

# Legislative Newsletter

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The tax bill was the first piece of legislation Gov. Reynolds signed in 2022; the next handful of bills enacted came this week, including **House File 2466**, the county supervisor's signatures bill, which had unanimous support in both chambers. This legislation sets the signature requirement for county supervisors at 21 for supervisor districts under 15,000 and at 50 for districts between 15,000 - 50,000. The House and Senate passed this bill quickly after discovering a problem with the number of signatures required for county supervisors. The House struck the original bill last week; the Senate quickly moved the new bill through the legislative process. This bill took effect upon its enactment.

Bills eligible to be enacted by the Governor:

**House File 2200:** This bill makes additional health care professionals eligible to enter into a direct health care agreement to offer health care services and prohibits discrimination against a patient based on pre-existing conditions. The House passed this bill 90-9; the Senate passed it 33-16.

**House File 2552:** The Dept. of Revenue omnibus bill. Specifically, the bill enacts various changes related to administrative procedures on record retention, electronic filings, fees for copies of returns, electronic communications with taxpayers, tax remittances to the DOR, reviews by the Property Tax Board, increases the salary range for the board, appeals, wage assignments, pass-through tax credits, publication of interest rates, aviation and marine fuel taxes, reporting dates, makes changes to out-of-state collections and the inheritance tax, and changes to the Business Property Tax Credit and other matters. The House passed the bill 60-34; the Senate passed it 31-18.

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**Senate File 2322:** This bill pertains to public record copy costs. The Senate passed this bill unanimously; the House passed the bill 92-1.

**House File 2341:** This bill includes insurance carriers under the exceptions that allow an Iowa title to be issued for an out-of-state car without surrendering the title to the Iowa treasurer. Both chambers passed this bill unanimously.

The House also started debate on budget bills, including **House File 2557:** Transportation appropriations. This bill makes the spending and appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 from the PRF and the RUTF. In total, the bill proposes \$416.07 million.

Total RUTF: \$58.17 million;

Total PRF: \$357.90 million;

Funded from PRF/RUTF: Operations Total: \$344.25 million (\$19.69 million/\$324.56 million); Motor Vehicles Total \$28.9 million (\$27.8 million/1.2 million); DAS/Utilities Total \$2.8 million (\$405,748/\$2.5 million); Unemployment Total \$145,000 (\$7,000/\$138,000); Worker's Comp Total \$3.6 million (\$145,673/\$3.5 million); Indirect Cost Recovery Total \$750,000 (\$90,000/\$660,000).

An amendment to allow certain funds appropriated in a previous year for a Sioux City facility to not revert was adopted. The House passed the bill 92-2 and it now goes to the Senate.

Additional House debate work this week included:

**Senate File 384:** This bill allows counties to employ a deputy assessor and related staff through a 28E agreement. Includes requirements for pay and other matters to be included in the agreement. Includes provisions on the duty of an assessor who serves multiple counties. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and passed the House 87-7; it now goes to the Governor.

**House File 2490:** This bill assesses the cost of a transcript against the county where in indigent probate proceeding occurred. The House passed this bill unanimously.

**Senate File 2285:** This is the zoning and board of adjustment membership requirements bill. However, two amendments were adopted on this bill: prohibiting cities and counties from

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adopting or enforcing ordinances requiring firework sales to be from permanent structures; and an amendment to include exceptions if an appointee cannot be found who meets the agricultural land ownership requirements after six months. The House adopted the bill 56-37; as it was amended on the House floor, it now returns to the Senate for ratification.

In House Committee action this week, the House Appropriations Committee voted to approve **House File 750**: This bill authorizes various municipal entities that offer volunteer fire or emergency management services or with reserve peace officers to establish a length of service program for those providers. The bill requires the municipality and the head of the department to set eligibility requirements and to handle other matters. Establishes a fund under the State Fire Service & Emergency Response Council for matching grants. Requires the council to submit rules to the State Fire Marshal. Requires the Council to consult with a Firefighter association on the program. This bill passed the Committee unanimously.

The House Ways & Means Committee voted to approve **House File 870**: County title powers, expanding the actions a county treasurer can perform in regard to titling vehicles and related matters. Raises fees for a number of actions by \$5. Allows a non-resident or corporation to go to the county where the primary user is and allows a lessee to use the county where the lessee resides. The Committee passed the bill 14-8.

## **Renumbered Bills:**

House File 750 is now **House File 2574** – Volunteer Length of Service.

House File 870 is now **House File 2570** – County Title Powers.

Senate File 2347 is now **Senate File 2376** – All Systems Weight Permits.

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