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AROUND THE CAPITOL

Governor Reynolds said she will sign [SF 514 STATE GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION](#) at 3 PM on Tuesday.

The House debated three bills on the floor today on largely unanimous votes, sending two down to the Governor and one over to the Senate. The House approved [SF 135 INTERIOR DESIGN](#) which makes changes to the practice of interior design. A similar bill passed in the House in 2022, but did not move forward in the Senate. Representative Steckman said that the bill is the result of a compromise between architects and interior designers. The House also introduced one new successor bill and the first of the budget bills, the federal block grant bill which deals with federal pass-through funds ([HSB 243 FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS](#)).

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved four of the budget shell bills in subcommittee and committee today on party-line votes ([SSB 1209 ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION](#), [SSB 1210 AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES](#), [SSB 1211 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT](#) and [SSB 1212 EDUCATION](#)). The Committee will take up the three remaining budget bills on Tuesday. Committee members said that they hope that starting the budget process will encourage the House to start moving forward with its budget. Democrats said that the failure to hold subcommittee meetings where legislators could get meaningful feedback from the public hurts the budgeting process. They said that the public and departments should know if positions are going to be eliminated to achieve the savings expected in pending reorganization.

House Appropriations will hold a public hearing on Tuesday on [SF 494 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT](#), which has been approved on the Senate floor and in House Appropriations. Representative Fry is the floor manager. The bill establishes new asset verification requirements for Medicaid, SNAP and CHIP. In comments submitted ahead of the hearing, opponents of the bill said that the state will get no overall savings from the bill and the loss of benefits will hurt working-class Iowans and rural areas. Supporters of the bill said that it will reduce fraud and encourage people to work full-time.

The LSA estimates that about 1% of current recipients, (8,000 Medicaid members, 2,800 SNAP recipients and 600 children receiving health insurance) will lose their coverage or benefits under the bill. The DWD expects an annual cost increase of about \$70,000. In FY 2025 and FY 2026, HHS expects staff and technology costs will increase by about \$7.5 million total. The HHS costs decline slightly in FY 2027 and FY 2028, but costs for a 3rd-party contract administrator are expected to be about \$1.68 million in the first year and \$3.34 million in the second year. When fully implemented in FY 2028, the LSA estimates that the bill will reduce Medicaid, SNAP and CHIP benefits by about \$65 million, with \$11 million of that being the share paid by the state.

DISASTER PROCLAMATIONS

Governor Reynolds issued two disaster proclamations this weekend due to the damage caused by storms in Iowa on Friday. The first proclamation allows residents in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Wapello and Washington counties to use the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program, which provides grants of up to \$5,000 for qualifying households, and the Disaster Case Management Program, which helps with the creation of disaster recovery plans and referrals to obtain services. The second proclamation suspends various rules on the movement of loads for disaster repairs and the hours of service for crews for the month of April.

FISCAL IMPACTS

SF 551 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION

Decouples Iowa from federal bonus depreciation, allowing depreciation claims in the initial year. The Senate Ways & Means Committee approved the bill and Senator Koelker is the floor manager. The bill does not have a House companion. The estimated impact on the GF varies from year-to-year from FY 2024 to FY 2029, but is estimated at about \$250 million total, with annual reductions in individual income tax at about \$15 million a year, corporate income tax at about \$25 million a year and franchise taxes at about \$3 million a year. The impact in later years would decline because the accelerated depreciation taken from FY 2024-2029 would no longer be available as a business expense in later years.

SF 478 AUDITOR PROCESS INFORMATION

Requires the Auditor to work using federal standards for government audits and audits start. Requires the Auditor keep confidential information confidential and limits the access of the Auditor to some information (income tax, health records, peace officer records, various other records for law enforcement and attorneys, personal information and other specified records). Requires the auditor to take steps to protect information. Requires binding arbitration before a 3-person board for disputes between statutory and constitutional offices, with each party appointing a member and the third member being appointed by the governor.

The full Senate approved [SF 478](#); the House State Government Committee approved the bill with an amendment. Representative Kaufman is the floor manager. The LSA issued a fiscal note for the bill as passed by the Senate. According to the LSA, the bill could affect audit practices for IPERS and for a number of programs, including student aid, unemployment, children's healthcare, WIC and for various federal block grants. The changes could result in those programs receiving a modified opinion during audits and prevent the programs from receiving a low-risk determination. The impact of receiving low-risk determinations is unknown, but would require more frequent audits and could lead to the federal awarding agency taking other actions.

TODAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

Bills to the Governor: (2)

Bills to the Senate: (1)

House Files: 1 (HF 688)

House Study Bills: 1 (HSB 243)

Senate Files: none (last introduced SF 556)

Senate Study Bills: none (last introduced SSB 1216)

HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

Bills to the Governor: (2)

[SF 135](#) INTERIOR DESIGN

Changes interior design to registered interior design and specifies certain covered practices. Makes conforming changes. Exempts work in non-commercial settings and work done under the supervision of a registered practitioner from registration provisions. Requires that registered interior designers have a seal and allows the use of the seal on submissions which include interior design practices that the designer is competent to perform. Prohibits the use of the seal for technical submissions not prepared by the designer. Requires a registered interior designer to avoid conflicts and includes procedures if a conflict cannot be avoided. Allows designers to make technical submissions for projects and deems those submissions to be public records. Requires local governments to accept sealed submissions.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 49-0 (2/8)

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0; it now GOES to the **Governor**

[SF 197](#) LAND SURVEYOR LICENSING

Retains requirements for land surveyors to have practical experience for licensing but strikes the 6-year requirement. Strikes outdated licensing provisions and updates references. Strikes the requirements for a candidate to demonstrate necessary practical experience before a licensing exam.

The **Senate PASSED** the bill 48-0 (3/15)

The **House PASSED** the bill 94-1; it now GOES to the **Governor**

Bills to the Senate: (1)

[HF 359](#) CHINA BRIDGE ORDERS

Allows a juvenile court to transfer a CHINA case to a district court through the modification of a current bridge order. Includes timelines and other requirements for modifying the order, or other necessary changes to the order, the waiving of filing fees and other matters. Requires the district court to take judicial notice of the juvenile file. Does not require the appointment of counsel in the district court.

The **House PASSED** the bill 95-0; it now GOES to the **Senate**

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

Senate Appropriations: Voted Out (4)

SSB 1209 ADMINISTRATION & REGULATION APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the FY 2024 appropriations for the DAS, State Auditor, Ethics & Campaign Board, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Department of Inspections & Licensing, Department of Insurance & Financial Services, DOM, IPERS, Public Information Board, DOR, Secretary of State, Treasurer and the IUB. **PASSED** 13-7;

FM: Rowley

SSB 1210 AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the FY 2024 GF appropriations for the DALs, DNR, UI and ISU and appropriations from other funds.

Makes appropriations for REAP. **PASSED** 13-7; *FM: Zumbach*

SSB 1211 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the FY 2024 appropriations for the EDA, the IFA, PERB, DWD, ISU, UI and UNI. Makes appropriations from other funds, includes limits on standing appropriations and includes reporting requirements. **PASSED** 13-7; *FM: Lofgren*

SSB 1212 EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Makes the FY 2024 appropriations for the DOE, the DOB and the Regents. Includes limits on standing appropriations. **PASSED** 13-7; *FM: J Taylor*

HOUSE & SENATE AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023		
6 AM-3 PM	<i>Iowa Automobile Dealers Association (IADA) Day at the Hill</i>	<i>Finkbine Drive</i>
7-9 AM	<i>University of Iowa College of Public Health</i>	<i>Legislative Dining Room 15</i>
8:30 AM	HOUSE CONVENES	<i>House Chamber</i>
9 AM	SENATE CONVENES	<i>Senate Chamber</i>
9:30 AM	PUBLIC HEARING SF 494 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT	<i>Room 103</i>
Upon Adjournment	Senate Appropriations Committee SSB 1213 HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Costello (C) SSB 1214 JUSTICE SYSTEMS: Garrett (C) SSB 1215 JUDICIAL BRANCH: Garrett (C)	<i>Room 116</i>
2-3:30 PM	<i>Iowa Climate Strike</i>	<i>Rotunda</i>

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023		
8:30 AM	Senate Ways & Means Subcommittee SSB 1216 BIOGAS LINES: Driscoll (C), Dotzler, Schultz	<i>Room 217</i>
NOON	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HSB 236 CHINESE BODY ARMOR: Harris (C), Jacoby, P Thompson	<i>House Lounge</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee SF 549 CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES: Lundgren (C), Croken, P Thompson	<i>Room 304</i>
12:30 PM	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HSB 234 CATALYTIC CONVERTOR PURCHASES: Kaufmann (C), Jacoby, Wulf	<i>House Lounge</i>
	House Ways & Means Subcommittee HSB 235 WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION: Deyoe (C), Bloomingtondale , Wilson	<i>House Lounge 2</i>

HOUSE DEBATE CALENDAR

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

HF 174	HH	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING (sim/comp to SF 211)	<i>Best</i>
HF 422	PS	CRIMES AGAINST BICYCLISTS (sim/comp to SF 16)	<i>Vondran</i>
HF 564	JU	CHINA PROCEEDINGS (sim/comp to SF 511)	<i>Kaufmann</i>
HF 572	AG	FLYING DRONES OVER FARMS (sim/comp to SF 520)	<i>Wulf</i>
HF 646	JU	SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS (attached to SF 84)	<i>Nordman</i>
HF 651	SG	DOG MATTERS (sim/comp to SF 476)	<i>Bossman</i>
HF 655	JU	UNIFORM LLC ACT (sim/comp to SF 544)	<i>Gustoff</i>
SJR 9	SG	VOTING AGE 18	<i>Golding</i>
SF 219	HH	TATTOO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS	<i>H Wilz</i>
SF 359	TR	VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS	<i>C Thomson</i>
SF 473	AG	LIVESTOCK HEALTH COUNCIL	<i>Harris</i>
SF 490	TR	ACCIDENT REPORTS	<i>Meggers</i>
SF 496	ED	GOVERNORS EDUCATION BILL	<i>Wheeler</i>
SF 527	TR	ALL SYSTEMS PERMIT	<i>Siegrist</i>

HOUSE FILES (HF 688)

[HF 688](#) ARRC MATTERS (ARRC; Successor to [HSB 81](#)) FM: *Sexton*

Allows the administrative code editor to make various edits to the Code to correct references and internet links. Deems that the ombudsman is not covered in the exclusion from the executive branch for the legislative branch. Changes the rules for suspending action on noticed rules. Changes how standards can be adopted by reference. Makes the Administrative Rules Coordinator an *ex officio* member of the ARRC. Makes other changes to administrative rules.

HOUSE STUDY BILLS (HSB 243)

[HSB 243](#) FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS (Appropriations) *Collins* (C), *Bagniewski*, *Stone*

Makes the federal block grant appropriations for FY 2024 and FY 2025. Makes appropriations of federal from previous federal years.