

Legislative Newsletter

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In Week 13, the Senate limited themselves to confirmations and retirement speeches. The House amended a few bills to be ratified by the Senate next week and as well as voting to approve some legislation to send to the Governor.

While there has been some talk of the 2022 legislative session ending in Week 14, it seems unlikely from a practical standpoint, as there is still some budget work the chambers are navigating through.

The House amended **Senate File 2376**, the overweight truck permit bill, in a way that makes things more palatable for counties, but may cause some long-term heartburn. While counties would be compelled to participate in the permit program by 2025, the boards of supervisors would also have the ability to submit a list of roads to the Dept. of Transportation that the county wants excluded from the permits. Where the potential problem may arise down the road is that there is no specificity on who and where such a list of roads may be published for reference, leading to a permit driver to still be unaware of what areas are excluded.

In the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously passed:

House File 2517: The levee study bill, which allows certain funds appropriated in fiscal year 2022 for a levee study for DHS/EM to roll over for an additional year.

House File 2557: This is the transportation/infrastructure/capitals improvements bill, which makes the Fiscal Year '23 spending and appropriations. The proposed total is \$416 million.

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