

# 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

## 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  | 2009-referred to Ways and Means Comm. |
| 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                     |

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| 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 | 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,<br>Subcommittee: Reichert, Jacoby,<br>D. Olson, Soderberg, Wagner |
| HSB | 608  | A bill to restrict development within a 500 year flood plain.   | Rebuild Iowa Comm.  |
| HSB | 664  | Periodic air quality monitor siting evaluation  | Environmental Protection,<br>subcommittee: Reichert<br>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<br>to House Environmental<br>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<br>Independence Comm.<br>Subcommittee: Hogg, Behn,<br>Rielly   |
| SSB | 1155 | (also HF 627) An Act relating to open burning of residential waste in certain areas of the state  | Environment and Energy<br>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  | Rebuild Iowa Committee,<br>subcommittee: Heckroth,<br>Dandekar, Feenstra              |

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| 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,<br>Subcommittee: Hogg, Jochum,<br>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<br>Independence Comm.,<br>Subcommittee: Bolkom, Hogg,<br>Reynolds |

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

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| 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.,<br>Subcommittee: Olson, D., Lensing<br>and Watts   |
| SF  | 2057 | An Act relating to renewable energy production by establishing a solar electric generation standard applicable to electric public utilities   | Environ. & Energy Independence,<br>Subcommittee: Hancock,<br>Bolkcom and Ward |
| SSB | 3170 | Limiting financial assistance for development within a 500 year floodplain under the enterprise zone program  | Subcommittee: Dandekar,<br>Jochum, Reynolds                                   |
| 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 | Subcommittee: Rielly, Black,<br>Reynolds                                      |

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

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| HF  | 2048 | REAP Formula Change for County Conservation Accounts  | Natural Resources Committee,<br>Subcommittee: Lykam, May,<br>Palmer                         |
| HF  | 2100 | Encourages utility investment in nuclear generating facilities in Iowa by allowing for the inclusion of all planning and construction costs of a future nuclear power plant in current electric rates.              | Commerce Comm.,<br>Subcommittee, Reichert, D.<br>Olson, Quirk, Soderberg, and<br>Wagner     |
| HF  | 2151 | Modifies provisions in the Iowa Code that allow utilities to form electric power agencies (specifically municipal and cooperative utilities).   | Referred to Commerce. No<br>subcommittee assigned yet.                                      |
| 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<br>Comm., Subcommittee: Lensing,<br>Hanson, Schultz                |
| HSB | 660  | Watershed Quality Planning advisory council-appears to require the Water Quality Planning Task Force to reorganize and prepare a report   | Environmental Protection: Olson,<br>D. Chair, Frevert, and Drake.                           |
| HSB | 661  | Comprehensive Recycling Task Force recommendations  | Environmental Protection: Olson,<br>D. Chair, Soderberg, and Hanson                         |
| HSB | 663  | Private sewage system inspections and groundwater hazard statements. Amends septic tank inspection requirements   | Environmental Protection<br>Comm., Subcommittee: Kressig<br>Chair, Gaskill, M., and Schultz |

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| SF  | 2054 | A bill to encourage the Composting of Organic Waste  | Environment and Energy Independence Comm.<br>Subcommittee: Wilhhelm, Hartsuch, Stewart |
| 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  | 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.           |
| SF  | 2088 | (Formerly SSB 3030) An act concerning state government reorganization and efficiency. We are concerned about the elimination of state preserves board and ICCAC  | Approved by State Government Committee 1/25/10   |
| SSB | 3061 | 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   | Environment and Energy Independence, Subcommittee: Hogg, Wilhelm, Ward                 |
| 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 ENR 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**

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

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