

March 1, 2024 – Week 8

As the second funnel approaches, there was quite a bit of floor debate in both chambers and with the Senate and House passing several bills, some of which were education-related and controversial. More time was spent on bills in the Ways and Means and Appropriations committees as well. The second funnel is March 15 and the next two weeks will be fast paced as each chamber works to move bills through committee and more floor work. Session is expected to wrap up around April 16 when legislators per diem ends, but there are many things that need to happen before then, including negotiating the budget and resolving differences on a handful of policy priorities.

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:

HF2634: 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. The Ways and Means committee approved the bill this week and it is eligible for floor debate. (Formerly HSB557) **Support.**

HF2420: This legislation increases the Workforce Housing Tax Credit funding from \$35 million to \$50 million. The measure passed Economic Growth committee and has been referred to the Ways and Means committee for further consideration. There will be a subcommittee next week on Tuesday morning. An amendment to increase the per unit cost cap 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 last week, 97-0. The bill is in Appropriations in the Senate and a subcommittee moved it forward on Thursday morning. (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 and it is in Senate for consideration. **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)