



Week 9- March 6-March 10
Iowa Firefighters Association
Chuck Raska, President & IFA Board

CALL TO ACTION HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN

Bills of interest to IFA

Action this week in noted ion RED

HSB 19/ HF 193/HF 340 LOSAP

Passed sub & full Local Government committee with an amendment that allows cities to raise the money needed for the LOSAP award

HF 193 PASSED Approps sub and full committee.

And now it is eligible for floor debate

ACTION ITEM:

Email Pat.grassley@legis.iowa.gov and Matt.Windschitl@legis.iowa.gov

And respectfully ask them to support HF 340 and bring it to the floor for debate.

SENATE SF 272/ SF 447: Senator Tom Shipley will sponsor this bill

Passed Sub and full committee: Chair: Shipley, Green and Knox

The bill now goes to Senate Approps committee. The subcommittee was assigned to: CHAIR Zumbach, Kraayenbrink and Giddens

ACTION ITEM:

Email

dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov

Tim.Kraayenbrink@legis.iowa.gov

Eric.Giddens@legis.iowa.gov

And respectfully ask them to support SF 447 by passing it through sub and full committees

WE ARE HOPING FOR A SUBCOMMITTEE NEXT WEEK.

SF 43/SF 174 Building Code Changes (Local Gov)

HF 490

Subcommittee of Webster, Green, Quirnbach
Passed Sub & full Local Gov Committee
On debate calendar



Amendment filed regarding residential building design elements

This bill relates to the regulation of building design elements by governmental subdivisions. The bill defines “national model code”, “residential building”, and “residential building design element”.

The bill prohibits a governmental subdivision from adopting or enforcing a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, building code, or other regulation that governs building design elements in three primary manners. First, a governmental subdivision cannot prohibit or limit the use or installation of a building product or material in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the building product or material is approved for use by an applicable, recently published national model code. Second, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a standard for a building product, material, or aesthetic method in construction, renovation, maintenance, or other alteration of a residential building or structure if the standard is more stringent than a standard for the product, material, or aesthetic method under a recently published national model code. Third, a governmental subdivision cannot establish a new, or amend an existing, residential building design element requirement unless certain conditions apply to either the building or the requirement.

The bill does not prohibit or diminish the rights of private parties to enact regulations as created by valid private covenants or other contractual agreements among property owners relating to residential building design elements including but not limited to restrictive covenants and declarations such as those relating to condominiums or otherwise permitted under Iowa law.

The bill takes effect upon enactment.

HSB 126 Department Re-organization bill

Bloomington, Baeth, Johnson, Lundgren, Nielsen, Young And Zabner

PASSED Sub and Full committees

BE SURE TO CONTACT LEADERS IN THE HOUSE (Pat Grassley and Matt Windschitl) AND THE GOVERNOR to share your concerns about the effects this re-org bill will have on the Fire Service Training Bureau and Fire Marshalls office. We have been copied on some great letters so if you need help with language contact us.

This 1500 page bill re-organizes state government departments from 37 to 16 departments. The Senate version is broken down into 3 bills. IFA’s concern is that it takes many services away from the State Fire Marshalls office. For example: all fire inspections will now go through the Department of Inspections and Appeals(DIA) and the fireworks funds grants will also go through DIA too. There are many other parts of the bill that are of concern.

SSB 1123 Department Re-organization bill

Schultz, Bisignano, Boulton, Bousselot, Webster
PASSED SUB AND FULL committee



SSB 1124/SF 356 Department Re-organization bill
Dawson, Jochum, Klemish, Koelker and Petersen
PASSED Sub AND FULL committee

SSB 1125/SF 550 Department Re-organization bill
PASSED Sub and full committee Dawson, Driscoll, Jochum, Koelker, Winkler

SSB 1001/SF 183 Maximum age

Passed sub

Passed full committee

Passed Senate floor-Now to public safety in the HOUSE: HSB 162

Public Safety sub: Gustoff, Abdul-ASamad, Fisher

Subcommittee in House scheduled 3/14 at 12:30

This bill relates to the maximum employment age for certain city public safety positions. Under current law, the maximum age for a city police officer, marshal, or fire fighter employed for police duty or the duty of fighting fires is 65 years of age. The maximum employment age does not apply to volunteer fire fighters. The bill sets a maximum employment age of 65 for city law enforcement officers, in addition to those positions currently subject to the maximum employment age, and provides that the maximum employment age applies to any included position regardless of whether the person's employment is full-time or part-time. The bill states that the maximum employment age does not apply to reserve peace officers in addition to volunteer fire fighters.

The bill takes effect upon enactment.

SSB 1091/SF 214 Holding office as a Firefighter

Passed sub and full committee, ready for floor debate

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

This bill relates to certain emergency services provided by a city.

Current law generally voids a contract entered into by a city officer or employee if the officer or employee has an interest, direct or indirect, in the contract or job of work or material or the profits thereof or services to be furnished or performed for the officer's or employee's city. The bill provides that this provision does not prohibit the lawful compensation, including nominal stipends, incentives, and benefits, for a volunteer fire fighter or emergency medical care provider holding one or more city offices or positions if holding the office or position is not incompatible with another public office or is not prohibited by law.

Current law allows a city council member, during the term for which the member is elected, to serve as the chief of a volunteer fire department or serve a volunteer fire department in any other capacity. A person holding the office of chief of such a volunteer fire department at the time of the person's election to the city council may continue to



hold the office of chief of the volunteer fire department during the city council term for which that person was elected. The bill allows a city council member to serve as chief of the volunteer fire department upon a majority vote of the council.

The bill provides that a city may establish a fund or reserve savings account to pay for major equipment for police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services. If a city has established such a fund or account and has received a payment, award, judgment, or insurance settlement for damaged police, fire, rescue, or emergency medical services equipment or vehicles, the city shall deposit the moneys into the relevant fund or account rather than into the general fund of the city. However, if a city uses moneys from its general fund to cover costs to repair or replace such equipment or vehicles, the city may deposit into its general fund an amount received from the payment, award, judgment, or insurance settlement that is equal to the amount used from the general fund. The city shall deposit any remaining amount received into the relevant fund or account. Moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year may be deposited into a reserve savings account. Moneys in a reserve savings account shall be used for the purpose of maintaining or acquiring major equipment including vehicles.

SF 41/SF 352 Funding of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Passed sub and full committee

Referred to Ways & Means committee

No Action this week

HF 126/HF 546 Funding of EMA

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS AND MEANS

Under Code section 29C.17, a local emergency management agency's approved budget is funded by one or any combination of several funding options, as determined by the local emergency management commission, including a countywide special levy pursuant to Code section 331.424(1) under the county's supplemental property tax levy authority in an amount sufficient to pay for the maintenance and operation of the local emergency management agency. This bill authorizes the local emergency management commission to certify and levy the countywide special levy for the maintenance and operation of the agency and strikes the county's authority to certify such a levy. The bill also specifies the local emergency management commission to be a municipality for purposes of Code chapter 24 (local budgets).

The bill applies to budgets for property taxes due and payable in fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024.

SF 263 EMS SALARIES (Salmon) (Ways & Means)

Sub-committee assigned: Dickey, Klemish and Petersen

NO ACTION

Code chapter 422D authorizes counties to impose a property tax levy, an income surtax, or a combination of both taxes within the county, excluding those areas within a benefited emergency medical services district under Code chapter 357F, to be used for specified emergency medical services costs, if the taxes are approved at election.

This bill adds salaries and benefits of emergency medical care providers, as defined in Code section 147A.1, to the eligible expenditures from the county emergency medical services trust fund under Code section 422D.6.

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SF 266/SF 454 CIVIL SERVICE POLICE & FF HIRES (Local Government)

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEES

READY FOR FLOOR DEBATE

NO ACTION

This bill relates to civil service requirements for the hiring of certain city public safety positions. Under current law, Code chapter 400 (civil service) sets forth a variety of provisions relating to hiring civil service employees, including examinations, probationary periods, veteran preferences, and other qualifications. The bill allows a city council to suspend civil service hiring practices for the hiring of fire fighters, fire chiefs, assistant fire chiefs, police officers, police chiefs, or assistant police chiefs. A suspension shall not be in effect for more than one year, but a city council may immediately vote to implement a new suspension upon the expiration of the prior suspension. Required hiring practices shall be immediately reinstated upon the expiration of a suspension. A city council may vote to reinstate hiring practices prior to the expiration of a suspension. A subsequent vote to suspend required hiring practices is considered a vote for a new suspension

SF 113 PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR EMS

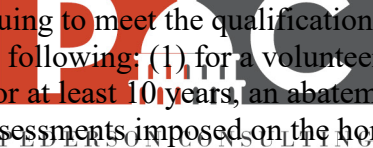
Subcommittee members : Senators, Dickey, Dawson and Petersen

NO ACTION

WAYS & MEANS bill

This bill authorizes a volunteer emergency services provider, as defined in Code section 100B.14(2), whose homestead is located in the local service area for which the provider is a volunteer and who has been a volunteer emergency services provider for five or more years, earns less than \$5,000 per year for service as a volunteer emergency services provider, and is in good standing with the provider's volunteer agency or entity, to file a petition with the county board of supervisors, requesting abatement of property taxes and special assessments assessed on the individual's homestead and giving other information as the board may require.

The petition filed with the board of supervisors shall specify the type of abatement sought under the bill. Following receipt of the petition, the board of supervisors shall forward a copy of the petition to the governing body of each taxing authority not excluded under the bill that levies taxes or special assessments on the homestead. If the board of supervisors approves the abatement, the abatement shall apply to all applicable taxes and special assessments on the homestead, excluding those for which an objection by the governing body taxing authority was filed with the board of supervisors within 30 days of the board providing a copy of the petition. The board of supervisors may order the abatement of the taxes and special assessments that are assessed against the petitioner's homestead for the assessment year during which the petition is filed and, if specified by the board, the taxes and special assessments for one or more future years,



subject to the petitioner continuing to meet the qualifications of the bill. The approved abatement shall not exceed the following: (1) for a volunteer emergency services provider that has not been a volunteer for at least 10 years, an abatement of 10 percent of all applicable taxes and special assessments imposed on the homestead, not to exceed \$500; and (2) for a volunteer emergency service provider who has been a volunteer emergency service provider for 20 or more years, an abatement of 10 percent of all applicable taxes and special assessments imposed on the homestead, not to exceed \$500, during the remainder of the volunteer emergency service provider's life so long as the provider's homestead is in the local service area of the agency or entity for which the provider was a volunteer.

The bill also specifies the method of apportioning the abatement among each applicable levy and special assessment.

The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

SF 313 Firefighter training requirements

Introduced by Senator Dickey and referred to State Government

Passed Sub and full committee with amendment, which has not been shared

NO ACTION THIS WEEK

IFA remain strongly against this bill in order to protect the safety of our firefighters. Two hours a month is not asking too much to keep current with the many aspects of safety in fire service .If you have more questions about this bill contact any board member. Please contact the following leaders to ask them to protect our volunteer firefighters by not moving this bill

forward:Jack.whitver@legis.iowa.gov (Majority Leader) and

Amy.sinclair@legis.iowa.gov (President) and to (Governor)

kimberly.reynolds@iowa.gov

This bill relates to continued annual training requirements for certain volunteer fire fighters. Under current law, the fire service training bureau offers programs to volunteer, trainee, or employed fire fighters with minimum instruction requirements for certification. The bill provides that a member of a volunteer fire department may be deemed to have completed the member's continued annual training requirements upon completion of 75 percent of the required training hours if the person has served as a volunteer fire fighter for at least 10 years, receives no more than \$5,000 in annual compensation for service as a volunteer fire fighter, serves a population of less than 20,000, and has approval from the chief of the volunteer fire department.

HF 418/HF603 VOLUNTEER TIRE PURCHASES (Wood, 16 R's) (Transportation)

INTRODUCED

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEES

Ready for floor debate

Limits a volunteer firefighter and EMS to the purchase of one set of tires under the DAS master contract.

**Email Pat.grassley@legis.iowa.gov and Matt.Windschitl@legis.iowa.gov
And respectfully ask them to support HF 603 and bring it to the floor for debate. IT
COSTS THE STATE NOTHING AND PUTS IMMEDIATE SAVINGS IN YOUR
POCKET!**

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HF 531 VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS (Jacoby) (Ways & Means)

Increases the income tax credits for volunteer FF, EMS and Reserve peace officers to \$1,000.

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SF 299 / 529 TREATING POLICE DOGS

Allows an EMS worker to treat an injured police dog if the dog is severely injured and in need of immediate medical attention. Does not require an EMS worker to treat a police dog and exempts the worker from any liability.

AMENDED & PASSED 17-0; FM: Reichman

FUNNEL PROOF

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE IFA GOLF TOURNEY IN
STATE CENTER ON APRIL 29TH**

Here is the

link: <https://www.iowafirefightersassociation.com/golf-tournament>