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State Policy Update

First Funnel

The first funnel was Friday, March 8th, and it is one of a few deadlines set in place to keep the legislative process moving. By this date, bills must be passed out of committee from their respective chamber (Ex. Senate files must be passed out of their Senate committee and House files must be passed out of their House committee) in order to continue in the legislative process.

If bills were not passed out last week, they are considered "dead" and cannot be debated or voted on. Exceptions to this rule are Appropriations bills, Ways and Means bills, government oversight bills, and bills from leadership.

Legislation

[House File 18](#) Establishes a worker shortage loan forgiveness program to be administered by the college student aid commission. Did not pass out of Economic Growth Committee by funnel deadline.

[House Study Bill 166](#) Establishes an interim study committee relating to the impact of state assistance program income restriction guidelines. Passed out of House Human Resources Committee.

[House Study Bill 179](#) Makes appropriations relating to the future ready Iowa initiative. In House Appropriations subcommittee with Grassley, Best, Hall, Kerr, and Oldson.

[House Study Bill 208](#) Permits qualified entities to request national criminal history checks of certain covered individuals. Passed out of House Public Safety Committee.

[House File 230](#) Creates the Iowa job training tax credit program. Did not pass out of Economic Growth Committee by funnel deadline.

[House Study Bill 246](#) Appropriates federal funds made available from federal block grants. Assigned to Appropriations subcommittee with Sorensen, Deyoe, and Running-Marquardt.

[House File 290](#) Relates to eligibility and reporting requirements for the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Placed on House debate calendar.

[House File 330](#) Relates to certain workforce training programs administered by community colleges and tuition assistance related to such programs. Did not pass out of Economic Growth Committee by funnel deadline.

[House File 562](#) Relates to the skilled workforce shortage tuition grant program. Did not pass out of Economic Growth Committee by funnel deadline.

[Senate File 79](#) Relates to apprenticeship training delivered via interactive distance learning. Did not pass out of State Government Committee by funnel deadline.

[Senate File 163](#) Relates to state child care assistance, including eligibility and waiting list guidelines and copayment requirements. Did not pass out of Human Resources Committee by funnel deadline.

[Senate File 164](#) Exempts from the individual income tax the wages of individuals who are employed in high-demand jobs. In Senate Ways and Means subcommittee with Feenstra, Brown, and Dotzler.

[Senate File 309](#) Relates to unemployment compensation benefits and department-approved training. Did not pass out of Labor and Business Relations Committee by funnel deadline.

[Senate File 481](#) Creates a tax credit for community college students pursuing a credential leading to a high-demand occupation. In Senate Ways and Means subcommittee with Behn, Quirmbach, and Sweeney.

[Senate File 430](#) Relates to the supplemental nutrition assistance program and workfare. Passed out of Labor and Business Relations Committee.

[Senate File 567](#) Relates to disqualifications from holding certain professional licenses for persons convicted of certain felonies. Passed out of Labor and Business Relations Committee.

[Senate File 577](#) Establishes the criminal offense of sexual exploitation of a child with a disability by an employee of a community college. Placed on Senate debate calendar.

Important Dates

April 5 Second Funnel

Final date for Senate bills to be passed out of House committees and House bills to be passed out of Senate committees.

May 3 Target Adjournment Date

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