

February 23, 2024 –Week 7

With the first funnel having passed, both chambers began floor debate this week. There was also an uptick of activity in the Ways and Means and Appropriations committees. March 15 is the second funnel, the deadline by when most policy bills must be passed out of committee in the opposite chamber.

As a bill moves through the legislative process, many changes can occur. Amendments are added with new language, receives a new bill number, or completely changes. The process can be difficult to track. Please reach out to [Rachel](#) with any questions! See below for an update on the legislation Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity is following.

Key Legislation:

[HF2188](#): This legislation removes the cap on the real estate transfer tax and would increase monies to the State Housing Trust Fund. The Legislative Services Agency's [fiscal note](#) estimates approximately \$3 million increase in funds. A Ways and Means subcommittee moved the bill forward this week and hopefully the full committee will vote on it in the next 1-2 weeks. (Formerly HSB557) **Support.**

[HF2420](#): This legislation increases the Workforce Housing Tax Credit funding from \$35 million to \$50 million. Passed Economic Growth committee and has been referred to the Ways and Means committee for further consideration. An amendment to increase the per unit cost cap to \$225,000 is expected to be introduced. **Support.**

[HF2167/SF2193](#): The bill extends the period for families to access case management following disaster and increases the grant limit from \$5,000 to \$7,000 per household. The House voted on the bill and passed it unanimously this week, 97-0. The Senate State Government committee approved the measure on January 31. (Formerly [SSB3061/ HSB549](#)). **Support.**

[HF2388/SF2231](#) (formerly [SSB3040](#)): This legislation prohibits cities from regulating certain building materials for the exteriors of residential buildings. The House passed the bill on Thursday, 52-39, sending it over to the Senate for consideration. This passed committee in the Senate. **Support.**

[HF665](#): This bill allows municipalities to establish land redevelopment trusts (i.e. land banks) and allows those entities to acquire property through tax sale and related methods. **Support.**

[SF455](#): This bill prohibits a county or city from adopting ordinances on storm water regulation that exceeds or conflicts with federal or state statutes. It also prohibits a city from adopting ordinances relating to the preservation, compaction, placement, or depth of topsoil at a construction site. The bill passed the Senate last year (33-15), passed the House Local Government committee and is eligible for floor debate. **Undecided.**

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Key Dates:

Second Funnel:

March 16

April 16:

100th Day of Session (*per diem* expenses end per Iowa Code)