

The Seventh Week

Here are some highlights from the week:

IDPH Legislative Package

- The Senate version of IDPH's technical bill, [SF 202](#), passed unanimously out of the Senate Human Resources Committee with one amendment to remove the first division of the bill that repeals references to Organized Delivery Systems (ODS) on February 14. The next step is debate in the full Senate Chamber.
- A companion bill, [HSB 45](#), passed unanimously out of the House Human Resources Committee with one amendment to remove the first division of the bill that repeals references to Organized Delivery Systems (ODS) on February 25. The next step is debate in the full House Chamber.
- Each bill is currently identical to one another. One bill will be substituted for the other once one of the chambers passes it out.
- IDPH would like to thank the members of each committee for their thoughtful consideration of the provisions put forth by the department.
- To understand how a bill moves through the legislative process, click [here](#).

Bill Subcommittees Attended

Subcommittees were held on the following bills and attended by IDPH staff:

- [HF 181](#): Relates to the adoption of guidelines for the use and prescribing of opiates by emergency departments.
- [SF 150/HF 166](#): A licensure bill that fixes language from the 2012 session for three professions that were added under the Board of Podiatry.
- [SF 178](#): Relates relating to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporter training.
- [HSB 131](#): Permits the sale of raw milk and products made with raw milk in Iowa.
- [SSB 1190](#): Streamlines the licensing structure under the Iowa Board of Plumbing and Mechanical Systems.
- [SSB 1007](#): Relates to radon testing and mitigation in residential and school buildings statewide.
- [SSB 1192](#): Relates to involuntary commitments for persons with substance-related disorders, mental illness, and intellectual disabilities, and providing for the creation of a mental health advocate division in the department of inspections and appeals.
- [SSB 1176](#): Relates to public cafeterias and the American Heart Association's dietary guidelines.
- [HF 217](#): Relates to the creation of a mental health advocate division in the department of inspections and appeals.
- [SF 227](#): Established an Emergency Management Services interim task force to be administered by IDPH.
- [HSB 149](#): Relates to prescription authority for certain psychologists.
- [HF 260](#): Relates to administrative rule-making authority under the Board of Plumbing and Mechanical Systems.
- [SF 196](#): Relates to prenatal and postpartum care.

Legislative Committee Work

- Budget targets were released on Wednesday, February 27 by the majority party legislative leadership in each chamber. This is one of the first of many steps toward developing the state budget for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Targets represent the spending parameters that each joint budget appropriations subcommittee must work within when deciding funding levels for the various departments, agencies, and other entities under their respective purview. In other words, for the estimated revenue the state is anticipating in the next two fiscal years, the target represents the piece of the pie that Health and

Human Services, for example, will get to spend. The information provided does not drill down to the individual departments yet, but that information will hopefully be released in the next week or two.

- To view the House budget targets, please click [here](#).
- To view the Senate budget targets, please click [here](#).
- The Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee (HHS) 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 February 25 and 27 please click [here](#) and [here](#) respectively.

[Highlights for the Eighth Week](#)

- The first funnel week ends on Friday, March 8. This is the first major deadline for bills to continue moving through the process. A bill must pass out of a committee to be considered a live bill after this date. There are exceptions to this rule but it is an attempt to begin to narrow the focus of the General Assembly's work for this session.

[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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