

## You need to know

- Governor's [proclamation](#) removes state mask requirement.
- The Iowa Department of Transportation released [this memo](#) on the impacts of COVID-19 on RUTF and infrastructure funding.
- Connecting with your legislators is important. [The Legislative Website](#) has a tool to help you find your legislators and their contact information. At the bottom of this email, you will find a list of upcoming forums occurring around the state.

### [HSB 133](#) | [Broadband Omnibus](#)

- Defines "facilitate" to mean a provider's ability to offer communications service at a commercially reasonable price.
- The League is advocating for "conduit" to be considered an essential corporate purpose like other infrastructure is. This would help expedite the rollout of fiber across the state at a reduced overall cost for providers.

### [SSB 1085](#) | [Multi-Residential Property](#)

- Removes the nomenclature of "multi-residential" property and replaces it with residential. This change takes effect for FY23, the same year multi-residential property rollback would be equal to the residential rollback.
- The League has identified two unintended consequences that will negatively impact multi-unit workforce housing redevelopment and self-supported municipal improvement districts. We are working with the Iowa Department of Revenue and other stakeholders to amend the bill to prevent these impacts.
- Passed out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee and is eligible for consideration on the Senate Floor.

### [HF 21](#) | [Abatement in Revitalization Districts](#)

- Grants cities the ability to issue tax abatement for areas that were formerly subject to lending discrimination from the Federal Government.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Local Government Committee.
- The League is registered in support.

### [HSB 166](#) | [Propane and Natural Gas Preemption](#)

- Creates a broad preemption that would restrict any number of practices perceived to be limiting the provision of utilities to customers.
- The League has concerns that the vague and broad language of this bill would have impacts much larger than is intended and is working to mitigate these impacts.
- Passed out of a subcommittee and is eligible for consideration by the House Commerce Committee.
- The League is registered opposed.

### [HSB 186](#) | [Emergency Services Districts](#)

- Allows for an emergency medical services district established by a county or city to levy an initial \$1 per thousand of valuation. After a referendum, a city can levy as much as is needed for the purpose of providing emergency medical services.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the House Ways & Means Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

### [SSB 1116](#) | [Iowa Public Information Board Complaint Filing](#)

- Extends the window that a complaint can be brought to the Iowa Public Information Board from 60 days to 90 days.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Senate State Government Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

### [HSB 171](#) | [Source of Income for Housing Preemption](#)

- Prohibits cities and counties from adopting ordinances that prohibit landlords from refusing to accept federal housing vouchers and makes any such ordinance void.
- Passed through subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Local Government Committee.
- The League is registered in opposition.

### [SF 183](#) | [Alternative Project Delivery](#)

- Provides an additional project delivery model for cities to utilize. The project delivery model is known as construction manager-at-risk (CMaR).
- This legislation has passed through the Senate already. It was passed through the subcommittee in the House and is eligible for consideration in the House State Government Committee.
- The League is registered in support.

### [HF 304](#) | [Personal Delivery Devices](#)

- Creates the code to allow delivery devices used by Amazon and others to make deliveries.
- Has been amended to allow cities to ban their use within their city limits or in specific areas of the city.
- Passed out of the House and will be sent to the Senate. A companion bill has progressed through the Senate and will likely be swapped with HF 304 on the Senate Floor.
- The League is registered undecided.

### [HF 495](#) & [SF 319](#) | [Street Finance Report Date Change](#)

- Changes the date that a city must submit the Street Finance Report to the Iowa Department of Transportation. The current date is September 30, and the proposed date is December 1.
- Passed out of the Transportation Committee in both the House and Senate and is eligible for votes in each chamber.
- The League is registered in support.

### [HSB 178](#) & [SF 295](#) | [Governor's Housing Proposals](#)

- Creates new tax incentives for the purpose of expanding and improving Iowa's workforce housing stock.
- The House version has passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Economic Growth Committee and the Senate version is eligible for consideration on the Senate Floor.
- The League is registered in support.

### [SF 329](#) | [Defrauding a Drug Test](#)

- Creates the crime of defrauding a drug test administered by an employer. Legislation applies to public and private employers.
- Passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and is eligible for consideration on the Senate Floor.
- The League is registered in support.

### [SF 342](#) | [Brady List Study](#)

- Prevents disciplinary action against a peace officer for being placed on a "Brady List." Disciplinary action can still be brought for the reason the officer was placed on the list.
- Passed through Senate Judiciary Committee and is eligible for consideration on the Senate Floor.
- The League is registered undecided.

## Other Legislation of Interest

- [SSB 1140](#) | Required minimum expenditures on public safety.
- [HSB 194](#) | Tax Increment Finance

- Caps new Urban Renewal Areas (URA's) to a maximum 20 years.
- Reduces the existing lifetime of existing perpetual URA's.
- The legislation appears to confuse Urban Renewal Areas and TIF Districts as being the same.

- [SSB 1184](#) | Municipal utility loan restrictions.
- [SSB 1178](#) | Police and city liability alteration.
- [SSB 1176](#) | Automated traffic enforcement ban.
- [SSB 1168](#) | Demolition reserve alteration.
- [SF 228](#) | Digital publication of meeting notices.
- [HF 346](#) | Restrictions on public entities lobbying.

## Legislative Forums

### February 12

- [Cedar Valley Legislative Forum-Virtual](#)
- [Ankeny Legislative Update-Virtual](#)
- [Ames Legislative Forum-Virtual](#)

### February 13

- [Des Moines Coffee with Legislators-Virtual](#)
- [Mahaska Eggs & Issues Forum-Virtual](#)
- [Creston Legislative Coffee-Virtual](#)
- [Plainfield Town Hall](#)
- [Readlyn Town Hall](#)
- [Des Moines Legislative Forum-Virtual](#)

