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Week 14

Iowa Firefighters Association

Chuck Raska, President & IFA Board

New action is listed in **RED**

CALL TO ACTION HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN

Action this week is noted in **RED**.

HOW TO FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR?

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

enter your address and the information will pop up!

HOW TO FIND A BILL?

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/findLegislation>

on the right hand side enter the bill number and it will pop up for you to read.

You can also see the bill history of all the action that has occurred

A BILL PLACED ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR BUYS SOME MORE TIME AND KEEPS IT ALIVE.

LOSAP

HSB 19/ HF 193/HF 340

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.

PASSED House floor unanimously

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

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

The subcommittee was assigned to: CHAIR Zumbach, Kraayenbrink and Giddens

PASSED SUB COMMITTEE 3-0

It now needs to pass the full Approps committee which has not been scheduled yet. We are funnel proof

The Senate would like to find a different funding source and have been trying to attach this bill to another bill.

ACTION ITEM:

THE CHAIR OF APPROPS IS tim.kraayenbrink@legis.iowa.gov

VICE CHAIR IS dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov

You can see the whole committee here:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/committee?ga=90&groupID=324>

Senator Klemish has been working on this bill now. Please contact YOUR Senator and Senator Mike.Klemish@legis.iowa.gov and ask for support of getting this bill done.



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

PASSED SUB and FULL COMMITTEES

Passed House Approps

PASSED HOUSE FLOOR

Passed Senate Local Gov sub and full committee

Passed SENATE Approps sub and full committee. **Now goes to Senate FLOOR. The Senate amended this bill to only give this benefit to you every 3 years and to also exclude the RESERVE officers from this benefit. So that means if it passes the SENATE FLOOR IT MUST GO BACK TO THE House floor to be approved.**

PLEASE contact at least your Senator and ask them to move this forward.

Limits a volunteer firefighter and EMS to the purchase of one set of tires under the DAS master contract. This puts the cost savings directly into your pocket when you buy new tires.

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

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

FUNNEL PROOF

Ways and Means

No action this week

CHAPTER 411

SF 505

HF 687

IN WAYS & MEANS- passed full committee

On unfinished business calendar

This bill relates to police officers and fire fighters concerning civil service entrance evaluations and benefits for members of the municipal fire and police retirement system

This may be important to paid Fire Chiefs in volunteer departments.

These two tax bills may be of interest to cities and counties in regards to changes in the tax code which may imoact funds for city services or you personally. The bills are too lengthy to post here but you can review them by following directions above on how to find a bill.

SSB 1124/SF 356 Property Tax Levy Limits

Dawson, Jochum, Klemish, Koelker and Petersen

PASSED Sub AND FULL committee

Fiscal Note released

No Action this week

PUT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR

IN WAYS AND MEANS-FUNNEL PROOF



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SSB 1125/SF 550 TAX BILL

PASSED Sub and full committee Dawson, Driscoll, Jochum, Koelker, Winkler

In Ways and Means

PUT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS CALENDAR-FUNNEL PROOF

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

Passed House sub and full committee < passed House floor, now goes to the Governor

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.

SF 41/SF 352 Funding of EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Passed sub and full committee

Referred to Ways & Means committee

Subcommittee passed

HF 126/HF 546 Funding of EMA

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS AND MEANS-funnel proof

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.



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

Sub-committee assigned: Dickey, Klemish and Petersen

HF 705

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.

SF 113 /SF 555 PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY PROVIDER

Subcommittee members : Senators, Dickey, Dawson and Petersen

Passed sub and full committee

WAYS & MEANS bill

Placed on unfinished business calendar

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.



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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.

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

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

As always, let us know if you have any questions

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THE END OF SESSION IS WINDING DOWN SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP ADVOCATING. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SENATORS!

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY TYPOS IN THESE REPORTS AS THEY ARE GENERALLY WRITTEN LATE AT NIGHT OR ON THE FLY BETWEEN MEETINGS.