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AROUND THE CAPITOL

The Legislature returned to Des Moines Monday afternoon. Both chambers met for short sessions and did no floor or committee work. The House read in four successor bills, passed last week in House Ways & Means.

The Senate read in two new study bills and one resolution. One of the new study bills, [SSB 1204 VEHICLE LEASE EXEMPTIONS & REFUNDS](#), is a companion to [HSB 68](#), passed last week in House Ways & Means. The House amended the bill and struck the refund provisions in the bill. [HF 664 VEHICLE LEASE EXEMPTIONS](#), the successor to [HSB 68](#), is a similar bill to [SSB 1204](#). The refund provisions that are still in [SSB 1204](#) would allow companies that qualify for the new exemption to seek refunds retroactively to 2015 and allows up to \$15,000 in refunds per calendar year.

The second study bill introduced into Senate Ways & Means is [SSB 1205 GRAIN INDEMNITY FUND](#) which would phase out the grain indemnity fees and fund and use the corn and soybean check-offs to make grain indemnity payments. Senator Driscoll is managing the bill.

The Senate will take up the House amendment ([S 3065](#)) to [SF 391 EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS](#). The House struck the changes made by the Senate to CPR requirements in school and waivers for PE. The Senate will now need to consider the House amendment. Both the House and Senate passed the bill largely on party lines, but the House approved its amendments to the bill on voice votes.

Over the weekend, Governor Reynolds said that she will sign [SF 538 BANNING GENDER AFFIRMING TREATMENT](#) when the bill reaches her desk. [SF 538](#) prohibits gender-affirming surgery or hormonal treatment for minors, with some exceptions medically verifiable conditions. The bill has not been reported as enrolled yet.

The House has not taken up [SF 482 SCHOOL RESTROOMS](#) on the floor yet. House Judiciary approved a companion bill ([HF 622 DESIGNATING SCHOOL BATHROOMS](#)) in committee and can substitute for [SF 482](#) after amending [HF 622](#) on the floor, but the House has not scheduled either bill for debate and no amendments to either bill been filed. [SF 482](#) requires K-12 schools to designate multi-occupant restrooms and changing rooms as being for one sex and defines sex as a child's biological sex.

Representative Konfrst thanked the Republicans who voted against [SF 538](#). She said that bill came to the floor due to political pressure and because some lawmakers were worried about facing primary opposition. Recent polls in the state show the measures as having majority support. Konfrst said that the bills send an "unmistakable message" that "many Iowans in the LGBTQ+ community" are "not welcome here."

FISCAL IMPACTS

HF 660 RACETRACK REBATES

Extends the sales tax rebate program at a racetrack until 2030. Strikes the definition of project costs in determining the allowable rebate amount.

Representative Boden is the floor manager. The bill is scheduled for debate on Tuesday in the House. The LSA estimates that the bill will reduce revenues to the GF between FY 2026 and FY 2030 by approximately \$575,000 before the \$1.8 million cap is reached.

TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

House Files: (HF 663 - HF 666)

House Study Bills: none (last introduced HSB 229)

Senate Files: none (last introduced SF 550)

Senate Study Bills: 2 (SSB 1204 - SSB 1205)

Resolution INTRODUCED in the Senate: (1)

SR 5 INVESTIGATING SARS COVID (Alons) (Rules)

Calls on the federal government to investigate the origin of SARS and COVID for any links to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

HOUSE & SENATE AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023		
7-9 AM	<i>North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters Reception</i>	<i>Legislative Dining Room 15</i>
8 AM-4 PM	<i>CareSource</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>
8:30 AM	HOUSE CONVENES	<i>House Chamber</i>
9 AM-2:30 PM	<i>Lutheran Day at the Capitol</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>
9 AM	SENATE CONVENES	<i>Senate Chamber</i>
	House Appropriations Committee HSB 229 ATHLETIC CLAIMS: Nordman (C)	<i>Room 103</i>
	House Ways & Means Committee HSB 125 LANDLORD TENANT/MOBILE HOMES: P Thompson (C) HSB 224 CHILDCARE PROPERTY TAXES: Kniff McCulla (C)	<i>Room 102</i>

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

8 AM	House Appropriations Subcommittee HF 574 HYPERBARIC OXYGEN TREATMENT: Collins (C), Bergan , Brown-Powers , Fry , Wilburn	<i>House Lounge</i>
8:30 AM	Senate Education Subcommittee HF 323 PAYING STUDENT TEACHERS: Salmon (C), Kraayenbrink , Trone Garriott	<i>Room 217</i>
9 AM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 258 CDL CLEARINGHOUSE: Klimesh (C), Dickey , T Taylor	<i>Senate Lounge</i>
10:30 AM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 217 COUNTY DRIVERS LICENSE FEES: Koelker (C), Dawson , Winckler	<i>Room 217</i>
11:30 AM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 355 LAND DIVISION APPROVAL: Driscoll (C), Klimesh , Quirnbach	<i>Room 315</i>
	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SSB 1127 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION: Koelker (C), Dickey , Winckler	<i>Room 217</i>
NOON	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 344 COUNTY CAR TITLING SERVICES & FEES: Best (C), Wilson , Wulf	<i>Room 103</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 355 TEACHER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS: Osmundson (C), Johnson , Kurth	<i>House Lounge 2</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 431 MONEY TRANSMISSIONS: Lundgren (C), Forbes , Kniff McCulla	<i>Room 304.1</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HSB 187 DOR MATTERS: Siegrist (C), Croken , Wulf	<i>House Lounge</i>
	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 498 ATV/BOAT/SNOWMOBILE FEES: Klimesh (C), Dawson , T Taylor	<i>Senate Lounge</i>
12:30 PM	House Public Safety Subcommittee SF 183 POLICE & FIRE FIGHTER AGES: Gustoff (C), Abdul-Samad , Fisher	<i>House Lounge 2</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 525 MEDICAID RECOVERIES & MCO PREMIUMS: Lundgren (C), Best , Forbes	<i>Room 304.1</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HF 544 LODGING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION: Johnson (C), Isenhart , Osmundson	<i>House Lounge</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HSB 122 SPORTS WAGERING & TAX CREDITS: Kaufmann (C), Best , Wilson	<i>Room 103</i>
	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 216 DELINQUENT TAX SALES: Rowley (C), Dawson , Quirnbach	<i>Room 217</i>
12:45 PM	House State Government Subcommittee SF 135 INTERIOR DESIGN: Golding (C), Siegrist , Steckman	<i>House Lounge</i>
2 PM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 215 ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT: Rowley (C), Dawson , Winckler	<i>Room 217</i>
2:30 PM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SSB 1130 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION: Dawson (C), Dotzler , Koelker	<i>Room 217</i>
3 PM	Senate State Government Subcommittee HJR 3 GUBERNATORIAL SUCCESSION: Koelker (C), Bisignano , Cournoyer	<i>Room 217</i>

HOUSE DEBATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

HCR 9	TR	OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES (sim/comp to SCR 5)	<i>Best</i>
HF 174	HH	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING (sim/comp to SF 211)	<i>Best</i>
HF 340	AP	VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE (sim/comp to SF 447)	<i>Latham</i>
HF 358	PS	SECOND ELUDING OFFENSE (sim/comp to SF 230)	<i>Henderson</i>
HF 397	JU	REMOTE SIGNING (sim/comp to SF 515)	<i>Gustoff</i>
HF 463	CO	INSURANCE TERMS	<i>Lundgren</i>
HF 465	CO	INSURANCE ELECTIONS (sim/comp to SF 510)	<i>H Wilz</i>
HF 540	LG	COUNTY BUILDINGS	<i>Determann</i>
HF 555	HH	PHARMACY MATTERS	<i>Bergan</i>
HF 557	LG	LAKE ELECTIONS (sim/comp to SF 433)	<i>Nordman</i>
HF 599	CO	UTILITY MATTERS (sim/comp to SF 535)	<i>Vondran</i>
HF 603	TR	VOLUNTEER TIRE PURCHASES	<i>Siegrist</i>
HF 608	ED	SEIZURE ACTION PLANS (sim/comp to SF 483)	<i>Sorensen</i>
HF 610	ED	AUTISM ABSENCES (sim/comp to SF 343)	<i>Bradley</i>
HF 631	PS	BRADY GIGLIO LISTS (sim/comp to SF 385)	<i>Vondran</i>
HF 635	SG	PODIATRIST RESIDENCY	<i>Harris</i>
HF 656	SG	DENTAL COMPACT	<i>Collins</i>
HF 660	WM	RACETRACK REBATES	<i>Boden</i>

SENATE DEBATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

SF 75	HH	RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS (with House amendment S 3062)	<i>Costello</i>
SF 144	JU	POINTING LASERS AT AIRCRAFT	<i>Dawson</i>
SF 201	IT	TECHNOLOGICAL STALKING	<i>Cournoyer</i>
SF 319	WF	PRIVATE DRUG TESTING (sim/comp to HF 460)	<i>Dickey</i>
SF 362	JU	ASSISTED REPRODUCTION FRAUD SOL	<i>Shiple</i>
SF 381	TR	DRIVING FOR MINORS	<i>Shiple</i>
SF 388	IT	EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAP	<i>Alons</i>
SF 391	ED	EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS (with House amendment S 3065)	<i>Kraayenbrink</i>
SF 490	TR	ACCIDENT REPORTS	<i>Klimesh</i>
SF 516	NR	OPEN SPACE PLANS	<i>Sweeney</i>
SF 549	WM	CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES	<i>Bousselot</i>

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

WAYS & MEANS

[SF 408](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

Dawson (C), *Jochum*, *Koelker* (reassigned)

HOUSE FILES (HF 663 – HF 666)

[HF 663](#) DELINQUENT TAX SALES (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HF 266](#)) FM: **Deyoe**

Allows a county treasurer to move a delinquent tax sale to 120 days after the scheduled date, and with good cause and approval from the supervisors, move the sale another 120 days after that. Does not allow the sale to be delayed past the sale of the subsequent year. See [SF 216](#)

[HF 664](#) VEHICLE LEASE EXEMPTIONS (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 68](#)) FM: **P Thompson**

Exempts the lease of a vehicle between affiliates from new registration fees or the sales tax if such fees or taxes have been paid by the original affiliates. Makes definitions.

[HF 665](#) LAND REDEVELOPMENT TRUSTS (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HSB 124](#)) FM: **Johnson**

Allows a city or cities to establish a land redevelopment trust to rehabilitate blighted/tax delinquent and other similar properties and return them to a productive status. Establishes powers, duties, reporting requirements and dissolution procedures. Sales: Allows the trust to purchase property through exclusive sales. Includes procedures and timelines for the sale. See [SF 182](#)

[HF 666](#) DAL'S BILL (**Ways & Means**; Successor to [HF 277](#)) FM: **Sexton**

Pets: Doubles the exemption (under \$1,000 or 12 animals) for businesses to avoid being considered a pet shop. **Grain:** Harmonizes references to scale weight ticket and Grain Depositors and Sellers Indemnity Fund. Allows the weight of all grains to be adjusted due to moisture content using USDA standards. Extends the maximum duration for a credit-sale (price-later) contract to 15 months. Requires a storage operator to issue a warehouse for delivered grain in open storage on request. **Fees:** Moves the start of the calendar for assessing grain fees to August 1. **Pumps:** Deems that the fee for a gasoline pump is for the license and not for the annual inspection and makes inspections biennial. Makes it a simple misdemeanor to not allow a pump inspection. Strikes certain bonding requirements for person who repair pumps. **Fuel:** Adds requirements for RD-100 fuels. Recognizes the Iowa Central Fuel Testing Lab at ICC as the official fuel testing lab. **WQ:** Allows DAL'S to use money from the Water Quality Urban Infrastructure fund for agricultural projects if the program has money remaining after adequately supporting all projects in the previous year. See [SF 311](#)

SENATE STUDY BILLS (SSB 1204 – SSB 1205)

SSB 1204 VEHICLE LEASE EXEMPTIONS & REFUNDS (Ways & Means) **Dickey** (C), **Dawson**, **T Taylor**

Exempts the lease of a vehicle between affiliates from new registration fees or the sales tax if such fees or taxes have been paid by the original affiliates. Retroactive to 2015 and allows refunds up to an aggregate of \$15,000 per year. Makes definitions. Similar to [HF 664](#)

SSB 1205 GRAIN INDEMNITY FUND (Ways & Means) **Driscoll** (C), **Jochum**, **Klimesh**

Phases out the grain indemnity fees and replaces those fees with check-off funds from soybeans and corn. Changes the names of the corn promotion and soybean promotion funds to the corn check-off and soybean check-off funds and makes the check-off and indemnity funds public funds. Requires transfers to the new indemnity fund to keep a balance between \$10 and \$20 million. Requires assessments to be suspended or reinstated to maintain that balance as needed. Increases payout to \$600,000 for claims.