

IEC BILL TRACKER



Week of March 15, 2021

Please note that the list of bills below includes the bills that are of interest to IEC. It is not an exhaustive list of all bills still eligible for consideration.

**Bill rows in blue have been signed by the Governor*

Energy Bills

SF 366/HSB 156/	Department of Revenue Bill	Department of Revenue omnibus bill. Division II deals with a geothermal heat pump installation tax credit and Division III addresses taxation of solar energy conversion facilities.	Passed Senate, in House Ways and Means Committee	Monitoring
HF 555/SF 455	Natural Gas/Propane Regulations	A bill prohibiting counties and cities from regulating the sale of natural gas and propane.	House bill is on the floor; Senate bill is on the floor	Against
HF 693/SF 347/	Utilities Board Bill	A bill relating to matters under the purview of the utilities division of the department of commerce.	Passed House, now Senate Commerce/Senate bill in Ways and Means Committee.	Monitoring
HF 221	Solar Tax Credit Expansion	A bill relating to the solar energy system tax credit available against individual and corporate income taxes.	House Ways and Means Committee	For
HF 460	Vegetation Management	A bill relating to vegetation management by certain electric suppliers.	House bill is on the floor	Monitoring
SF 552	Using Deposits for Delinquent Utility Accounts	A bill relating to landlord notification of delinquency notices sent by utilities and landlords' ability to use security deposits to satisfy delinquent utility accounts.	Senate floor	Against

SSB 1197	Place-making, energy infrastructure revolving loan	A bill relating to matters under the purview of the economic development authority, including tax credit programs, incentives for manufacturers to invest in smart technologies, and an energy infrastructure revolving loan program.	Senate Ways and Means Committee	Monitoring
HF 700	Forward-looking test year	A bill relating to rate regulatory proceedings before the Iowa Utilities Board.	House floor	Monitoring
HF 641	Solar Tax Credit Extension and Expansion	A bill relating to the solar energy system tax credit available against the individual and corporate income tax, the franchise tax, and the moneys and credits tax.	House Ways and Means Committee	For
HF 779 (Previously HF 658)	Use of Security Deposits for Unpaid Utility Bills	A bill relating to utilities at rental properties, permitting landlords to use security deposits to satisfy delinquent utility accounts.	House Floor	Against
HF 789 (Formerly HSB 233)	Place-making, energy infrastructure revolving loan	A bill relating to matters under the purview of the economic development authority, including tax credit programs, statewide tourism, incentives for manufacturers to invest in smart technologies, and an energy infrastructure revolving loan program.	House Ways and Means Committee	Monitoring
HF 674	Solar Tax Credits	A bill reducing the solar energy system tax credit wait list by reducing authorized aggregate tax credits for certain economic development programs.	House Ways and Means Committee	Monitoring
SF 215	Solar Tax Credit	A bill relating to the solar energy system tax credit available against the individual and corporate income taxes.	Senate Ways and Means Committee	For
HF 323	Solar Tax Credit	A bill relating to the solar energy system tax credit available against the individual and corporate income taxes.	House Ways and Means Committee	For
SF 468	Elimination of purchasing preference for Iowa coal	A bill removing a preference for purchasing of Iowa coal by state and local government entities.	Senate Floor	For

HF 641	Solar Tax Credit	A bill relating to the solar energy system tax credit available against the individual and corporate income tax, the franchise tax, and the moneys and credits tax.	House Ways and Means Committee	For
HF 741	Marking Underground Facilities	A bill relating to the location and marking of underground facilities and providing penalties.	House Floor	Not Registered
Water Bills				
HSB 239	Levee District Study	Providing for a study to identify areas where the governance and funding of levee districts could be improved at the state and local level and making appropriations.	Appropriations: Mohr (Ch), Hall, Holt Passed subcommittee 2/25	Monitoring
HF 390 (HF 84)	Fluoridation Notice	Requires that a public water system give notice to the DPH and the local board of health at 90 days before discontinuing fluoridation in the water system and to give notice to customers on water bills.	Commerce: Westrich (Ch), Nielsen, Best Amendment H-1040 Passed House 2/17 Human Resources: Johnson (Ch), Green, Bolkcom	For
HF 523 (HSB 56) SF 442 (SSB 1169)	Flood Protections	Includes the purchase and construction of land and structures to protect property from flooding as an essential county purpose (not subject to voter approval in order to incur indebtedness).	State Government: Kaufmann (Ch), Donahue, Jacobsen Passed House 3/10 Local Government.: Garrett (Ch), J. Smith, Williams Passed committee 2/24 Referred to Ways & Means Ways & Means: Dawson (Ch), Goodwin, Quirnbach	Monitoring
HF 583 (HSB 165) SF 460 (SSB 1183)	Iowa Flood Insurance	Establishes the Iowa Private Flood Insurance Act to allow private insurers to offer flood insurance. Establishes requirements and timelines and allows supplemental insurance.	Commerce: Mohr (Ch), Cisneros, Judge Passed committee 2/15 Commerce: Johnson (Ch), Mathis, Williams Passed committee 2/24	Monitoring

HF 607 (HF 423) SF 297	Water Utilities	An act excluding from the state corporate income tax certain income of public utilities furnishing water to the public or furnishing sanitary sewage or storm water draining disposal to the public.	Ways & Means: Graber (Ch), Kurth, Mitchell Passed committee 2/17 Ways & Means: R. Smith (Ch), Goodwin, Quirnbach	Monitoring
HF 801 (HF 646)	Water Quality Projects	Relating to the management of soil and water sources, including projects described in the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.	Agriculture: Mommsen (Ch), Breckenridge, Sieck Passed committee 3/3	Monitoring
Agriculture Bills				
HF 347	Urban Non-profit Farm Credit	Establishes property tax credit for urban farms if a city adopts an ordinance. Includes requirements for such a farm (food distributed by a non-profit food bank, lease for at least five years and other matters).	Ways & Means	For
HF 827 (HF 482) (HSB 95) SF 578 (SF 359)(SSB 1121)	DALS Bill	Strikes requirements for a marketing news bureau; for certain applicant numbers on commercial establishment applications but requires applicants for licenses to show ID. Vet Assistants: makes vet assistant certification good for three years. Farm Produce: establishes a local farm products program to help schools purchase fresh food. Allows DALS to reimburse schools, up to \$1,000. Fertilizer: allows DALS to adopt rules on fertilizer equipment. Weights: makes changes related to weights and measures, including changes on labelling kerosene and putting gasoline in containers without warnings. Allows but does not require DALS to charge a license fee for an out-of-service device.	Agriculture: Baxter (Ch), Breckenridge, McClintock Referred to Ways & Means Subcommittee: Maxwell (Ch), Gjerde, Nordman Passed committee: 3/11 Agriculture: Zumbach (Ch), Kinney, Rozenboom Referred to Ways & Means Subcommittee: Brown (Ch), Jochum, Sweeney Passed committee 3/11	Monitoring
HF 694 (HF 484) (HSB 167) SF 360 (SSB 1144)	Farmer Tax Credit	An act relating to the beginning of the farmer tax credit program by modifying participation and lease agreement requirements and tax credit amounts including effective date provisions.	Agriculture: Hein (Ch), Gerhold, Wolfe Passed committee 2/9 Ways & Means: Hein (Ch), Maxwell, Wolfe Passed committee 2/23 Agriculture: Driscoll (Ch), Ragan, Zumbach	Monitoring

			Passed committee 2/11 *fiscal impact statement Ways & Means: Dawson (Ch), Schultz, T. Taylor	
HF 522 (HF 287)	Manure Treatment	A qualified confinement feeding operation may utilize an anaerobic digester system to treat manure.	Agriculture - Sexton (Ch), Ingels, Williams Passed House 2/23 Agriculture: Driscoll (Ch), Kinney, Rozenboom Sub 3/8, 12:30 pm	Monitoring
HF 840 (HF 645) (HSB 135)	Ending the UST Fund	Eliminates the Underground Storage Tank Fund and Board as of July 2022. Transfers duties to the DNR. Deems that tank clean-up claims after January 2022 are not eligible for money from the funds. DALs: Appropriates \$250K to DALs from FY 2023 to FY 2027 for fuel inspections at terminals. Requires DALs to issue a report on fuel testing needs by Dec. 2021. Allows claimants who had previously received assistance to receive additional assistance for clean-ups. Requires the EPC to adopt rules regarding releases at sites that have received a no further action certificate.	Environmental Protection: Ingels (Ch), Kurth, Sexton Passed committee 2/18 Referred to Appropriations Appropriations: Mommsen (Ch), Deyoe, Williams	Monitoring
SF 356 (SSB 1153)	Agricultural tourism	An act limiting civil liability for those involved in agricultural tourism.	Agriculture: Zumbach (Ch), Green, Kinney Passed Senate 2/23 Agriculture: Latham (Ch), Smith, Thorup Subcommittee 3/8, 1:15 pm HL	Monitoring
SF 482 (SSB 1214)	Pesticide Regulation	An act regulating the application of pesticides, including by providing for the certification of applicators, and certain actions taken by the department of agriculture and stewardship.	Agriculture: Driscoll (Ch), Kinney, Zumbach *Amendment Passed committee 2/24 Agriculture: Ingels (Ch), Hansen, Sieck Passed Senate 3/9 Substituted for HF782 Passed House	Monitoring

Natural Resources & Conservation Bills

HF 234 (HSB 49)	Lifetime Trout License	Establishes a lifetime trout fishing license for older Iowans.	Natural Resources: Jeneary (Ch), McClintock, Smith Passed House 2/8 Natural Resources: J. Taylor (Ch), Green, Lykam	Monitoring
SF 353 (SSB 1180)	Drainage & Levee Districts	An act relating to drainage and levee districts by providing for notice of hearing on reports of commissioners and for repairs that require a report by an engineer and for repairs that require a report by an engineer or soil and water conservation district conservationist.	Local Government: Maxwell (Ch), Hunter, Nordman Passed committee 2/22 SF353 substituted Natural Resources: Sweeney (Ch), Hogg, Zumbach Passed Senate 2/23 Passed House 3/9	Monitoring
HF 486 (HF 29)	Scenic Byway	An act to establish a scenic byway fund.	Transportation: Bossman (Ch), Siegrist, Sunde Passed House 2/23 Transportation: Brown (Ch), J. Smith, Zumbach	For
HF 747 (HSB 216) SF 458 (SF 369)	Game Birds	Relating to the established season for hunting game birds on a preserve.	Natural Resources: Latham (Ch), Bradley, Smith Passed House 3/9 Natural Resources: Cournoyer (Ch), Green, Lykam Passed committee 2/24 Attached to HF 747	Monitoring
HF 749 (HF 647)	Restore the Outdoors	Creating a “restore the outdoors” program to support vertical infrastructure projects by the department of natural resources and making appropriations.	Natural Resources: Siegrist (Ch), Jacoby, Jeneary Passed committee 3/2 Referred to Appropriations Appropriations: Mommsen (Ch), Bossman, Steckman	Monitoring
SJR 16 (SSB 1218)	Constitutional amendment	House Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitutional of the State of Iowa providing that the people of the state of Iowa have the	Natural Resources: Sweeney (Ch), Boulton, Rozenboom Passed committee 3/3	Monitoring

	regarding the right to hunt & fish	right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest wildlife.		
SSB 1191	IDALS Appropriations	Relating to and making appropriations and related statutory changes involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection.	Appropriations: Kraayenbrink (Ch), Bolkcom, Lofgren	Monitoring
SF 549 (SF 481) (SSB 1179) HSB 185	Governor's Renewable Fuel Bill	Amends provisions related to ethanol-blended fuels and bio-diesel. Designates non-blended gasoline and diesel as restricted fuels, with limitations on dispensing such fuels. Requires the restricted status to be noted if the fuel is advertised. Allows the Governor to waive such restrictions for emergencies. Extends tax credits and makes changes to the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program.	Agriculture: Zumbach (Ch), Ragan, Sweeney *Amendment Passed committee 2/25 Referred to Transportation Transportation: Zumbach, (Ch), Bisignano, Dickey Passed committee 3/4 Ways & Mean: Hein (Ch), Maxwell, Wolfe Passed subcommittee 2/17	Not registered
SF 184 (SSB 1020)	Missouri River Agency	Repeals the Interagency Missouri River Agency.	State Government: Cournoyer (Ch), Celsi, Guth Passed Senate 2/3 State Gov.: Siegrist (Ch), Gjerde, Jacobsen Passed subcommittee 2/16 Committee 2/24 (Cancelled)	Monitoring
SF 185 (SSB 1021)	Missouri Land Use Authority	Repeals the Missouri River Planning & Land Use Authority. Includes conforming changes and transitional provisions.	State Government: Cournoyer (Ch), Celsi, Guth Passed Senate 2/3 State Government: Jacobsen (Ch), Gjerde, Siegrist Passed subcommittee 2/16 Committee 2/24 (cancelled)	Monitoring
SF 457 (SF 311) HF 552 (HF 23)	Training Requirements for Deer Tracking	Relating to training requirements for using a dog for deer blood tracking.	Natural Resources: Green (Ch), Driscoll, Trone Garriott Subcommittee 2/24 Attached to companion HF 552	Monitoring

			Natural Resources: Latham (Ch), Jeneary, Judge Passed House 2/23 Attached to companion SF 457	
SF 352 (SF 112)	Forest & Fruit Tree Exemption	Makes the value of forest/fruit tree property tax credit 75% of the actual value. Requires property to be 10 acres as of 2022 and makes the exemption for five years. Makes the exemption period for current qualifying properties five years after certification unless the property is under 10 acres. Ends the exemption for properties under 10 acres in 2022. Requires property owners to enter into a depredation agreement with the DNR. Requires inspections by the DNR. Requires the DNR to notify the county auditor if a property fails to meet the inspection requirements and ends an existing exemption in the next assessment years if a property fails certification.	Natural Resources: Rozenboom (Ch), Driscoll, Hogg Pass Committee 2/11 Ways & Means: Sinclair (Ch), Bolkcom, Dawson *fiscal note Subcommittee 3/15, noon	Against

Policy

HF 814 (HSB 252)	Bottle Bill	Allows a beverage dealer to refuse to redeem cans and bottles if the dealer enters into a contract with a redemption center. Requires the center to be within 10 miles of the dealer (counties over 30,000) or 15 miles from the dealer (counties under 30,000). Requires cans and bottles to have a UPC. Allows persons to establish a redemption center with notice to the DNR. Makes language corrections. Effective July 2023.	State Government: Lundgren (Ch), Bohannon, Bossman, Donahue, Nordman Passed committee 3/4	Monitoring
SF 565 (SSB 1087)	Bottle Bill Changes II	Relating to the accounting of unpaid beverage container refund value.	Commerce: Koelker (Ch), Mathis, Williams Passed committee 3/4	Monitoring
HF 496 (HF 49)	Prohibiting Tenure	An act prohibiting tenure system at the institutions of higher learning governed by the state board of regents.	Judicial: Wheeler (Ch), Mascher, Wills	Against

HF 544	Natural Outdoor Resource Trust Fund	Relating to state sales and use tax by funding the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund through the sales and use tax, using sales and use taxes to create a baby bond program.	Ways & Means	Monitoring
SF 413 (SSB 119) HF 590 (HSB 213)	Voting Changes	Makes it a Class D felony to fail to follow guidance from the SOS on implementing election laws. Makes interference by a county commissioner of elections (auditor) or a precinct official with a person who is allowed to be at a polling place 3rd degree Election Misconduct. Requires the SOS to issue a fine of up to \$10,000 for technical violations by auditors. Requires reports to the AG/county attorney for possible further action.	State Government: R. Smith (Ch), Jochum, Schultz Passed Senate 2/24 Passed House 2/25 Withdrawn/substituted for SF Signed by Governor 3/8	Against
SF 470 (SF 368)	Refund Value on Beverage Containers	Allows retailers (dealers) to refuse to accept bottles and cans for redemption if there is a redemption center within 20 miles. Gives the ABD control over beverage container redemptions. Requires monthly reports by dealers on sales and deposits collected. Allows redemption centers to recycle collected materials. Requires the ABD to require products to have a UPC label.	Natural Resources: Rozenboom (Ch), Celsi, J. Taylor *amendment Passed committee 2/24 Referred to Ways & Means Ways & Means: Sweeney (Ch), Dotzler, Green	Against
SF 465 (SF 375)	Litter Offense	Revocation of certain privileges upon conviction of a littering offense and making penalties.	Natural Resources: Cournoyer (Ch), Celsi, Green Passed committee 2/24	Monitoring