

# IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE NEWS BULLETIN

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**Abbreviations...** HF=House File, SF=Senate File, HSB=House Study Bill, SSB=Senate Study Bill, SAgC=Senate Agriculture Committee, HAgC=House Agriculture Committee, HEPC=House Environmental Protection Committee, HNRC=House Natural Resources Committee, SNRC=Senate Natural Resources Committee, SEEIC=Senate Environmental and Energy Independence Committee

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## The Iowa Environmental Council is currently *Supporting* the following bills

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HF	627	(also SSB 1155) An Act relating to open burning of residential waste in certain areas of the state. No action to date in 2010 session.	2009-referred to Ways and Means Comm.
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HSB	573	(also SSB 3098) Flood Plain Management Policy-contains Water Resources Coordinating Committee recommendations regarding expanding the flood plain to the 500 year flood plain and affecting redevelopment in the floodplain	Rebuild Iowa Comm
HSB	592	(also SSB 3096) A bill for establishing smart planning principles, establishing guidelines for the adoption of certain comprehensive plans and land development regulations, and providing for the establishment of a smart planning task force. See SSB 3096 below for more information.	Rebuild Iowa Comm.
HSB	602	(also SSB 3114) Creation of a new energy finance program to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to real property	Commerce Committee, Subcommittee: Reichert, Jacoby, D. Olson, Soderberg, Wagner
HSB	608	A bill to restrict development within a 500 year flood plain.	Rebuild Iowa Comm.
HSB	664	The bill directs the DNR to work with stakeholder groups and interest groups in the formulation of plans to meet the federal air quality requirements.	Environmental Protection, subcommittee: Reichert Chair, Gayman, and Drake.
SF	263	An Act relating to Iowa national pollutant discharge elimination system program signage and providing a penalty	Passed Senate in 2009. Referred to House Environmental Protection Comm.

SF	2030	An Act requiring disclosure to public utility customers of the percentage of electricity furnished to the customer derived from alternative and renewable energy sources	Environment and Energy Independence Comm. Subcommittee: Hogg, Behn, Rielly
SF	2057	An Act relating to renewable energy production by establishing a solar electric generation standard applicable to electric public utilities	Environ. & Energy Independence, Subcommittee: Hancock, Bolcom and Ward
SF	2080	Extends the energy conservation requirements in the energy code to renovation and repairs to existing single- and two-family homes. Extends the authority of the building code commissioner to provide training regarding energy conservation requirements.	Environment and Energy Independence. Subcommittee: Black, Hancock, Hartsuch.
SSB	1155	(also HF 627) An Act relating to open burning of residential waste in certain areas of the state. No action to date in 2010 session.	Environment and Energy Independence Comm.
SSB	3096	(also HSB 592) A bill for establishing smart planning principles, establishing guidelines for the adoption of certain comprehensive plans and land development regulations, and providing for the establishment of a smart planning task force. Amendment offered to the Senate subcommittee to insert "air quality" in four places in order to make pollution sources & clean air part of the guidance.	Rebuild Iowa Committee, subcommittee: Heckroth, Dandekar, Feenstra
SSB	3098	(also HSB 573) Flood Plain Management Policy-contains Water Resources Coordinating Committee recommendations regarding expanding the flood plain to the 500 year flood plain and affecting redevelopment in the floodplain	Rebuild Iowa Committee, Subcommittee: Hogg, Jochum, Houser

SSB	3114	(also HSB 602) Creation of a new energy finance program to finance energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements to real property	Environment and Energy Independence Comm., Subcommittee: Bolkom, Hogg, Reynolds
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**The Iowa Environmental Council is *Tentatively Supporting* the following bills**

HSB	659	This bill requires the Iowa climate change advisory council to prioritize policy options relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions developed by the council and contained in an updated proposal submitted to the general assembly	Environ. Protection Comm., Subcommittee: Olson, D., Lensing and Watts
HSB	661	Comprehensive Recycling Task Force recommendations	Subcommittee: Olson, Hanson and Soderberg
HSB	679	(also SSB 3177) NPDES permit requirements-changes appeal procedure for denial of applications or permits issued under NPDES from EPC to an Administrative Law Judge. Also provides that CAFO's under NPDES must comply with applicable rules adopted by the EPC, but the rules cannot be more stringent than Federal requirements	Agriculture Committee. Subcommittee: Reasoner Chair, Bell, and Drake
SF	117	An act relating to the operation of bicycles on a street or highway and providing requirements for motor vehicles that encounter bicycles and other vehicles.	Human Resources. Subcommittee reassigned: Steckman, T. Olson, Baudler.
SSB	3170	Limiting financial assistance for development within a 500 year floodplain under the enterprise zone program	Subcommittee: Dandekar, Jochum, Reynolds

SSB	3177	(also HSB 679) NPDES permit requirements-changes appeal procedure for denial of applications or permits issued under NPDES from EPC to an Administrative Law Judge. Also provides that CAFO's under NPDES must comply with applicable rules adopted by the EPC, but the rules cannot be more stringent than Federal requirements	Subcommittee: Rielly, Black, Reynolds
SSB	3189	This bill authorizes the creation of watershed management authorities composed of one or more cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts.	Rebuild Iowa Committee
SSB	3198	(also HSB 700) Natural Resources Trust Fund implementations (I-WILL)	Subcommittee: Dearden, Black and Johnson

**The Iowa Environmental Council is currently *Monitoring* the following bills**

HF	823	A bill for an act requiring public schools and state agencies to utilize environmentally preferable cleaning and maintenance products in school facilities and state buildings.	Environmental Protection Comm. Subcommittee: Reichert, Hagenow, and Hanson
HF	2048	REAP Formula Change for County Conservation Accounts	Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee: Lykam, May, Palmer
HF	2100	An act modifying provisions applicable to electric generating and transmission facilities.	Commerce Comm., Subcommittee, Reichert, D. Olson, Quirk, Soderberg, and Wagner

HF	2142	A bill for an act relating to park user permits and fees	Natural Resources Committee. Subcommittee: Beard, May, and Thede
HF	2147	Requires airport notification and a determination regarding the existence of an airport hazard prior to the construction of a wind energy system within specified distances.	Referred to Transportation, Subcommittee: May, Quirk, Wenthe.
HF	2151	Modifies provisions in the Iowa Code that allow utilities to form electric power agencies (specifically municipal and cooperative utilities).	Referred to Commerce. Subcommittee, Kelley, Quirk, Reichert, Soderberg, and Wagner
HF	2266	Authorizes cities that have granted an electric franchise to a rate-regulated utility to terminate that franchise if the utility raises electric rates by 15% or more.	Referred to Commerce. Subcommittee: Peterson, Jacoby, Soderberg.
HSB	587	(also SSB 3115) The annual DNR policy clean-up bill. Changes the required response time for NRC and EPC petitions for rulemaking from 60 to 120 days. Also allows ENR to apply for loans for drinking water systems	Environmental Protection Comm., Subcommittee: Lensing, Hanson, Schultz
HSB	660	Watershed Quality Planning advisory council- requires the Water Quality Planning Task Force to reorganize and prepare a report	Environmental Protection: Olson, D. Chair,Frevert, and Drake.
HSB	661	Comprehensive Recycling Task Force recommendations	Environmental Protection: Olson, D. Chair,Soderberg, and Hanson

HSB	663	Private sewage system inspections and groundwater hazard statements. Amends septic tank inspection requirements	Environmental Protection Comm., Subcommittee: Kressig Chair, Gaskill, M., and Schultz
HSB	691	Establishes a high-performance certification program for certain public buildings (high performance focuses on decreasing consumption of energy, water and other resources and improving indoor air quality.)	State Government committee bill. Subcommittee: T. Taylor, Quirk, Koester.
SF	2054	A bill to encourage the Composting of Organic Waste	Environment and Energy Independence Comm. Subcommittee: Wilhelm, Hartsuch, Stewart
SF	2069	A bill for an act relating to the regulation of wetlands, mitigation of adverse impacts to wetlands, providing penalties and fees, and making an appropriation.	Rebuild Iowa Committee. Subcommittee: Hogg, Houser, and Jochum
SF	2078	authorizes the DNR to grant permits for the construction or operation of a major stationary source of air contaminants, or the modification of a permit issued by the department. This bill requires that the department provide a period of time for written public comment and for a public hearing concerning such an application in the county impacted by the proposed major stationary source.	Environment and Energy Independence. Subcommittee, Stewart, Behn, and Black.
SF	2081	An act relating to application of fertilizer and pesticides to grass	Environment and Energy Independence. Subcommittee: Bolkom, Reynolds, and Rielly.

SF	2088	(Formerly SSB 3030) An act concerning state government reorganization and efficiency.	Approved by State Government Committee . Referred to Appropriations Committee
SF	2090	A bill for an act relating to lead wheel weights on state-owned motor vehicles.	Transportation Comm. Subcommittee: Subcommittee, Rielly, Hancock, and Noble
SF	2172	An act relating to the licensure of persons for the installation and maintenance of geothermal heat pump systems.	Referred to State Government. Subcommittee: Danielson, Courtney, Feenstra.
SF	2174	A bill earmarking one grant to be awarded from the solid waste account of the groundwater protection fund for a beautification program-SWAP Fund earmark for Keep Iowa Beautiful (formerly SSB 3061)	Appropriations Committee
SF	2182	Formation and Operation of Electric Power Agencies	Subcommittee: Hancock, Behn, Rielly
SSB	3115	(also HSB 587) The annual DNR policy clean-up bill. Changes the required response time for NRC and EPC petitions for rulemaking from 60 to 120 days. Also allows DNR to apply for loans for drinking water systems	Environment and Energy Independence Committee, subcommittee: Black, Wilhelm, Behn

**The Iowa Environmental Council is *Tentatively Opposing* the following bills**

HF	527	An Act relating to the rulemaking authority and voting requirements of the EPC. Sets the quorum at six and requires five votes to take action	House Environmental Protection Comm.
HF	2218	Relates to the scope of rulemaking authority for state agencies and states that rulemaking authority shall be narrowly construed.	Referred to State Government. Subcommittee: Lensing, Frevert, Kaufmann.
HF	2220	Requires administrative agencies to submit copies of proposed rules to the general assembly for review and requires that no rule could remain in effect for more than five years.	Referred to State Government. Subcommittee: Lensing, Frevert, Kaufmann

**The Iowa Environmental Council is *Opposing* the following bills**

HF	2206	The bill extends the compliance date for agricultural drainage well management requirements to prevent surface water drainage and associated pollution from the drainage well and the groundwater aquifer. The deadline would be extended until Dec. 31, 2015	Referred to Agriculture. Subcommittee, Mertz, Bailey, and Rayhons.
HF	2216	Eliminates the Office of Energy Independence and the Iowa Power Fund.	Referred to State Government. Subcommittee: Lensing, Isenhardt, Rants.

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