

IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE NEWS BULLETIN

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The first funnel week ended 2/12/10. All bills which were not passed out of a committee, with the exception of Appropriations and Ways and Means, are no longer eligible for consideration. For this bulletin, I have deleted the bills which did not make the funnel and renumbered study bills which now have bill numbers. As we move forward, keep in mind that it is not unusual for legislation which did not make the funnel to end up as an amendment on other legislation.

The Iowa Environmental Council Legislative News Bulletin provides legislative information to interested individuals during the legislative session.

If you have strong feelings concerning a position the Iowa Environmental Council is taking, and you are a Member of the Council, it is your RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY to phone or send an e-mail to me as soon as possible. We may sometimes make the wrong call, or be misinformed, concerning the ramifications of certain legislation.

The Iowa Environmental Council is your voice, and I want to ensure it is responsive to your needs.

Please note: This bulletin provides five categories for declarations and may not always correlate directly to our lobbyist's declarations at the Capitol.

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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

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

HF	627	(also SSB 1155) An Act relating to open burning of residential waste in certain areas of the state.	2009-referred to Ways and Means Comm. No action to date in 2010 session.
HF	763	A bill related to administrative costs to support the Watershed Improvement Review Board. Authorizes the use of interest earned on money in the account for administrative support for the Board.	Passed House. Passed out of Senate committee and on Senate debate calendar
HF	2418	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. It lowers the DNR response time to new EPA air standards to 2 years, not 3 as required by EPA.	On House calendar for debate
HF	2476	Also SF 2265 (previously HSB 592 and 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.	On House calendar for debate
HF	2503	Also SF 2310(previously HSB 700 and ssb 3198) Establishes the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund to implement a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and providing for contingent implementation.	On House calendar for debate
HF	2504	An Act that doubles the criminal fines and penalties in disaster areas, including illegal dumping	On House calendar for debate
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.	Committee report & approval, amendments pending.

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	404	Establishing a local food and farm task force	On House calendar for debate
SF	2265	Also HF 2476 (Previously HSB 592 and 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.	Passed senate on 2/18 and messaged to House
SF	2310	Also HF 2503 (previously HSB 700 and ssb 3198) Establishes the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund to implement a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and providing for contingent implementation.	On Senate debate calendar
SF	2316	(previously HSB 573 and 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	On Senate debate calendar
SF	2317	This bill authorizes the creation of watershed management authorities composed of one or more cities, counties, and soil and water conservation districts.	Passed the Senate
SSB	1155	(also HF 627) An Act relating to open burning of residential waste in certain areas of the state.	Environment and Energy Independence Comm.

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

HF	2496	(previously HSB 661) Comprehensive Recycling Task Force recommendations	Voted out of Environ. Protection Comm.
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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.	On House Debate calendar
HF	2017	Increases the registration fee on canoes and kayaks	On House Debate calendar
HF	2399	Previously HF 2100. An act modifying provisions applicable to electric generating and transmission facilities. Awaiting amendment language related to high voltage electric transmission, switching existing coal plants to other fuel sources (natural gas, biomass), and a study on new nuclear power. (also SF 2314).	On House Debate calendar
HF	2411	Previously HF 2151. Modifies provisions in the Iowa Code that allow utilities to form electric power agencies (specifically municipal and cooperative utilities). Senate companion bill-SF 2182, now SF 2313.	On House Debate calendar
HF	2416	Previously HSB 679 and 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	On House Debate calendar
HF	2425	Removes an exemption that applies to electric public utilities.	Referred to Commerce.

HF	2437	Previously HSB 663 Private sewage system inspections and groundwater hazard statements. Amends septic tank inspection requirements	On House Debate calendar
HF	2457	Also SF 2243 (previously HSB 587 and 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 DNR to apply for loans for drinking water systems	On House Debate calendar
HF	2459	Previously HSB 660. Watershed Quality Planning advisory council- requires the Water Quality Planning Task Force to reorganize and prepare a report	Voted out of Environmental Protection Committee.
HF	2496	Previously HSB 661. Comprehensive Recycling Task Force recommendations	On House Debate calendar
HSB	727	Appropriates \$1M to the Dept of Workforce Development to award grants to community colleges to implement recommendations from the Green Jobs Task Force (created by Gov. Culver's executive order 16).	Environmental Protection: Hanson Chair, Olson, D., and Olson, S..
SF	2088	(Formerly SSB 3030) An act concerning state government reorganization and efficiency.	Passed House on 2/15 with amendments and messaged to Senate
SF	2090	A bill for an act relating to lead wheel weights on state-owned motor vehicles.	On House Debate calendar
SF	2172	An act relating to the licensure of persons for the installation and maintenance of geothermal heat pump systems.	On Senate Debate calendar

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)	Sent to Appropriations Committee
SF	2243	Also HF 2457 (previously SSB 3115 and 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	Passed out of Environment and Energy Independence Committee,
SF	2248	(Previously SSB 3177 and 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	Passed Senate 2/18 and messaged to House
SF	2313	Previously 2182. Formation and Operation of Electric Power Agencies. House companion bill-HF 2151, now HF 2411.	On Senate Debate calendar
SF	2314	Previously SSB 3204. An act modifying provisions applicable to electric generating and transmission facilities. Awaiting amendment language related to high voltage electric transmission, switching existing coal plants to other fuel sources (natural gas, biomass), and a study on new nuclear power. (also HF 2100, now HF 2399).	On Senate Debate calendar

SSB 3226 A bill relating to the administration of the utility replacement tax for new cogeneration facilities. In Senate Ways and Means. Sub: Jochum, Bolkcom, Ward

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

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HF	2206	The bill extends the compliance date for agricultural drainage well management requirements to prevent surface water drainage, septic tank connections and associated pollution from being discharged to the drainage well and the groundwater aquifer. The bill was amended to further extend the new deadline from Dec. 31, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2020.	On House debate calendar
HF	2324	A bill related to application of liquid manure on snow covered and frozen ground that exempts confinement feeding operations built before July 1, 2009 from being required to construct or expand a manure storage structure in order to comply with winter application restrictions. The bill also details common ownership and management for the purpose of determining separation distances.	On House debate calendar

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