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## AROUND THE CAPITOL

Legislators returned to session on Monday afternoon. Neither chamber debated bills on the floor, and committee action was limited. Senate committees voted out five bills, with Local Government approving four bills on unanimous votes ([SSB 1051 DELINQUENT TAX SALES](#), [SSB 1088 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT](#), [SSB 1091 CITY EMS/FF/POLICE](#) and [SSB 1092 COUNTY DRIVERS LICENSE FEES](#)). The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee voted out [SF 90 VETERAN LICENSE DECALS](#) on an 11-0 vote.

A House Ways & Means subcommittee took up [SF 181 RESIDENTIAL VALUATIONS/TAX MATTERS](#). [SF 181](#) will rollback valuations to prevent about \$127 million in increases in local property taxes. Representative Jacoby, the ranking member of House Ways & Means, said that local governments have already set their budgets based on the higher amounts and that the Legislature should use the Taxpayer Trust Fund to pay for a supplement to help local governments to avoid any cuts to services. The full House Ways & Means Committee will take up the bill on Wednesday.

The Oversight Committee listened to public comments on giving parents more power to challenge the books in school libraries and classrooms. Supporters of the restrictions said that parents need to be able to make sure that the books in schools are age-appropriate for their children. Opponents said that such restrictions will lead to bans of classic literature and that Iowa schools already do a good job in making sure that books used by school children are age appropriate.

## CARNEY TO LEAD ILEA

Governor Reynolds appointed Sergeant Brady Carney of the Des Moines Police Department to head the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Carney has been a patrol officer and narcotics investigator during his service with the Des Moines Police Department and was promoted to sergeant in 2021. He starts on March 6.

Governor Reynolds said, "Sergeant Carney's years of experience in police patrol, investigation, and intelligence have prepared him to provide the best possible training experience for recruits. I'm confident that his proven leadership abilities will continue the tradition of excellence at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy for the next generation of officers."

## TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

**House Files: 17 (HF 192 - HF 208)**

**House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 133)**

**Senate Files: 9 (SF 207 - SF 215)**

**Senate Study Bills: 2 (SSB 1133 - SSB 1134)**

## SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

**Senate Local Government Committee: Voted Out (4)**

### **SSB 1051 DELINQUENT TAX SALES**

Allows a county treasurer to move a delinquent tax sale to any date prior to the sale of the subsequent year, or to move sales to the subsequent year, under the reasons for good cause to delay the tax sale. **AMENDED & PASSED** 12-0; *FM: Webster*

### **SSB 1088 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT (now SF 215)**

Extends the good cause deadline for missing the filing deadline for the elderly/disabled property tax credit until 3/31 of the fiscal year the tax is owed. Effective on enactment. **PASSED** 12-0; *FM: Guth*

### **SSB 1091 CITY EMS/FF/POLICE (now SF 214)**

Deems that certain conflict of interest provisions for cities do not prohibit pay for a volunteer fire fighter or an EMS worker who holds multiple positions. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer ff chief }on a majority vote of the city council. Allows cities to establish a fund to pay for major equipment for police/EMS/fire fighters. **PASSED** 12-0; *FM: Driscoll*

### **SSB 1092 COUNTY DRIVERS LICENSE FEES**

Allows a county treasurer to charge a non-resident of the county a \$10 fee for issuing a license. Does not allow the fee if the non-resident pays property taxes in the county. **PASSED** 12-0; *FM: Westrich*

**Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Voted Out: (1)**

### **SF 90 VETERAN LICENSE DECALS**

Authorizes a veteran's organization to apply for a special license decal and for the DVA to approve decals for any military ribbon or award. Makes the DOT responsible for producing the decal. **PASSED** 11-0; *FM: Salmon*

## HOUSE &amp; SENATE AGENDA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

7-9 AM	<i>Iowa Academy of Family Physicians Legislative Coffee</i>	<i>Rotunda West Wing</i>
7-9:30 AM	<i>Broadlawns Medical Center's Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Rotunda North Wing</i>
	<i>Iowa Podiatric Medical Society (IPMS) Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Rotunda, East Wing</i>
	<i>School Nutrition Association (SNA) Iowa Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Rotunda, South Wing</i>
7:30-9 AM	<i>Iowa State Police Association Legislative Breakfast</i>	<i>Legislative Dining Room 15</i>
8:30 AM	<b>HOUSE CONVENES</b>	<i>House Chamber</i>
9 AM	<b>SENATE CONVENES</b>	<i>Senate Chamber</i>
9:30 AM	<b>House Judiciary Committee</b> <a href="#">HSB 106</a> PROBATE PROCEEDINGS: <b>Gustoff</b> (C)	<i>Room 103</i>
	<b>House Natural Resources Committee</b> Presentations: DNR Wildlife Bureau State Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Rachel Ruden. ISU Dean of Veterinary Medicine Dr. Dan Grooms. ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory Executive Director and Veterinary Diagnostic & Production Animal Medicine Professor & Chair Dr. Patrick Halbur DVM, MS, PhD. <a href="#">HF 103</a> DEVELOPMENT ON DNR LAND: <b>Latham</b> (C)	<i>Room 19</i>
	<b>Senate Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee</b> Presentation: Iowa Economic Development & Iowa Finance Authority Program Overviews and Projections for the Future - Director Debi Durham.	<i>Room 22</i>
10 AM-2 PM	<i>EveryStep Lobby</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>
10:30 AM	<b>Senate Judiciary Committee</b> <a href="#">SF 171</a> JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS: <b>Garrett</b> (C) <a href="#">SSB 1048</a> CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE: <b>Garrett</b> (C) <a href="#">SSB 1068</a> SECOND ELUDING OFFENSE (w/amend): <b>Garrett</b> (C) <a href="#">SSB 1082</a> BOMBS & EXPLOSIVES (w/amend): <b>Boussetot</b> (C) <a href="#">SSB 1114</a> TRUCK ACCIDENT LIABILITY: <b>Boussetot</b> (C)	<i>Room 116</i>
11 AM	<b>House Ethics Committee</b> <a href="#">HSB 77</a> ETHICS RULES: <b>Osmundson</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 78</a> LOBBYIST RULES: <b>Osmundson</b> (C)	<i>Room 102</i>
2-4 PM	<i>Physician Day on the Hill</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>

## HOUSE &amp; SENATE AGENDA (CONTINUED)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023		
2:30 PM	<b>House Commerce Committee</b> <a href="#">HF 82</a> AMUSEMENT CONCESSION PAYMENTS: <b>Lohse</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 33</a> ELECTRONIC MESSAGING BY BANKS: <b>Bloomingtondale</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 34</a> VIDEO SERVICES: <b>Lohse</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 73</a> POWER PLANT EMISSION PLANS: <b>J Wills</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 74</a> AUTISM SPECTRUM COVERAGE: <b>Lundgren</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 96</a> LIFE INSURANCE INVESTMENT: <b>Young</b> (C)	Room 103
	<b>House Education Committee</b> <a href="#">HF 4</a> TEACHING LICENSES: <b>Stone</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 16</a> COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIPS: <b>Ingels</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 39</a> CHARTER SPORTS: <b>Bradley</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 100</a> BEE LICENSING AGE: <b>T Moore</b> (C) <a href="#">HF 104</a> ADVANCED DYSLEXIA GRANTS: <b>Osmundson</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 47</a> MH PRACTITIONER LOAN REPAYMENTS: <b>Fry</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 58</a> FARM WORK DRIVING: <b>Fry</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 89</a> COACH CONCUSSION TRAINING: <b>T Moore</b> (C) <a href="#">HSB 90</a> COSMETOLOGY LICENSE: <b>Hora</b> (C)	Room 102
4 PM	<b>House Environmental Protection Committee</b> Presentation: Safety & Feasibility of Carbon Capture & Pipelines - Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, DNV Carbon Capture team lead Laith Amin, CE)?GM of SW Renewable Energy Mike Here and IRFA Executive Director Monte Shaw.	Room 19
4:30-5:30 PM	<i>Iowa Bankers Association Legislative Reception</i>	Hilton 435 Park Street
5-7 PM	<i>Eastern Iowa Airport CID: Airport &amp; Aviation Update</i>	Ken's - a not so secret speakeasy 215 E 3rd St, #100

## SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

8 AM	House Health & Human Services Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 130</a> PRIOR AUTHORIZATION: <b>Lundgren</b> (C), <b>Brown-Powers</b> , <b>A Meyer</b>	Room 102
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 121</a> INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CUT: <b>Kniff McCulla</b> (C), <b>Croken</b> , <b>Jones</b>	Room 19
8:15 AM	House Appropriations Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 140</a> VETERANS TRUST APPROPRIATION: <b>Graber</b> (C), <b>Fry</b> , <b>Wilburn</b>	House Lounge
8:30 AM	Senate Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1066</a> CHINA BRIDGE ORDERS: <b>Shipley</b> (C), <b>De Witt</b> , <b>Weiner</b>	Room 217
9:30 AM	Senate Health & Human Services Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1104</a> PSYCHIATRIC FELLOWSHIPS: <b>Costello</b> (C), <b>Alons</b> , <b>Donahue</b>	Room 217
	Senate State Government Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1038</a> VETERINARIAN IMMUNITY: <b>Dawson</b> (C), <b>Bisignano</b> , <b>Driscoll</b>	Room 315
10 AM	Senate Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1119</a> JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS: <b>Reichman</b> (C), <b>De Witt</b> , <b>Knox</b>	Room 217
10:30 AM	Senate State Government Subcommittee <a href="#">SF 176</a> WINE RETAIL LICENSES: <b>Cournoyer</b> (C), <b>Jochum</b> , <b>Koelker</b>	Room G15
11 AM	House Education Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 119</a> GOVERNOR EDUCATION BILL: <b>Johnson</b> (C), <b>Cahill</b> , <b>Gustoff</b> , <b>Ingels</b> , <b>Madison</b>	Room 304
11:30 AM	Senate Commerce Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1099</a> CREDIT UNION MATTERS: <b>Westrich</b> (C), <b>Bousselot</b> , <b>Giddens</b>	Room G15
	Senate Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1113</a> MEDICAL CANNABIDIOL DISPENSARIES: <b>Reichman</b> (C), <b>Evans</b> , <b>Petersen</b>	Room 217
11:45 AM	House Economic Growth & Technology Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 153</a> SCHOOL BUILDING DEMOLITION FUND: <b>Determann</b> (C), <b>Gaines</b> , <b>Osmundson</b>	House Lounge
NOON	House Education Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 111</a> PAYING STUDENT TEACHERS II: <b>Gehlbach</b> (C), <b>Ehlert</b> , <b>T Moore</b>	House Lounge 2
	House Health & Human Services Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 115</a> PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRACTICE: <b>Boden</b> (C), <b>Best</b> , <b>Turek</b>	Room 19
	House Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 108</a> CHINA BRIDGE ORDERS: <b>Nordman</b> (C), <b>Jones</b> , <b>Scheetz</b>	House Lounge
	House Public Safety Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 155</a> FELON FIREARM SENTENCES: <b>Rinker</b> (C), <b>Gustoff</b> , <b>Olson</b>	Room 304
	Senate State Government Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1132</a> MFPRS 411 BENEFITS: <b>Cournoyer</b> (C), <b>Boulton</b> , <b>Webster</b>	Room G15
12:15 PM	House Judiciary Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 61</a> ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS: <b>Lohse</b> (C), <b>Jones</b> , <b>B Meyer</b>	Room 304

## SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS (CONTINUED)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023		
12:30 PM	House Local Government Subcommittee <a href="#">HF 75</a> COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARDS III: <b>Dunwell</b> (C), <b>Gehlbach</b> , <b>Nielsen</b>	House Lounge
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee <a href="#">HSB 72</a> STORAGE EXEMPTION: <b>Deyoe</b> (C), <b>Croken</b> , <b>Johnson</b>	House Lounge 2
	Senate Commerce Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1098</a> PHARMACY DISPENSING FEES: <b>Klimesh</b> (C), <b>Schultz</b> , <b>Trone</b> <b>Garriott</b>	Room G15
1 PM	Senate Commerce Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1100</a> PRIOR AUTHORIZATION: <b>Westrich</b> (C), <b>Petersen</b> , <b>Webster</b>	Room 217
	Senate Commerce Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1101</a> ARRC MATTERS: <b>Klimesh</b> (C), <b>Bousselot</b> , <b>Jochum</b>	Room G15
1:30 PM	Senate Technology Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1095</a> CYBERSECURITY DEFENSES: <b>Bousselot</b> (C), <b>Bennett</b> , <b>Webster</b>	Room 217
3 PM	Senate State Government Subcommittee <a href="#">SF 123</a> BEER BARREL TAX: <b>Dawson</b> (C), <b>Bisignano</b> , <b>Cournoyer</b>	Room 217
3:30 PM	Senate Commerce Subcommittee <a href="#">SSB 1085</a> BANNING ENERGY SOURCES: <b>Klimesh</b> (C), <b>Brown</b> , <b>Petersen</b>	Room G15

## HOUSE DEBATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023		
<a href="#">HF 161</a>	HH	NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 148</a> ) <b>A Meyer</b>
<a href="#">HF 171</a>	ED	% SSA/CATEGORICAL RATE (sim/comp to <a href="#">SF 192</a> ) <b>Johnson</b>

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## HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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### EDUCATION

[HF 187](#) HPV VACCINATION INFORMATION **Boden** (C), **Osmundson**, **Kurth**

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

[HF 126](#) LOCAL MANAGEMENT LEVY **Nordman** (C), **Amos**, **Osmundson** (*reassigned*)

### TRANSPORTATION

[HSB 27](#) RESTRICTED FARM CDLS **Wulf** (C), **Dunwell**, **Madison** (*reassigned*)

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## SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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### TECHNOLOGY

[SF 199](#) ROBOTICS **Koelker** (C), **Bennett**, **Reichman**

## HOUSE FILES (HF 192 – HF 202)

**HF 192 SCENIC BYWAY FUND** (**Transportation**; Successor to [HSB 87](#)) (AP) **Bossman** (C), **Bergan**, **Zabner**  
Establishes a Scenic Byway enhancement fund for various improvements on scenic byways. Requires treasurers to request donations to the fund when renewing licenses. See [SF 151](#)

**HF 193 VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE** (**LG**; Successor to [HSB 19](#)) (AP) **Latham** (C), **Amos**, **Collins**  
Authorizes various municipal entities that offer volunteer fire or EM services or with reserve peace officers to establish a length of service program for those providers. Requires the municipality and the head of the department to set eligibility requirements and to handle other matters. Establishes a fund under the DOR for matching grants. Appropriates \$1 million in Lottery funds for the program. Requires the council to submit rules to the State Fire Marshal. Requires the DOR to adopt rules.

**HF 194 MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS** (**Abdul-Samad**, **24 D's**) (Appropriations)  
Requires the LSA to prepare minority impact statements for all appropriations bills prior to debate.

**HF 195 ADOPTING SURRENDERED INFANTS** (**Lohse & Jones**) (Judiciary)  
Includes adoption service providers as a provider that a newborn can be surrendered to. Allows the adoption service provider to ask for information that can be used to facilitate an adoption. Requires HHS to maintain a list of pre-approved adoptive homes for placement of surrendered newborns. Includes other provisions to facilitate these adoptions.

**HF 196 COMMENTS AT SCHOOL BOARDS** (**Jones**) (Education)  
Requires school board meetings to include at least 30 minutes for public comment. Allows a time limit to be imposed if necessary due to the number of persons signed up to speak.

**HF 197 RR CROSSING SIGNALS** (**Wessel-Kroeschell**) (Transportation)  
Requires RR grade crossings over paved streets to have a crossing signal with a red light, installed by the appropriate entity in charge. Defines such signals.

**HF 198 RACETRACK REBATES** (**Boden**) (Ways & Means)  
Extends the sales tax rebate program at a racetrack until 2030. Strikes the definition of project costs in determining the allowable rebate amount.

**HF 199 HYDRO EXCAVATION EXEMPTION** (**Transportation**; Successor to [HSB 36](#)) FM: **Siegrist**  
Adds specified hydro-excavation equipment to the list of vehicles exempt from size, weight, load and permit requirements.

**HF 200 SINGLE TRIP EXEMPTIONS** (**Transportation**; Successor to [HSB 46](#)) FM: **Lathan**  
Allows the DOT or the authority that issues a single-trip permit to include exemptions for per-axle load limits.

**HF 201 TRUCK ACCIDENT LIABILITY** (**Judiciary**; Successor to [HSB 114](#)) FM: **Gustoff**  
Makes an employer liable for the negligence of a driver of a company vehicle under the doctrine of *respondeat superior* and dismisses other negligence liability theories if the employer makes certain stipulations. Limits non-economic damages to \$1 million. Does not allow the initial filing in these cases to include punitive damages but allows for a filing to be amended if after discovery, a *prima facie* case for punitive damages can be made.

**HF 202 BOMBS & EXPLOSIVES** (**Public Safety**; Successor to [HSB 79](#)) FM: **Rinker**  
Makes it a serious misdemeanor to use fire, destructive devices or explosives recklessly to endanger property or safety. Defines detonators, explosive material, blasting agents and destructive devices.



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## HOUSE FILES (HF 203 – HF 208)

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**[HF 203](#) DRIVING TESTS (**Transportation**; Successor to [HSB 26](#)) FM: **Wood****

Allows persons who are qualified to give behind-the-wheel driving instruction but who are not licensed teachers to administer a final field driving test.

**[HF 204](#) RR CROSSING FINES (**Transportation**; Successor to [HSB 84](#)) FM: **Wulf****

Doubles the fine for illegally crossing RR tracks in a quiet zone to \$520. Allows the fine to be waived if the driver successfully completes a DOT-approved driver improvement course at the driver's expense. Requires the driver to notify the clerk of courts of the intent to attend the course prior to the court date and to complete the course within 90 days of the violation to avoid the fine. See [SF 96](#)

**[HF 205](#) BEER BARREL TAX (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 71](#)) FM: **Sexton****

Moves the barrel tax receipts for beer brewed at a brewpub for retail sale to the barrel tax fund.

**[HF 206](#) ABOVE GROUND STRUCTURES (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 67](#)) FM: **Sexton****

Deems above-ground storage tanks that can be removed to not be real property for property tax purposes.

**[HF 207](#) DRAINAGE SYSTEM EXEMPTION (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 64](#)) FM: **Harris****

Establishes a property tax exemption for a piped sewage and stormwater drainage system that is owned or operated by a public utility and offered to the public for compensation. Requires the utilities to file revised tariffs. Exempts from full funding provisions.

**[HF 208](#) BULLION SALES EXCLUSION (**Shipley**) (Ways & Means)**

Excludes the capital gain from the sale of bullion and other currency from the individual income tax.

## SENATE FILES (SF 207 – SF 215)

### **SF 207 NO ELECTRONICS WHILE DRIVING** (**Transportation**; Successor to [SF 60](#)) *FM: Lofgren*

**Prohibitions:** Prohibits the use of any electronic devices while driving. Establishes exemptions in some situations for hands-free devices, for law enforcement, health care workers, transit workers, utility maintenance workers, in emergency situations, agricultural uses and for other reasons. **Other:** Makes citations a moving violation. See [HF 64](#)

### **SF 208 BOW HUNTING** (**Natural Resources**; Successor to [SF 175](#)) *FM: Green*

Allows a bow hunter who was unsuccessful to use the license in the January antlerless deer season or the late muzzleloader season. Allows the use of a crossbow.

### **SF 209 YOUTH DEER HUNTING** (**Natural Resources**; Successor to [SF 109](#)) *FM: De Witt*

Requires the DNR to make youth hunting licenses available for purchase in all deer hunting seasons.

### **SF 210 BRAIN ILLNESS** (**Health & Human Services**; Successor to [SSB 1078](#)) *FM: Salmon*

Includes brain illnesses in the legislative findings related to MI/ID/DD/BI (brain injury) services. Makes brain health and brain illness synonymous with mental health and mental illness. Requires the HHS to recognize the term brain health.

### **SF 211 DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING** (**Health & Human Services**; Successor to [SSB 1046](#)) *FM: Edler*

Allows a Physical Therapist to refer a patient for diagnostic imaging (x-rays and MRIs). Requires the imaging to be evaluated by a qualified health care provider. Requires the PT to report the results to the patient's primary care provider. Similar to [HF 174](#).

### **SF 212 ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE DISCRIMINATION** (**Green**) (Judiciary)

Prohibits discrimination against adoption/foster care providers based on religious beliefs. Establishes a 2-year SOL for actions, but waives any state immunities. Entitles a person discriminated against to injunctive relief, damages and attorney fees.

### **SF 213 SPEED GOVERNING DEVICES** (**Jochum**) (Commerce)

Prohibits an insurer from raising premiums or reducing services to an Iowa driver who gives the insurance company proof of having installed a speed governing device on their car. Includes clawback provisions on premiums if the car is involved in a crash and the speed governing device is not connected.

### **SF 214 CITY EMS/FF/POLICE** (**Local Government**; Successor to [SSB 1091](#)) *FM: Driscoll*

Deems that certain conflict of interest provisions for cities do not prohibit pay for a volunteer fire fighter or an EMS worker who holds multiple positions. Allows a city council member to serve as a volunteer ff chief }on a majority vote of the city council. Allows cities to establish a fund to pay for major equipment for police/EMS/fire fighters.

### **SF 215 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT** (**Local Government**; Successor to [SSB 1088](#)) *FM: Guth*

Extends the good cause deadline for missing the filing deadline for the elderly/disabled property tax credit until 3/31 of the fiscal year the tax is owed. Effective on enactment.

## SENATE STUDY BILLS (SSB 1133 – SSB 1134)

### **SSB 1133 GOVERNOR HEALTH PROGRAMS** (Health & Human Services) **Edler** (C), **Evans**, **Trone** **Garriott**

**Rural Hospitals:** Authorizes the state licensing of rural emergency hospitals that meet federal guidelines for enhanced Medicare payments. Effective on enactment. **Grants:** Appropriates \$1 million to HHS for FY 2024 to award four grants to encourage collaboration among regional health care centers. **Damages:** Caps non-economic damages against health care providers for substantial or permanent loss of bodily function, substantial disfigurement or death at \$1 million. Deems losses related to dependent care to be economic damage. **Fellowships:** Requires the HHS to create four obstetrics fellowships for underserved areas in the state. Includes implementing provisions. **Contraceptives:** Allows a pharmacist to dispense a three-month supply of a self-administered hormonal contraceptives initially, and an annual supply later. Requires the patient be at least 18 and pursuant to a standing order from the HHS. Prohibits the pharmacist from an appointment for the first 27 months and requires an attestation from the patient after that on a self-screening risk assessment. Includes training and immunity for the pharmacist. Requires the HHS, in consultation with the appropriate boards, to develop standards for administering the bill. Requires insurance to cover hormonal contraceptives. **Insurance Forms:** Prohibits insurance forms that have provisions that are unjust, misleading or otherwise contrary to public policy. Gives a carrier 20 days to appeal a notice from the Insurance Commissioner that violates these provisions. **MOMS:** Includes men in pregnancy support services, including a list of covered services. Appropriates \$2 million for support services for fathers. Deems the money to not revert. **Baby Leave:** Gives a parent who is a state employee and who gives birth to or adopts a child four weeks of paid leave, and one week if the parent. **Childcare facilities:** Strikes certain limits on the value of a childcare facility that is subject to reduced assessments. **Adoption:** Caps non-recurring adoption expenses at \$1,000. **Iowa Scholarships:** Makes all foster children under age 26 eligible for scholarships. See [HSB 91](#)

### **SSB 1134 POOL INSPECTIONS** (State Government) **McClintock** (C), **Bisignano**, **Salmon**

Exempts a housing coop from pool inspections if the coop is fewer than 72 members and the bylaws provide for pool inspections.