

Legislative Update

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Carl Byers talks about the aviation system with Rep. Barb Kniff McCulla at the IPAA Legislative Reception. (Photo by The Capitol Group)

IPAA Legislative Reception A Great Success!

Another highly successful IPAA Legislative Reception took place earlier this week at the offices of Bolton and Menk.

The event brought together IPAA members and State Representatives and State Senators for great conversation, good food and cold refreshments.

Thanks to all the IPAA members who attended the wonderful event. And great appreciation is again extended to Bolton and Menk for their hospitality as event hosts!



Rep. Elinor Levin visits with Mike Tharp. (Photo by The Capitol Group)



Todd Gibbs discusses air service with Representatives Jeff Cooling and Elizabeth Wilson. (Photo by The Capitol Group)



Todd Dalsing and Rep. Chuck Isenhart share a handshake. (Photo by The Capitol Group)



Rep. Mike Bergan and Joe Roenfeldt talk about the Cresco Airport. (Photo by The Capitol Group)



Representatives Ann Meyer and Megan Srinivas visit with Rhonda Chambers. (Photo by The Capitol Group)

Bills of Interest

(HF - House File, HSB - House Study Bill, SF - Senate File, SSB - Senate Study Bill)

(F - For, A - Against, U - Undecided/monitoring)

SF 546 - Public Notices (U) - The bill requires the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee to create an online portal on which a public posting entity (defined in the bill to include the State of Iowa, an Iowa county, an Iowa city, an Iowa public school district, or an Iowa private or public agency in Code chapter 28E), must post all statutorily required public notices, rather than in a local newspaper.

The online portal would be searchable based on county, city, school district, and type of public notice. The bill requires the Secretary of State to collect a fee of \$5 from a public posting entity for each notice posted by the entity and to deposit money collected pursuant to the bill in the business administration fund.

Approved by the Ways and Means Committee. On Senate debate calendar

SF 411 (formerly SSB 1085) - City and County Engine Energy Rules Preemption (U) - This bill prohibits a county or city from adopting an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment that limits consumer access to an energy source to power an engine or that results in the de facto prohibition of the sale or production of an energy source or the related infrastructure necessary to provide consumer access to a specific energy source

within the jurisdiction of the county or city. The bill specifically includes “aviation fuel” in the list of energy sources enumerated in the bill.

Approved by the Senate 41-6. Approved by a House Commerce subcommittee.

SF 520 (formerly SF 369) - UAVs Over Farms (U) - This bill prohibits the use of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) flying over a homestead or that part of a farmstead where agricultural animals are kept.

On Senate debate calendar

SF 203 (formerly SSB 1072) - Ransomware (F) - The bill defines “ransomware,” and provides that a person shall not use ransomware with the intent to cause the malfunction or interruption of the operation of, or alter, damage, or destroy, all or any part of a computer, computer network, computer control language, computer software, computer system, computer service, or computer data.

The bill also provides that a person who has suffered a specific and direct injury because of a violation of the bill may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the court may award actual damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs. A conviction for an offense under the bill is not a prerequisite for the filing of a civil action.

On Senate debate calendar

SF 144 (formerly SSB 1016) - Laser Pointing At Aircraft (F) - This bill relates to an assault involving a laser pointed toward an aircraft. Specifically, the bill provides that it is an assault for a person to intentionally point a laser emitting a visible light beam toward an aircraft. The bill defines “aircraft” as any contrivance intended for and capable of transporting persons through the airspace. Penalties for assault range from a simple misdemeanor to a class “C” felony.

Approved by the Senate 47-0. Referred to House Judiciary.

HF 585 (formerly HF 231) - Regional Representation on the State Transportation Commission (U) - This bill requires that for each of the seven regions of the state, as designated by the bill, one member of the transportation commission must be appointed to represent, and must reside in, each region. The bill divides the state into seven regions with each region consisting of certain adjoining counties.

On House debate calendar

HF 572 (formerly HF 388) - UAVs Over Farms (U) - This bill prohibits the use of remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) flying over a homestead or that part of a farmstead where agricultural animals are kept.

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HF 143 (formerly HSB 13) - Ransomware (F) - The bill defines “ransomware,” and provides that a person shall not use ransomware with the intent to cause the malfunction or interruption of the operation of, or alter, damage, or destroy, all or any part of a computer, computer network, computer control language, computer software, computer system, computer service, or computer data.

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Approved by the House 97 to 1