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Bill Highlights

- **IDPH Legislative Package:**
  - SF 2196 Department Omnibus Bill. This bill advanced over its final hurdle on April 16th and will now be sent to the Governor for his consideration.
  - The Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN) legislation (HF 2187) that was also part of the department's legislative package will not advance this session. It was a wild ride while it lasted. The bill died and was resurrected at least three times throughout session. Privacy and security concerns over patient health information in the Senate became the main barrier for passage. We appreciate the help we received from all of our vested stakeholders including but not limited to Iowa Medicaid, the Iowa Hospital Association, UnityPoint, Mercy Health Network, Xerox, Genesis Health Systems, the Family Planning Council of Iowa, GlaxoSmithKline, and the Iowa Public Health Association. It was greatly appreciated and was in part, the reason we were able to pump life back into this legislative proposal several times over.

- **Anti-Bullying:**
  - SF 2318 Anti-Bullying Bill. This bill has been amended several times this session. To view the full history of the bill, please click here. The most recent action was taken by the House Chamber that passed the bill on April 25 by a vote of 68-27. The bill has been messaged to the Senate Chamber for their consideration of House amendment S-5187.

- **E-Cigarettes:**
  - HF 2109 Vapor Products. The House Chamber passed this bill on February 11 by a vote of 76-22. It passed the Senate Human Resources Committee on March 13. It was placed on the Senate's Unfinished Business Calendar on March 20. It is listed on the Senate's Debate Calendar for Monday, April 28.

- **Elder Abuse:**
  - SF 2239 Elder Abuse Bill. This bill has been amended several times this session. To view the full history of the bill, please click here. The most recent action was taken by the House Chamber that has refused to concur with Senate amendment H-8284. The Senate has indicated that it may take up the bill on Monday, April 28. If the Senate insists on this amendment then a conference committee of both chambers will be appointed.

- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS):**
  - HF 2459 EMS Tax Credit Increase. This bill passed the House Chamber on April 1 by a vote of 99-1. **UPDATE:** It passed the Senate Chamber on April 25 by a vote of 48-0 as amended by S-5172. To view the Fiscal Note published by the Legislative Services Agency please click here. The bill has been messaged to the House Chamber for their consideration of the Senate's amendment.

- **Medical Marijuana:**
  - SF 2360 Medical Cannabidiol Act. This bill was introduced as SSB 3222 on April 23 and passed the Senate Ways and Means Committee on the same date. On April 24 it passed the Senate Chamber by a vote of 36-12. It was assigned to the House Public Safety Committee on April 25 and was voted out of a subcommittee of Representatives Jared Klein, Tom Shaw, and Bob Kressig on the same date. The House Chamber has indicated that the bill will be debated the early part of the week of the 28th.

- **Veterans:**

- SF 303 Home Base Iowa. This bill has been amended several times this session. To view the full history of the bill, please click here. The most recent action was taken by the Senate Chamber that passed the bill with amendments on April 25 by a vote of 48-0. It has been messaged to the House Chamber for their consideration of Senate amendment H-8317.

Signed by the Governor

- SF 366 Radon Control in Schools. SF 366 passed the House on March 18 by a vote of 99-1. It passed the Senate again on April 8. It was signed into law by Governor Branstad on April 17.

Health and Human Services Appropriations

HF 2463 passed the House Chamber on April 10 by a vote of 51-47. It passed the Senate Chamber with amendments on Monday, April 21. To view a summary of the Senate's changes to the House budget published by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), please click here. To view a difference report published by the LSA please click here. A conference committee has been appointed to work out the differences and produce the final bill. They are Senators Jack Hatch, Amanda Ragan, Joe Bolkcom, Dave Johnson, and Jack Whitver, and Representatives Dave Heaton, Linda Miller, Joel Fry, Lisa Heddens, and John Forbes.

Other Information

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