The Third Week

Here are some highlights from the week:

IDPH Legislative Package

- The Senate version of IDPH's technical bill, SSB 1016 **,** was introduced on January 15th and was referred to the Human Resources Committee. It has been assigned to a subcommittee of Senators Mary Jo Wilhelm (chair), Herman Quirmbach, and Nancy Boettger. The subcommittee met on Monday, January 28, at 12:30 pm in the Senate Lobby Lounge.

  The subcommittee members will recommend passage to the full Senate Human Resources Committee with two amendments. One will remove the first division of the bill that relates to Organized Delivery Systems (ODS). Iowa Health Systems, the Iowa Hospital Association, and Mercy Health Network spoke in opposition of IDPH's proposal to remove ODS' from the Iowa Code due to the uncertainty of its necessity while components of the Affordable Care Act are implemented in the near future.

  The second amendment was offered by the Iowa Medical Society in an effort to strengthen language in division three that relates to reimbursement by the state for certain autopsies performed by counties. The amendment does not change the intent of the changes proposed by IDPH.

  A companion bill, HSB 45, was introduced in the House on January 23rd and referred the Human Resources Committee. It was assigned to a subcommittee of Representatives Rob Bacon, Sally Stutsman, and Rob Taylor. A subcommittee has been scheduled for Monday, February 4th at 12:30pm in the House Lobby Lounge.

- To understand how a bill moves through the legislative process, click here.

Legislative Committee Work

- Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Director of IDPH, presented to the Joint Health and Human Services (HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday, January 29th to provide an overview of the IDPH budget. The presentation included information on the Governor's recommendations for the FY 2014 and FY 2015 budget years as well as some discussion on the potential impacts of sequestration.

  To see the complete LSA analysis of the Governor's budget recommendations please click here. The analysis of the agencies under the HHS Appropriations Subcommittee begins on page 139.

  This budget subcommittee provides appropriations to IDPH, the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Iowa Veterans Home. For more information on the membership and work of this subcommittee, please click here.

- To view the House and Senate Human Resources Committee agendas for January 28th and 30th please click here and here respectively.

Highlights for Next Week

- Dr. Miller-Meeks has been invited to present to the Senate State Government Committee on the regulatory functions of the department, specifically licensure of certain professions. The state government committees in each chamber handle most of the licensure bills that are proposed during session. This is a great opportunity to provide education to legislators about the spectrum of responsibilities under IDPH. The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6th, at 2:00pm in room 22.

Other Information

- **Mark Your Calendar.** To view the session timeline please click here.

- The Iowa General Assembly website is a great source of legislative information. The address is www.legis.iowa.gov . Finding your legislator, committee members, photos of legislators and bills is easy to locate. Please take some time to check it out.

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