

# Legislative Update

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Construction continues on the corner domes of the Iowa Statehouse. (Photo by The Capitol Group)

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## Let Lawmakers Know Airport Funds Are Needed

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The focus of lawmakers is now turning from policy issues to appropriations and taxes.

The IPAA has and continues to heartily endorse the enactment of a long term investment in airport infrastructure, accessible to all airports, both commercial and general aviation.

Contact the State Representatives and State Senators in the area your serve and urge them to:

- Support a significant and long term investment in all of Iowa's airports;

- For Iowa's businesses to remain competitive regionally, nationally and internationally, air travel is essential;

- A 10-year program of \$16.5 million a year is recommended by the aviation industry.

Feel free to share with them the IPAA Legislative Priorities document sent to all members recently.

If you don't know who the state lawmakers are in your area, please visit the "Find Your Lawmaker" link listed below:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

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# Second Legislative Deadline Looms

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The second procedural hurdle of the 2023 Session of the Iowa Legislature arrives at the end of this upcoming week.

The so-called “second funnel” is the date by which a bill has to be approved by a committee in the opposite chamber - meaning a House File must be approved by a Senate committee and a Senate File by a House committee to remain eligible for further consideration this year.

Appropriations, Ways and Means and Government Oversight committee bills are the exceptions to the “funnel” rules, as they are exempt from procedural deadlines.

The 110th calendar day of the session, the unofficial end of the 2023 Legislative Session, arrives on April 28. It is also the day on which daily lawmaker “per diem” ends.

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## House SubSet To Consider Laser Penalties

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This Monday, March 27th, a House subcommittee will meet to consider Senate File 144, an IPAA backed bill to beef-up penalties for individuals who shine lasers at aircraft.

SF 144 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.

The members of the subcommittee are:

Rep. Phil Thompson -

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Rep. Skyler Wheeler -

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Rep. Sami Sheetz -

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The meeting is set to begin at 1:00pm.

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## Bills of Interest

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(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. On the House debate calendar.

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. Subcommittee: P Thompson, Scheetz and Wheeler. Subcommittee Meeting: 03/27/2023 1:00PM

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.

Approved by the House 94-0. Referred to Senate Transportation. Approved by subcommittee.

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.

On House debate calendar

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.

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.

Approved by the House 97 to 1.