

March 8, 2024 – Week 9

One week closer to second funnel! Both Chambers spent time on floor debate this week, passing bills out ahead next week's funnel deadline on March 15. The next week will be focused on shepherding policy priorities through the funnel. Bills must make it through one chamber and through the committee process in the other in order stay "alive." The main exceptions to this rule are bills in Appropriations, Ways and Means, and leadership bills. And of course, there can be any number of surprises until adjournment *sine die*.

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. We are watching for it to be placed on the House Debate calendar. (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. The House Ways and Means subcommittee moved it forward on Tuesday, 3-0. An amendment to increase the per unit cost cap is expected to be proposed. **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, essentially an adjustment for inflation. The House voted on the bill and passed it unanimously last week, 97-0. The Senate Appropriations committee approved the bill on Tuesday, and it is eligible for consideration by the Senate Chamber. (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 but was not brought up in the House in 2023. The House brought up the measure for

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consideration this week, however, it ultimately [failed 44-49](#). After the bill failed, Majority Leader Matt Windschitl quickly filed a motion to reconsider SF455 and could be brought up anytime. **Undecided.**

## Key Dates:

**Second Funnel:**

March 15

**April 16:**

100<sup>th</sup> Day of Session (*per diem* expenses end per Iowa Code)