establishes a rural economic revitalization center and requires a certain percentage of tax incentives be provided to projects located in small cities. In House Appropriations subcommittee with Grassley, Brink, and Hall.

[House File 681](#) Permits qualified entities to request national criminal history checks of certain covered individuals. Passed House on April 9th. Similar bill passed out of Senate Judiciary Committee.

[House File 756](#) Appropriates federal funds made available from federal block grants. Passed House on April 4th and passed Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

[House File 758](#) Appropriates funds to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents. Passed House on April 4th with amendments and referred to Senate Appropriations subcommittee with Kraayenbrink, Koelker, Quirnbach, Sinclair, and Wahls.

[House File 766](#) Makes appropriations for health and human services and veterans. Passed House on April 11th with

amendments.

[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. No action taken since February.

[Senate File 245](#) Relates to eligibility and reporting requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Passed Senate on March 20th and passed House on April 3rd. The bill will now be sent to the Governor.

[Senate File 481](#) Creates a tax credit for community college students pursuing a credential leading to a high-demand occupation. Passed Senate Ways and Means subcommittee and referred back to the full committee for a vote.

[Senate File 430](#) Relates to the supplemental nutrition assistance program and workfare. Referred back to Senate Labor and Business Relations Committee.

[Senate File 538](#) Relates to community engagement activity requirements under the Iowa health and wellness plan. Passed Senate on March 19th and referred to the House Human Resources Committee.

[Senate File 567](#) Relates to disqualifications from holding certain professional licenses for persons convicted of certain felonies. Passed Senate on March 18th with amendment. Passed House State Government Committee with recommended amendment.

[Senate File 577](#) Establishes the criminal offense of sexual exploitation of a child with a disability by an employee of a community college. Passed Senate on April 1st with amendment and referred to House Judiciary subcommittee with Kaufmann, Bergan, and Olson.

[Senate File 608](#) Makes appropriations to the department of cultural affairs, the economic development authority, the Iowa finance authority, the public employment relations board, the department of workforce development, the college student aid commission, and the state board of regents. Passed Senate Appropriations Committee. Amendments have been filed.

Important Dates

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.