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City of Des Moines Legislative Update for the First Session of the Eighty
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City of Des Moines

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE February 26, 2007

Legislators continue to work on property tax relief. Rep. Wise, who is chairing the House working group on the commercial property tax, introduced HF 418, to create an income tax credit for three years (\$275 in 2007, and \$550 in 2008 & 2009) for commercial property tax payers.

Rep. Struyk and Rep. Huser held a subcommittee meeting on HF 219, which they introduced, to exempt recreational properties such as ski areas and golf courses from property taxes. The bill is SF 105 in the Senate.

Governor Culver said that Lt. Governor Judge will serve as the Governor's Homeland Security Advisor and replaces General Ron Dardis. The Homeland Security Advisor is responsible for overseeing homeland security activities, including budget and policy issues.

Culver said "As I have always said, this Administration is a true partnership and I am very pleased to announce Lt. Governor Judge as my new Homeland Security Advisor. She has experience in homeland security and this role is clearly a natural fit. As my Homeland Security Advisor, Lt. Governor Judge will serve to not only keep me informed and advise me regarding all issues of security in and around our state, but she will also work with the federal Homeland Security Department to make sure Iowa's interests are known and understood around the country. In addition, she will work with other state agencies to ensure our government is ready for disasters both natural and man made, and work with other states to ensure that Iowa is at the forefront of preparedness and we are not caught asleep at the wheel."

Culver said that Judge worked on the Center for Agriculture Security when she was Secretary of Agriculture. The Center coordinates livestock and crop security and works with local, state and national agencies.

Several bills of interest being reviewed by City staff, include:

Bill:	HF 233 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
Sponsor:	Quirk & Drake
Description:	Allows a governing body to report the results of competitive bidding and approved competitive quotations at a special meeting. Specifies how the governing body can determine the lowest responsible quotation. Allows a governmental entity to negotiate with a contractor if the governmental entity receives no quotations. Allows the use of a competitive quotation or competitive bidding procedure even when the

total estimated cost of the public improvement does not require it. Makes corrections. (State Government)

Bill: HF 236 ELECTRICIAN LICENSING
Sponsor: Quirk
Description: Establishes a statewide system of licensing for electricians and life safety installers. Establishes an 11-member board in the State Fire Marshal's division. Supplements the current city-by-city licensing system. Includes other provisions. (State Government)

Bill: HF 241 VOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS
Sponsor: Tymeson
Description: Allows a voluntary annexation of an area that includes 20% of the land owners who have not consented to the annexation. Requires the city development board to approve the annexation. (Local Government)

Bill: HF 242 MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Sponsor: Quirk & Drake
Description: Requires an annexing city to have a plan for extending municipal services to a voluntarily annexed territory within three years of first collecting city taxes. Requires progress reports to the city development board. (Local Government)

Bill: HF 246 TAX CREDIT CERTIFICATE TRANSFERS
Sponsor: Wise
Description: Requires the DOR to establish a tax credit certificate transfer program to allow a biotechnology enterprise or a targeted small business to transfer tax credits in return for financial assistance. Allows an eligible business with an operating loss carryover in a single tax year to apply to the DOR for a tax credit certificate. Limits the use of the revenues earned by the sale of the credit. Requires taxpayers giving the financial assistance to report the assistance to the DOR. Caps the total credits at \$5 million and limits credits in one year to \$500,000. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 259 INNER CITY FUND
Sponsor: Ford
Description: Creates a Help Inner City Vitality and Economic Growth Fund and appropriates \$5 million annually through 2016 for the fund. Authorizes the DED to give grants, loans and other assistance for physical infrastructure in cities which meet the distress criteria under the enterprise zone program. (Economic Growth)

- Bill:** HF 273 UNIFORM CITATIONS & COMPLAINTS
Sponsor: Upmeyer
Description: Eliminates provisions requiring the uniform citation to list the scheduled fines and requiring the peace officer to list the court costs. Eliminates the requirement that the form contain a place for underage tobacco violations. (Judiciary)
- Bill:** HF 277 LIBRARY MATTERS
Sponsor: Sands
Description: Requires the Library Division to collect information from each library regarding it's per person costs for providing library services. Requires an annual report of the per capita and per library user costs to the Legislature by January 15. Requires that a 28E agreement for library services include provisions for a library board of trustees, with members representing the cities in the 28E agreement. Directs the Commission of Libraries to study public library costs, funding and whether representation on library boards is equitable. Requires a report by January 15, 2008. (Education)
- Bill:** HF 280 ENTERPRISE DISTRESS CRITERIA
Sponsor: Bailey, et al
Description: Changes the distress criteria for declaring an enterprise zone to include a permanent layoff of more than 1,000 employees, or 4% of the county's workforce. (Economic Growth)
- Bill:** HF 281 BOUNCER TRAINING
Sponsor: Ford
Description: Requires that bar bouncers be trained and certified in security methods as a condition of granting the bar a license. (State Government)
- Bill:** HF 291 FIREFIGHTER TESTS
Sponsor: Tomenga, et al
Description: Requires firefighter candidates to pay for and to complete a physical ability test. Requires the test to be on set by firefighter and fire chief organizations and to be conducted by someone licensed by those groups. (State Government)
- Bill:** HF 321 STUDENT INSURANCE COVERAGE
Sponsor: Heddens, et al
Description: Requires that health insurance coverage to include dependent children over the age of 18 who are in school, or on medical leave from school. Specifies kinds of policies that are excluded and has other related provisions. (Commerce)

Bill: HF 324 FAIR SHARE AGREEMENTS
Sponsor: T Taylor
Description: Allows fair share agreement to be negotiated and included in union contracts with public employers. Requires a public employer to deduct the fair share fee from the wages of non-union members on a monthly basis and pay those fees to the union. Prohibits the fair share amount from exceeding the amount of dues paid by union members. Requires a procedure for a non-union member to object to the amount of a fair share charge. Authorizes other labor unions to enter into an agreement with an employer to require the payment of a fair share charge as a condition of continued employment for employees whom the union is certified to represent. States that nothing in these changes shall be deemed to require an employee to become a member of a labor union. (Labor) see SSB 1120

Bill: HF 329 SUCCESSIVE INJURIES
Sponsor: T Taylor
Description: Strikes Workers' Comp provisions on successive injuries. (Labor)

Bill: HF 331 PORS CREDITS
Sponsor: Frevert
Description: Allows a PORS member to have service credited for a 411 city fire and police retirement system operating prior to consolidation in 1992 if the member was not eligible to transfer that service to PORS. Prohibits increasing benefit rates to pay for the new benefit. Makes an annual appropriation to the system of \$50,000 and allows members who purchased such service to receive refunds. (State Government)

Bill: HF 336 LAW ENFORCEMENT REVIEW BOARDS
Sponsor: Ford
Description: Requires the establishment of law review enforcement boards in cities of more than 45,000. (Public Safety)

Bill: HF 340 HATE CRIMES
Sponsor: Abdul-Samad, et al
Description: Includes an assault, individual rights violation, criminal mischief, or trespass committed against a person or a person's property because of the offender's bias against a person's actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability as a hate crime. (Public Safety)

Bill: HF 373 ACCESS TO EMPLOYEE FILES
Sponsor: R Olson
Description: Allows former employees and current and former employees' legal to have access to an employee's personnel file with an employer: (Labor)

Bill: HF 375 ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATIONS
Sponsor: Bailey, et al
Description: Allows a county to declare an enterprise zone if the county has experienced a percentage population loss that ranks among the top 25 counties in the state between 1995 and 2000, but excludes prison populations from the determination. Allows a city that meets specific population criteria to designate an area as an economic development area prior to creating a modal transportation enterprise zone, rather than requiring that the area be designated as a blighted area. (Economic Growth) some provisions similar to HF 100 ENTERPRISE ZONES

Bill: HF 377 PLUMBING LICENSES
Sponsor: Quirk
Description: Replaces present local licensing requirements for plumbing, HVAC, refrigeration, or hydronic services with licensing board under the direction of DPH. Creates three levels of licensure: apprentice, journey-person, and master. Makes it a serious misdemeanor to forge a diploma or certificate or other fraud to obtain a license. Effective July 1, 2008. (State Government)

Bill: HF 380 CITY BUILDING CODES
Sponsor: Huser & Bukta
Description: Requires cities of over 15,000 that have not adopted a building code that meets national standards to apply and enforce the state building code. Applies to building permits issued on or after July 1, 2008. (Local Government)

Bill: HF 383 WORKERS COMP INTEREST
Sponsor: Anderson & Forristall
Description: Allows interest on overdue workers comp benefits to accrue at the same rate for court judgments. (Judiciary)

Bill: HF 385 SPECIAL ELECTION PETITIONS (Successor to HF 85)
Subcommittee: Local Government
Description: Requires that a nomination petition for a special election for a city council be filed at least 25 days before the special election, or 52 days before the special election in cities that require primaries. *Floor manager:* Gaskill

Bill: HF 404 BIODIESEL ENTERPRISE ZONES
Sponsor: S Olson & Bukta
Description: Allows the creation of enterprise zones containing biodiesel industries. Allows the enterprise zone to include an area up to an additional three miles adjacent to the biodiesel facility. Requires the DED to certify such an enterprise zone. (Economic Growth)

Bill: HF 406 EMPLOYEE RESIDENCE
Sponsor: Struyk
Description: Strikes the requirement that a government employee live in the state. Allows cities to set limits on reasonable maximum distances from the city that an employee can live. (State Government)

Bill: HF 414 REASONABLE FORCE
Sponsor: Windschitl, et al
Description: Allows the reasonable force, including deadly force with no duty to retreat, if the person believes reasonable force, including deadly force, is necessary to prevent death or serious injury to oneself or a third party, or to stop a forcible felony. Requires the payment of lost wages, attorney fees and other compensation if a person is arrested for using reasonable force and the court or jury finds the use of force to be reasonable. (Judiciary)

Bill: HF 418 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT
Sponsor: Wise
Description: Creates an income tax credit of \$275 in 2007, and \$550 in 2008 & 2009 for commercial property tax payers. Allows each corporate tax payer on a consolidated return to claim the credit. Makes any excess credit refundable. Repeals the credit as of 2010. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 424 ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS
Sponsor: Quirk
Description: Prohibits a health insurance plan for public employees from stopping the employee from assigning benefits to a health care provider and prohibits refusing to directly reimburse a health care provider who has a valid assignment of benefits. (Commerce)

Bill: HF 443 OPEN MEETINGS
Sponsor: Tymeson
Description: Requires that advisory boards, task forces, and other bodies created by a 28E entity or agreement, to develop recommendations on public policy be subject to the open meetings law. (State Government)

Bill: HF 446 WINDOW SAFETY SCREENS
Sponsor: Thomas
Description: Requires the State Building Code Commissioner to adopt a requirement that safety screens capable of preventing a child from passing through a window be installed on new construction. Puts the requirement in place as of 2008 for multi-family homes and 2009 for single family homes. (State Government)

Bill: HF 456 CULTURAL & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS
Sponsor: Reichert
Description: Allows a municipal improvement district to be property in a certified cultural and entertainment district where the owners of the property will benefit from the operation of the district. Allows residential property within a cultural and entertainment district to be taxed for an operation tax, a capital improvement tax, and a debt service tax for a self-supported municipal improvement district. **Exemptions:** Allows an artist or writer to exempt the value of a charitable donation of a work of fine art or written material. Allows an artist who lives in a cultural and entertainment district to exempt up to \$25,000 of the gain from the sale of a unique work of art. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HF 460 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY
Sponsor: Schueller & Jochum
Description: Excludes the instructional support property tax levy from the incremental tax collections made by a city for an urban renewal area. (Ways & Means)

Bill: HSB 146 HISTORIC PRESERVATION CREDITS
Subcommittee: Economic Growth
Description: Eliminates the discounting of the value of a historic preservation tax credits and allows the entire tax credit to be refunded, or to be carried over for succeeding tax years, until depleted. **Caps:** Increases the amount of tax credits that may be approved each fiscal year to \$20 million less the cost for administration. Reserves \$2 million for projects with qualified costs of \$500,000 or less, and \$6 million of tax credits for projects in cultural and entertainment districts or in Iowa Great Places. Allows any of these unused reserve credits to be applied to reserved tax credits in order of original reservation. Appropriates \$150,000 annually to the DCA for administering this program. Applies to cultural districts created before July, 2007. D Olson (C), Schickel, Wenthe See SSB 1082 (DCA)

Bill: HSB 161 INSURANCE COVERAGES
Subcommittee: Commerce
Description: Requires health insurance contracts, policies, or plans to provide coverage the enteral formulas, audiological services and hearing aids for children, and vaccinations for human papilloma virus. Pettengill (C), Berry, Hoffman, Petersen, Upmeyer

Bill: HSB 165 CRIMINAL DONATIONS
Subcommittee: Judiciary
Description: Prohibits requiring a donation to an agency or a local government as part of any dismissal or sentence of a criminal offender. Schueller (C), Heaton, Oldson (Judicial Branch)

Bill: HSB 166 ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Subcommittee: Labor

Description: Defines an asbestos project as the removal or encapsulation of asbestos in a building or structure, including removing asbestos at the site of a demolition or collapse. Allows state agencies and local governments to accept bids for asbestos projects if bidder contracts to have the asbestos work done by a licensed contractor. Palmer (C), Grassley, Staed

Bill: HSB 175 UTILITY VOTES

Subcommittee: State Government

Description: Allows a city council to submit a vote to take an action on a city utility, combined utility or utility board to a special election or regular city election. Gaskill (C), Abdul-Samad, Gipp, Jacobs, T Taylor

Bill: HSB 192 WORKERS COMP TREATMENTS

Subcommittee: Labor

Description: **Treatment:** Gives an injured employee the right to choose the provider of medical services, at the employer's expense. Requires written notice if either party is dissatisfied with care and wants the Workers' Compensation Commissioner to allow and order other care. Requires the decision with 30 days. Requires an employer to promptly notify an injured employee of the employee's right to choose medical care and prohibits the employer and the employer's insurer from making suggestions or otherwise attempting to influence the injured employee's choice. **Permanent Injuries:** Requires the employer to obtain a medical opinion regarding the employee's permanent disability when no significant improvement becomes medically indicated. Allows the employer to arrange for an examination of the injured employee but requires that the employee be paid, including for costs. Allows the employer to confer with the physician. Requires the employee to agree to the exam, and suspends any rights to compensation if the employee refuses. Allows the employee to seek a second opinion of the extent of disability at the owner's expense. R Olson (C), Horbach, Palmer See SSB 1158

Bill: HSB 213 PUBLIC RECORDS

Sponsor: Local Government

Description: Eliminates the requirement that an administrator exercising joint powers through an agreement is subject to open meetings and public records requirements. Strikes certain publication requirements for such an administrator and allows other notices to be published within 20 days of adjournment. Allows the notice to include a website where specific additional information can be found if not published in the

newspaper. Requires additional information to be public for entities with a budget over \$100,000.

Bill: SF 97 DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sponsor: Boettger

Description: Requires a police officer, county or state medical examiner, or similar authority, to notify the relatives of a deceased individual in person. Requires that arrangements to be made for personal notification if the person does not live in the area. Prohibits disseminating the name over the radio. (State Government)

Bill: SF 98 HISTORIC PRESERVATION CREDITS (Successor to SSB 1082)

Subcommittee: Economic Growth

Description: Eliminates the discounting of the value of a historic preservation tax credits and allows the entire tax credit to be refunded, or to be carried over for succeeding tax years, until depleted. Caps: Increases the amount of tax credits that may be approved each fiscal year to \$20 million less the cost for administration. Reserves \$2 million for projects with qualified costs of \$500,000 or less, and \$6 million of tax credits for projects in cultural and entertainment districts or in Iowa Great Places. Allows any of these unused reserve credits to be applied to reserved tax credits in order of original reservation. Appropriates \$150,000 annually to the DCA for administering this program. Applies to cultural districts created before July, 2007.

Bill: SF 105 RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Sponsor: Zieman

Description: Creates a property tax exemption for recreational property for commercial enterprises such as a golf course, downhill skiing area, amusement park, outdoor volleyball park, softball park, or water theme park,. Sets the exemption at 75% of the value of the property. Requires the owner to apply to the assessor for the credit, and subjects the credit to a recapture period of up to 10 years for a change in use, unless the change is as a result of condemnation. (Ways & Means) See HF 219

Bill: SF 110 RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING

Subcommittee: Judiciary; Successor to SB 1095)

Description: Requires the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to establish standardized training for reserve police officers. Allows previous academy approved training to count toward any new minimum training standards. Requires a reserve officer to meet the mandatory in-service training requirements if the person has not served as an active police officer within the last 180 days. Requires that the reserve training be offered by an academy-certified instructor. *Floor Manager:* Kreiman

- Bill:** SF 116 FIRE FIGHTER CLOTHES
Subcommittee: Labor; Successor to SSB 1012)
Description: Strikes provisions which require the Labor Commissioner to adopt rules on fire fighter clothing and personal protection equipment. *Floor Manager:* Horn
- Bill:** SF 117 28E PUBLICATION
Sponsor: Zaun
Description: Strikes the requirement that proceeding of a 28E agreement be published in a newspaper of general circulation. (State Government)
- Bill:** SF 125 HOUSING WAIVER
Sponsor: Boettger
Description: Deems housing used for a Medicaid home and community-based services waiver as residential under city and county zoning. (Local Government)
- Bill:** SF 140 POLICE REPORTS
Subcommittee: Local Government; Successor to SSB 1164)
Description: Requires that certain investigative reports and certain portions of e-mails and phone billing records may be kept confidential if the statute of limitations pertaining to the crime under investigation has not expired. *Floor manager:* Schoenjahn
- Bill:** SF 143 CHILD HEARING AIDS
Sponsor: McCoy
Description: Requires health insurance coverage include coverage for audiological services for children, and for hearing aids. (Human Resources)
- Bill:** SF 148 VIDEO LOTTERY MACHINES
Sponsor: Horn
Description: Authorizes video lottery machines in bars and only in counties without a casino or racetrack. (State Government)
- Bill:** SF 155 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
Subcommittee: Local Government; Successor to SSB 1161)
Description: Creates a Local Government Innovation Commission and Fund and creates a Center for Governing Excellence. Puts the new commission in the DOM for administrative purposes. Sets the membership of the commission. Requires the Commission to prepare an RFP for the new center. Establishes the purpose of the center to do objective and nonpartisan research and training for policymakers and government officials; to integrate the research capacities of community colleges and public and private universities and of local government organizations; and to perform other related duties. Establishes the

fund to give grants to assist in implementing local governance and revenue models developed by the commission. *Floor manager:* Quirmbach

Bill: **SF 170 DOG LIABILITY**
Sponsor: Black
Description: Strikes the ability of a person to kill a dog that is wearing a collar with a rabies tag when the dog is caught worrying a domestic animal or fowl. Strikes the liability of a dog owner for damages related to worrying domestic animal but makes the owner liable for damages if the dog is caught chasing a domestic animal. (Judiciary)

Bill: **SF 172 RECREATIONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**
Sponsor: Black
Description: Creates a property tax exemption for recreational property for commercial enterprises such as a golf course, downhill skiing area, amusement park, outdoor volleyball park, softball park, or water theme park,. Sets the exemption at 75% of the value of the property. Requires the owner to apply to the assessor for the credit, and subjects the credit to a recapture period of up to 10 years for a change in use, unless the change is as a result of condemnation. (Ways & Means) See SF 105, HF 219

Bill: **SF 178 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX**
Sponsor: Reilly, et al
Description: Changes the distribution of the Real Estate Transfer Tax Fund so that by FY 2015 50% of the tax is deposited into the General Fund, 45% to the Housing Trust Fund and 5% into the Shelter Assistance Fund. (Ways & Means) See HF 358

Bill: **SF 185 LIBRARY FILTERS**
Sponsor: Zaun, et al
Description: Requires a public library that receives state funds to adopt an internet filter policy to eliminate access to pornography and to restrict the videos that a child under 17 years may borrow from the library. (Education)

Bill: **SF 191 COLORECTAL & PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING**
Sponsor: Beall, et al
Description: Requires that insurance contracts include coverage for colorectal screening and prostate cancer screening. Effective for contracts after January 2008. (Commerce)

- Bill:** SF 207 RESPONSE SERVICES (Successor to SF 90)
Subcommittee: Local Government
Description: Allows a local emergency management commissions to provide joint emergency response communications services. *Floor manager:* Rielly
- Bill:** SF 216 FIREFIGHTER TESTS
Sponsor: Danielson & Horn
Description: Requires firefighter candidates to pay for and to complete a physical ability test. Requires the test to be on set by firefighter and fire chief organizations and to be conducted by someone licensed by those groups. (State Government) (See HF 291)
- Bill:** SF 228 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT LEVY
Sponsor: Bolcom
Description: Excludes the instructional support property tax levy from the incremental tax collections made by a city for an urban renewal area. (Ways & Means) (See HF 460)
- Bill:** SF 234 BIODIESEL ENTERPRISE ZONES
Sponsor: Wood, et al
Description: Allows the creation of enterprise zones containing biodiesel industries. Allows the enterprise zone to include an area up to an additional three miles adjacent to the biodiesel facility. Requires the DED to certify such an enterprise zone. (Economic Growth) (See HF 404)
- Bill:** SF 236 LOCAL SMOKING BANS (Successor to SSB 1162)
Subcommittee: Local Government
Description: Allows local governments to adopt stricter smoking bans, including allowing the elimination of exemptions for designating a smoking area or for allowing a private social hall, or place of work to be designated as a smoking area, or for bars. *Floor manager:* Quirmbach
- Bill:** SSB 1149 COUNTY POWERS
Subcommittee: Local Government
Description: Codifies the Iowa Supreme Court's ruling in *Fennelly v. A-1 Machine & Tool Co., No. 73/04-1232 (October 2006)* that finds counties immune from the Statue of Limitations when collecting delinquent property taxes because the county is engaged in a public or governmental activity.
- Bill:** SSB 1158 WORKERS COMP TREATMENTS
Subcommittee: Labor
Description: **Treatment:** Gives an injured employee the right to choose the provider of medical services, at the employer's expense. Requires written notice if either party is dissatisfied with care and wants the Workers' Compensation Commissioner to allow and order other care.

Requires the decision with 30 days. Requires an employer to promptly notify an injured employee of the employee's right to choose medical care and prohibits the employer and the employer's insurer from making suggestions or otherwise attempting to influence the injured employee's choice. **Permanent Injuries:** Requires the employer to obtain a medical opinion regarding the employee's permanent disability when no significant improvement becomes medically indicated. Allows the employer to arrange for an examination of the injured employee but requires that the employee be paid, including for costs. Allows the employer to confer with the physician. Requires the employee to agree to the exam, and suspends any rights to compensation if the employee refuses. Allows the employee to seek a second opinion of the extent of disability at the owner's expense.

Bill: SSB 1161 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Subcommittee: Local Government

Description: Creates a Local Government Innovation Commission and Fund and creates a Center for Governing Excellence. Puts the new commission in the DOM for administrative purposes. Sets the membership of the commission. Requires the Commission to prepare an RFP for the new center. Establishes the purpose of the center to do objective and nonpartisan research and training for policymakers and government officials; to integrate the research capacities of community colleges and public and private universities and of local government organizations; and to perform other related duties. Establishes the fund to give grants to assist in implementing local governance and revenue models developed by the commission. Slight differences with HF 223

Bill: SSB 1162 LOCAL SMOKING BANS

Subcommittee: Local Government

Description: Allows local governments to adopt stricter smoking bans, including allowing the elimination of exemptions for designating a smoking area or for allowing a private social hall, or place of work to be designated as a smoking area, or for bars. See HF 187, HSB 89

Bill: SSB 1164 POLICE REPORTS

Subcommittee: Judiciary

Description: Requires that certain investigative reports and certain portions of e-mails and phone billing records may be kept confidential if the statute of limitations pertaining to the crime under investigation has not expired.

Bill: SSB 1197 CEMETERY BILL**Subcommittee:** Commerce**Description:** Makes changes related to cemeteries and funeral services. Schoenjahn (C), Angelo, Heckroth (Division of Insurance)**Bill: SSB 1227 ELECTED OFFICE LEAVES****Subcommittee:** State Government**Description:** Strikes provisions which allow a leave of absence to an elected official for up to 6 years. Danielson (C), Connolly, McKibben**Bill: SSB 1231 PAPILLOMA COVERAGE****Subcommittee:** Commerce**Description:** Requires individual or group health insurance contracts to cover vaccinations for human papilloma virus. Rielly (C), Courtney, Ward**Bill: SSB 1236 RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS****Subcommittee:** Local Government**Description:** Restricts a rural water district or a rural water association from giving water service within two miles of a city, and requires that a district or association that intends to give such service to notify the city council or the city's utility board. Olive (C), Hartsuch, Rielly (See HF 188)**Bill: SSB 1250 REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX****Subcommittee:** Ways & Means**Description:** Changes the distribution of the Real Estate Transfer Tax Fund so that by FY 2015 50% of the tax is deposited into the General Fund, 45% to the Housing Trust Fund and 5% into the Shelter Assistance Fund. Appel (C), Angelo, Stewart See HF 358