First Funnel:

Friday, March 3rd is the first funnel date. This means that all House Files must be reported out of House Committees and Senate Files must be reported out of Senate Committees by the end of the day on March 3rd. Keep in mind that Appropriation, Ways and Means and Legislative Oversight bills are exempt from the funnel deadlines. It is also possible for bills that did not make the funnel date to be amended into other proposed legislation. However, for the most part, bills that do not make the first funnel will no longer receive the attention of the General Assembly as the workload is winnowed in order to make the adjournment deadline of April 18th.

Cigarette Tax:

In his FY 07 budget, Governor Vilsack included a .80 increase to the state’s Cigarette tax. Iowa’s tax is currently 36 cents a pack, which is one of the lowest in the nation (only eight states have a lower cigarette tax). Last year, the Senate voted out a cigarette tax, but was blocked by House Republicans. This week, there seemed to be a movement on the part of House Republicans to consider the tax at 64 cents a pack. On Wednesday, Representative Walt Tomenga said that “we have to meet our obligations to Iowa seniors and raising a cigarette tax is a great way to do it. The Senior Living Trust Fund is dedicated to helping maintain the independence of older Iowans and we must repay the millions from that fund that have been used for other purposes.” The department has not yet seen the House Health and Human Resources appropriation bill and continues to be concerned that adequate revenue is available to support the Governor’s requested increase of three million dollars (which would draw down an additional six million dollars) Case Management Program for Frail Elders. HF 2022 is the current bill related to the proposed Cigarette Tax.

Case Management Program for Frail Elders (CMPFE):

The House Health and Human Services Appropriations bill will likely be out in the next few weeks. We continue to encourage older Iowans and other stakeholders in the CMPFE system to contact their legislators regarding this issue, (to find out who your legislator is in the House of Representatives, go to www.legis.state.ia.us). We are attaching an updated “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQ) regarding CMPFE. CMPFE is the gateway to the coordination and access to services for thousands of older Iowans.
Continuing Our Mission of Accessibility for All
By Lieutenant Governor Pederson

The recent emergency evacuation at the State Capitol Building has drawn attention to the critical issue of a citizen’s right to equal access. When an important public figure using a wheelchair is unable to evacuate during a fire alarm, it’s frontpage news.

Fortunately, there was no fire and no one’s life was at risk.

But, in fact, everyday thousands of Iowans with disabilities face barriers and challenges of which most of us are unaware. These situations may not be life-threatening, but they seriously affect quality of life for these Iowans and their families.

I have no doubt that we will make the needed improvements to our building evacuation plans so that people with disabilities will not be at risk in the event of an emergency, but if the only thing we do as a result of the failed evacuation incident is to install new equipment in the Capitol building, we will miss the real opportunity we have been given. Our present heightened awareness of the challenges facing citizens with disabilities presents a perfect teachable moment for all of us.

The intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed in 1990, was to require through federal law that citizens with disabilities be afforded equal access to housing, employment, public buildings and public information. Yet, sixteen years later, we find ourselves still working to fulfill that promise.

There is much to do. But this is also an opportunity to review what Iowa has already accomplished in this great effort.

In our first few months in office, Governor Vilsack and I requested a review of all state government buildings for ADA compliance and directed the department of administrative services to speed up renovations required to make buildings and offices accessible to citizens with disabilities. The sidewalk on the east side of the Capitol building designed for wheelchair use was too steep and did not meet standards. It was replaced. Elevators were installed to areas of the capitol previously inaccessible to people in wheelchairs; parking spaces were identified and signage installed; rampways, doors and restrooms were remodeled; flashing emergency alarm systems for the deaf were installed; and evacuation equipment for those using wheel chairs were purchased.

In that first year, we appointed a task force made up of Iowans with disabilities, contractors, architects and building inspectors to recommend a statewide building code that would comply with the standards of the ADA and eliminate the inconsistencies in state and local building codes that often caused confusion and delays. Those recommendations were adopted in 2003 and took effect in January 2004.

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In 1999 the US Supreme Court handed down the Olmstead Decision affirming that people with disabilities and the elderly must have meaningful choices about living in the community. Governor Vilsack responded with a strong commitment to implement Olmstead and called upon the Department of Human Services to develop a working plan for Iowa. This was followed by Executive Order 27 in February 2003 directing state agencies to “reshape the structure and nature of community-based services.”

Working with the guidance of the Olmstead Real Choices Consumer Task Force, state agencies have taken substantial steps to identify and remove barriers to community living for people with disabilities.

The recently enacted IowaCare Act is perhaps the most powerful example of setting public policy in the direction of making community living the first option for people who need long-term supports. It allows us to target resources to home and community-based services, which is a cost effective way to allow older Iowans and persons with disabilities to live in their own homes and communities.

In 2002, our administration set a goal of creating 1000 new units of housing for low-income people with disabilities in communities across the state by 2007. We began the effort with a Disability Housing Summit that brought together consumers, advocates, housing developers, builders, architects, and human service providers to talk about what was needed to support people with disabilities living in communities. Iowa is the first state to bring public, non-profits and private sector stakeholders together and the result has been remarkable. To date, we have built or renovated 824 new housing units including apartments and universal design homes with appropriate community supports.

These measures are the result of much collaboration and citizen advocacy. But we can’t rest in our efforts if all our citizens are to have the opportunity to live, work and participate in our communities.

So what next?

We now have an opportunity to pass important legislation to substantially improve the lives of people with disabilities by removing barriers that people face every day. Hundreds of Iowa citizens have been working on ways to transform the system of support services for adults with disabilities to improve quality and increase positive results. A summary of the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities and Brain Injury Commission’s legislative proposals can be obtained from the Department of Human Services and at www.governor.state.ia.us.

The Governor and I look forward to working with Representative Mark Kuhn, and other committed and dedicated legislators and advocates to take up the recommendations of the Commission. Let’s make this the year we take action, not just to protect, but to improve the lives of citizens with disabilities.
LifeLong Links
Iowa’s Aging and Disability Resource Center Project

Iowa is one of 43 states that receive Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) funds from the Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Dept. of Elder Affairs received the 3-year award for Iowa in 2004. Unlike most other states that chose to set up physical centers where aging consumers and consumers with disabilities work with long-term care counselors to learn about and access services, Iowa chose a different route. Iowa’s ADRC, now known as LifeLong Links, will soon become an Internet web portal that will facilitate access to information, decision-making, and services for every Iowan through Internet access, through providers, and through toll-free telephone service for consumers who do not use a computer or do not have access to the Internet. The project will coordinate existing information and referral resources for older adults and persons with disabilities, provide information for all consumers seeking information about long-term care options and planning, and link consumers to services.

Iowa chose to design a resource that will be used by persons 60 and older and all persons of all ages with disabilities including parents of children with disabilities, caregivers, providers, and the public. Since the resource will provide information and options to persons who are just beginning to think about their long-term care needs, virtually all Iowans may choose the LifeLong Links web portal as their initial source of information about long-term care options and planning.

The LifeLong Links web portal was created in collaboration with other state agencies and entities involved in programming and policy development for elder Iowans and all persons of all ages with disabilities. The Aging and Disability Resource Center Project Work Group, made up of representatives of all populations served by LifeLong Links, guides the work of the project. The web portal LifeLongLinks.org will open later this spring.

Iowa’s ADRC builds on existing information and referral resources, Iowa COMPASS (disability information and referral,) the Iowa Family Caregiver Program (elder and caregiver information and assistance,) and Iowa 211 (health and human services information and referral,) and other systems development initiatives in Iowa including the Real Choices Systems Transformation Grant (another CMS grant staffed by the Iowa Dept. of Human Services) and the Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities/Brain Injury (MHMRDDBI) child and adult systems redesign efforts. The goals of the project are closely coordinated with the goals of these initiatives, resulting in collaborative decision-making about funding resources.

The LifeLong Links web portal will provide a connection between informed consumers and service providers facilitating access to long-term care support services. This connection to services will first be modeled in the aging service system where informed consumers will be linked electronically with Area
Aging In Iowa – A Look at the Stat Book
Source: Presentation to DEA Commission, October, 2005
By Dr. Peter Martin, Gerontology Program Director, Iowa State University

Old Age Dependency Ratio in Iowa
Old age dependency ratio = Age 65 and over / Age 20 - 64 X100

Percent 65 or Over 2000

Iowa 14.9 %

- 20.0 - 24.0
- 15.0 - 19.9
- 7.4 - 14.9
In the Legislature

The following is a listing of the bills the department is monitoring. If you would like more information on a particular bill, click on its number and you will be directed to the Iowa General Assembly’s online bill book.

New this week:
These are bills that are new to the update this week, for which we have included a brief description.

House Files

**HF 2424** Emergency Rule Making
An Act relating to the approval of emergency rulemaking by the governor. By: Administrative Rules Committee (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

**HF 2436** Mandatory Reporters Adult Abuse
An Act requiring certain employees or operators of a licensed substance abuse program or facility to be mandatory reporters of dependent adult abuse and making a penalty applicable. By: Whitaker et al. (House Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Hutter, Smith, Upmeyer

**HF 2464** Nursing Student Background Checks
A bill for an act authorizing an approved nursing education program to initiate criminal and child and dependent adult abuse record checks of students and prospective students regarding the students’ involvement with the clinical education component of the program. By: Committee on Human Resources (House Human Resources) Successor to HSB 656 Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Hutter

**HF 2481** Housing Council
A bill for an act creating an Iowa housing council and making appropriations. By: Reichert et al. (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

**HF 2484** Identity Theft
A bill for an act relating to identity theft including providing for the notification of a breach in the security of computerized data of personal information, allowing a security alert or block on a consumer report, allowing the issuance of an identity theft passport, requiring the deletion of certain records relating to dishonored checks, prohibiting the collection of certain unauthorized debt obligations, requiring the protection and destruction of customer records containing personal information, and providing for civil remedies and penalties. By: Pettengill et al. (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

**HF 2506** Identity Theft Passports
A bill for an act relating to the issuance of identity theft passports by the attorney general. By: Commerce, Regulations & Labor Successor to HF 2247 Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Sands

**HSB 720** Probate Changes
An Act relating to the probate and trust codes. By: Committee on Judiciary (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Eichhorn, Swaim

**HSB 744** Final Funeral Arrangements
An Act identifying and prioritizing persons authorized to provide instructions and approval regarding final funeral arrangements. By: Committee on Human Resources (House Human Resources)

Senate Files

**SF 2239** Personal Needs Allowance
An Act relating to the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities. By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to SF 2048)
SF 2250 Mortality Study An Act providing for the release of certain morbidity and mortality study information to the Iowa healthcare collaborative. By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to SSB 3051)

From Previous Issues of the Update:
These are bills the department continues to monitor. In an effort to decrease the size of the update, we have removed the brief description from this listing.

House Files
HF 116 Senior Deer Hunters By: Struyk, Mertz, Dandekar, Lukan (House Natural Resources Committee) Committee members: Van Engelenhoven (C), Whitead, Wilderdyke

HF 833 Pharmacy Bill By: Ways and Means (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Danielson and Larson (C), McCoy, and Zaun

HF 851 Death Certificates By: Ways and Means (Ways & Means) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Boal, Davitt (Successor to HF 455)

HF 852 Inheritance Tax Credit By: Ways and Means (Ways and Means) Committee members: Soderberg (C), Lalk, Schueller (Formerly HF 795) (Formerly HF 297)

HF 2002 Senior Living Trust Fund By: Raecker and Kuhn (House Appropriations) Committee members: Heaton, Kuhn, and Raecker (Senate Appropriations) Angelo and Dvorsky

HF 2010 Substitute Decision Makers By: Smith (Human Resources)

HF 2018 Personal Needs Allowance By: Gaskill and Swaim (Human Resources)

HF 2021 MR Case Payments By: Heddens (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Freeman, Heddens (See Successor HF 2492) Floor Manager: Carroll

HF 2022 Cigarette Taxes By: Tomenga and Olson R. (Ways and Means)

HF 2026 Non-Profit Tax Exemption By: Paulsen (Ways and Means) Committee members: Paulson, Kaufmann, Huser

HF 2028 Veteran Status By: D Olson (Veteran Affairs) Committee members: May (C), Tymeson, Wendt

HF 2039 Elder Fishers By: Bell and Huser (Natural Resources) Committee members: Lukan, Bell, and May (Now HF 2171) Inactive

HF 2040 Medicaid Inflation Factor By: Swaim and Gaskill (Human Resources)

HF 2045 SS-Pension Income Phase Out By: Ways and Means (Successor to HSB 502) Passed House to Senate (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Connelly & Wieck, Miller, Quirmbach

HF 2049 Senior Property Tax Freeze By: Butka (Ways and Means)

HF 2055 Long Term Care Deduction By: Frevert (Human Resources)

HF 2057 Personal Needs Allowance By: Kaufmann et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Granzow (C), Tomenga, Wendt (Successor Bill is HF 2319) Inactive

HF 2060 Personal Needs Allowance By: Huser et al. (Human Resources) (Companion to LSB 5740SS)

HF 2062 Medicaid Inflation Factor By: Huser et al. (Human Resources)
HF 2063  Fundraising  By:  Ford (State Government) Committee members: Hutter, Boal, and Ford

HF 2064  Long Term Care  By:  Huser & Peters (Commerce, Regulations & Labor) (Companion to LSB 5741SS)

HF 2066  Involuntary Commitments  By:  Petersen (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Foege, Hutter

HF 2068  Senior Living Trust Fund  By:  Huser et al. (Human Resources)

HF 2071  Burial Sites  By:  Swaim (Local Government)

HF 2081  Military Property Tax Credit  By:  Dix et al. (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Hutter, and Whitead (Companion to SF 2008) Passed out of Sub Committee

HF 2087  Electronic Prescriptions  By:  Heaton (House Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Jacoby, and Wilderdyke

HF 2088  Income Exemption  By:  Kurtenbach et al. (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Kaufmann, Paulsen, and D. Taylor Passed out of Sub Committee

HF 2089  Mobile Treatment Team  By:  Heaton (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton (C), Roberts, and Smith

HF 2106  MHMRDD Services  By:  Carroll (House Human Resources) (Successor is HF 2330) Inactive

HF 2111  Dependent Adult Abuse Investigation  By:  Bell (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Carroll, Winckler

HF 2113  Long Term Care Standards  By:  Swaim & Gaskill (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

HF 2115  Suicide Prevention  By:  Lensing (House Human Resources) (Companion to SF 2034)

HF 2126  Health Insurance Policies  By:  Foege (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

HF 2128  Public Record Information Credit  By:  Gaskill et al. (House State Government)

HF 2130  State Records Destruction  By:  Hutter (House State Government)

HF 2139  Legislative Council Rule Review  By:  Struyk, Huser, & Dandekar (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

HF 2145  Food Establishment Reinspection Fees  By:  Upmeyer (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Carroll, Ford

HF 2146  Preadmission Screening  By:  Upmeyer (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer, Carroll, Foege

HF 2147  Temporary Conservators  By:  Huser, Swaim, Gaskill and Petersen (House Judiciary) Committee members: Heaton, Anderson, Foege

HF 2148  Directed Attendant Skills  By:  Upmeyer (House Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach, Granzow, Peterson

HF 2149  Expert Medical Witness  By:  Upmeyer (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Jochum, Tymeson

HF 2159  State Budget Calendar  By:  Heaton (House Government Oversight)

HF 2162  Rule Making Authority Credit  By:  Upmeyer et al. (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

HF 2166  Dependent Adult Abuse  By:  Pettengill et al. (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Winckler, Carroll
HF 2168 Involuntary Commitments By: Jacobs (House Judiciary) Committee members: J.R. Van Fossen, Foege, and Heaton

HF 2171 Elder Fishers By: Committee on Natural Resources (Successor to HF 2039) Passed House to Senate

HF 2185 Food Inspections By: Upmeyer (House Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer, Carroll, Jacoby

HF 2186 Health Related Appropriations By: Wendt (House Appropriations) (Companion to SF 2119)

HF 2193 Hate Crimes By: Mascher (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Lensing, Paulsen

HF 2195 County Mental Health Services By: Wendt (House Human Resources)

HF 2198 Explaining Medicaid Benefits By: Berry & Kressig (House Human Resources)

HF 2210 Domestic Abuse Recommendation By: Mascher (House Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson (C), Carroll, and Lensing

HF 2211 Medicaid Estate Recovery By: Cohoon

HF 2215 Rule Regulatory Analysis By: Eichhorn (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

HF 2219 Cemetery Access By: Kaufmann and Lalk (House Local Government) Committee members: Rasmussen, Arnold, and Huser


HF 2238 Federal Block Grants By: Committee on Appropriations (Formerly HSB 563) Passed Senate to the Governor

HF 2260 Public Motor Vehicle Identification By: Jacobs (House Transportation) Committee members: Luken, Mertz, and S. Olson

HF 2270 Domestic Violence Brochure By: Ford (House Appropriations)

HF 2277 Human Corpse Abuse By: Schueller et al. (House Judiciary) Committee members: J.R. Van Fossen, Carroll, and Smith

HF 2302 Job Sharing By: Mascher (House State Government)

HF 2319 Personal Needs Allowance By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to HF 2057) Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Granzow

HF 2321 Nutrition and Exercise Grant Program By: Committee on Human Resources (Successor to HSB 583) Placed on Calendar, fiscal note, Floor Manager: Upmeyer

HF 2325 Brain Injury Services By: Carroll and Kurtenbach (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Foege, Heddens, Kurtenbach, and Tymeson Passed out of sub-committee, FM: Carroll

HF 2338 MH/MR/DD/BI Services By: Carroll & Heddens (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, Heddens, Luken, and Wendt

HF 2339 Food Reinspection Fees By: Petersen (House Human Resources)

HF 2349 Landlord Retaliation By: Ford (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)
HF 2353 Medicaid Modifications By: Struyk, Dandekar, and Huser (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, and Wendt

HF 2355 Medicaid Medical Equipment By: Struyk & Huser (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Berry, and Heaton

HF 2358 Agency Audits By: Jacobs (House State Government) Committee members: Jacobs, Jochum, and Kurtenbach

HF 2360 Utility Information from Landlords By: Petersen (House Commerce, Regulation, and Labor)

HF 2363 Veterans at Health Care Facilities By: Committee on Veterans Affairs (Successor to HSB 574) Passed House to Senate (Senate State Government)

HF 2373 Food Code Transfer By: Upmeyer (House Human Resources)

HF 2380 Whistleblowers By: Pettengill et al. (House State Government)

HF 2383 Rent Reimbursement By: Struyk, Huser, Dandekar, & Mertz (House Ways and Means)

HF 2393 MH/MR/DD/BI Confidentiality By: Admin. Rules Review Committee (House Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Carroll, and Heddens

HF 2394 Administrative Rules Filings By: Admin. Rules Review Committee (House State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Tomenga

HF 2411 Medical Review Committee By: Hutter (House Judiciary) Committee members: Paulsen (C), Jochum, Tymeson

HF 2425 Death with Dignity By: Mascher (House Human Resources)

HSB 559 Dependant Adult Abuse By: DHS (House Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderduke, Berry, Hutter, Smith, Upmeyer

HSB 573 Veterans Cemetery By: Dept. of Veterans Affairs Committee members: Hutter, Quirk, Watts

HSB 574 Veterans Health Care Facility By: Dept. of Veterans Affairs Passed out of Committee to 2nd Committee (House Veterans Affairs) Committee members: Alons (C), Freeman, Whitead

HF 2353 Medicaid Modifications By: Struyk, Dandekar, and Huser (House Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll, Heaton, and Wendt

SF 341 Long-term Living System By: Human Resources (Formerly SSB 1272)

SF 355 Medicare Part D Task Force By: Human Resources (Formerly SSB 1204)

SF 416 Cigarette Tax and Property Tax By: Ways and Means (House Ways and Means) Committee members: Van Fossen (C), Kurtenbach, Shomshor (Formerly SSB 1322)

SF 2008 Cemetary Access By: Kreiman (Local Government) Committee members: Kreiman & Mulder (C), Stewart, and Zaun Successor is SF 2208 Inactive

SF 2031 Grandparent Visitation By: Ragan et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Seymour (C), Ragan, and Tinsman Deferred

SF 2034 Suicide Prevention Office By: Ragan & Bolkcom ( Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky
SF 2036 Veterans Programs Appropriations By: Appropriations (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: (HF 2080 subsituted) withdrawn

SF 2037 Military Pension Exemption By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Danielson & Zaun (C), Dotzler, Zieman

SF 2038 Disabled Veterans Homestead By: Lamberti (Ways & Means) Committee members: Dotzler & McKibben (C), Danielson, Zaun

SF 2040 Long-term Care Credit By: Miller (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun

SF 2044 Pension Income Phase Out By: Tinsman et al. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Connolly & McKibben (C), Bolkcom, Zieman (Companion to HF 2045)

SF 2048 Personal Needs Allowance By: Bolkcom et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Ragan, and Seymour (Successor to SF 2239) Passed out of committee, FM: Johnson

SF 2051 Medicaid Transformation By: Committee on Appropriations (Formerly SSB 3016)

SF 2058 Long Term Care Insurance By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom, Wieck, McKinkey, Rielly

SF 2059 Health Care Whistle Blower By: Bolkcom et al. (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Quirmbach (C), Bolkcom, and Houser

SF 2062 Senior Living Trust Appropriations By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

SF 2067 Minimum Wage By: Dotzler et al. (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: Behn & Dotzler (C), Courtney, and Seymour

SF 2068 Medicaid Reimbursement By: Bolkcom et al. (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Quirmbach & Seymour (C), Bolkcom, and Houser (Companion to LSB 5742HH)

SF 2070 LIHEAP Supplemental By: Hatch et al. (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky

SF 2073 Temporary Conservator By: Bolkcom (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Behn & Quirmbach (C), Boettger, and Wood

SF 2074 Medicaid and Medicare Services Waiver By: Miller (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Seymour (C), Gaskill, and Quirmbach

SF 2081 Veterans Cemetary By: Stewart (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Stewart, Kettering, Warnstadt

SF 2082 Veterans Home By: Ragan (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

SF 2099 Workforce Training Vouchers By: Hatch (Senate Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: McKibben & Seng (C), Behn, and Horn

SF 2113 Property Tax Reform By: Angelo et al. (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Connolly & Miller, Quirmbach, Zieman

SF 2119 Health Related Appropriations By: Warnstadt (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky
**SF 2124** Nutrition and Grant Exercise Grant Program By: Committee on Human Resources (Senate Human Resources) (Successor to SSB 3012) Passed Senate to House

**SF 2144** MHI Beds By: Warnstadt (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Dotzler, Seymour, Johnson, and Wood

**SF 2159** Official License Plates By: Ward (Senate Transportation) Committee members: Ward, Warnstadt, Beall, and Kettering

**SF 2170** Senior Home Retrofit By: Hatch (Senate Economic Growth) Committee members: Beall & Hahn (C), Ragan, Zaun

**SF 2198** State Safety Standards By: Bolkcom (House State Government) Committee members: Black, Kettering, Brunckhorst, and Horn

**SF 2202** Nursing Facility Tax Assessments By: Beall (Senate Ways and Means) Committee members: Quirmbach, Zieman, Bolkcom, and Miller

**SF 2208** Cemetary Access By: Committee on Local Government Committee members: (Successor to SF 2008) Placed on Calendar, Floor Manager: Kreiman

**SF 2214** MH/MR/DD/BI Services By: Hatch and Tinsman (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser, Tinsman, Bolkcom, and Hatch

**SF 2215** Health Care Insurance By: Wieck (Senate Commerce) Committee members: Rielly & Wieck (C), Stewart, Zaun

**SF 2216** Administrative Rules Filings By: Admin. Rules Review Committee (Senate State Government) Committee members: Kibbie, Ward, Brunckhorst, and Danielson

**SF 2217** MH/MR/DD/BI Confidentiality By: Admin Rules Review Committee (Senate Human Resources)

**SF 2218** Medical Malpractice Caps By: Brunckhorst et al. (Senate Judiciary) Committee members: Brunckhorst & Dvorsky (C), Horn, McKibben

**SF 2230** Emergency Rule By: Admin Rules Review Committee (House State Government) Committee members: Kibbie & Ward (C), Connolly, Miller

**SF 2231** State Employees Sick Leave By: Committee on Senate Government (Successor to SSB 3138) Placed on the Calendar

**SSB 3010** Medicaid Issues By: DHS (Human Resources) Committee members: Seymour & Hatch (C), Behn, Woods

**SSB 3014** Dependant Adults By: DHS (Human Resources) Committee members: Kreiman & Houser (C), Bolkcom, Tinsman

**SSB 3019** Identity Theft By: Attorney General (Senate Judiciary) Committee members: Ward, Quirmbach, Boettger, Kreiman

**SSB 3035** DHS Technical Bill By: DHS (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch, Dotzler, Houser

**SSB 3038** Consumer Choice By: Governor Bill (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Boettger, Quirmbach, Seymour

**SSB 3041** Governor Senior Living Trust By: Governor's Budget Bill (Senate Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky

**SSB 3072** Nursing Facilities Reserve Beds By: Committee on Human Resources (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C), Boettger, Hatch
SSB 3081 Public Health Bill By: Proposed by IDPH (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Gaskill & Wood (C), Tinsman, Dotzler

SSB 3082 MI/MR/DD/BI Support By: Proposed IDHS Bill (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson & Hatch (C), Gaskill, Bolkcom

SSB 3083 Nursing Education Record Checks By: Proposed by IDPH/Board of Nursing (Senate Human Resources) Committee members: Houser & Wood, Johnson, Ragan

Connecting with Experience State Conference on Iowa's 50+ Workforce Set for May 24 in West Des Moines

Governor Vilsack, the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs and AARP are sponsoring the one-day, information-packed event aimed at addressing the myths and truths about mature workers, and provide resources and tactics employers can use to prepare for the demographic changes their companies will face in the coming decade. Legislators are encouraged to attend.

The conference is a key element in the State of Iowa pilot program on the mature workforce, which was created in partnership with the AARP to focus attention on the issues and opportunities facing mature workers. Cost of the conference is $30 per person by advance registration, or $40 the day of the event.

For more information on the Connecting with Experience Conference, contact Phyllis Anderson at the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs at 515/725-3323 or Ann Black at the AARP Iowa State Office at 515/697-1003, or visit the Department of Elder Affairs website at: www.state.ia.us/elderaffairs/#CWER

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