

# Legislative Newsletter

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The second funnel ended quietly. Budget bills have started to move, though both chambers still need to come to agreements on several of the targets.

## Budget Bills:

House File 765: RIF Appropriations: \$199 Million. This passed the committee unanimously.

House File 766: HHS General fund total 1.9 billion (\$1.6 billion to Department of Human Services). This bill passed out of the House Human Resources Committee 13-11.

House File 758: Education appropriations. This bill has passed the House 58-38 and has been sent to the Senate.

Senate File 699: Transportation appropriations: \$404.69 million. This bill passed the Senate unanimously.

Senate File 608: Economic Development Appropriations: 41.63 million

## The Governor signed the following bill:

Senate File 555: This bill prohibits the weight on one axle of self-propelled implements of husbandry used exclusively to apply fertilizers, chemicals or limestone

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from exceeding 25,000 pounds. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and the House 73-25.

## The House passed and sent the following bills to the Senate:

House File 267: This bill strikes the number of contiguous counties that a clerk of court can be appointed to serve in a judicial district, gives an appointed clerk 90 days to establish residency rather than requiring residency at the time of the appointment. An amendment specifying that a clerk will be designated to serve each county and allows a clerk to serve multiple counties was adopted. This bill passed the House unanimously.

House File 701: The mobile home bill. This bill prohibited a city or county from preventing a non-conforming use of a manufactured home or mobile home from continuing if the use was legal before the restriction, except in cases of safety or where the nonconforming use is abandoned or expanded. A strike-after amendment that re-enacts the bill and includes modular homes was adopted. The House passed the bill 84-15.

## In committee work during funnel week:

Senate File 548: The land acquisition bill is still controversial. The bill prohibits water pollution control projects from including private entities who acquire real property for the future donation to the local, state or federal government. Though it allows funds to be used to finance an acquisition that occurred prior to July 2019, the bill prohibits local governments from using federal clean water funds to acquire land from a private entity after that time. The committee passed the bill 12-9.

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House File 692: The absentee ballot bar code bill. The Senate State Government Committee amended this bill with some provisions from the Senate companion bill, Senate File 575. This bill passed the committee 8-5.

House File 691: This is the MH/DS spend down bill. The bill had been adjusted to a 40 percent fund balance for the mental health/disability services regions, and allows counties to amend the MH/DS budget in fiscal year 2019 to implement the bill and to recertify a budget if necessary. This bill pertains only to the adult mental health system. It passed the Senate Human Resources Committee unanimously.

House File 516: This bill makes the sheriff, or a designee of the sheriff, and the chief of police, or a designee of the chief, a voting member of a joint 911 Service Board (PSAP). This bill passed the Senate Local Government Committee unanimously.

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