

--Week 6 of the 90th General Assembly--

Dear {Contact_First_Name},

We are nearing the first funnel deadline (March 3rd). This is when bills must be passed by a committee in the chamber of origin (second deadline is the reverse). What this all means is that bills are starting to move!

Last week, the raw milk bill passed out of State Government and was renumbered to [SF 315](#), (previously [SSB 1107](#)). This renumbering of a bill happens when bills emerge from committee. This bill cleared the funnel and will now be referred to the House.

Additionally, the SNAP bills ([HF3](#) and [SSB 1105](#)) have both moved out of subcommittee. The bill, specifically HF3, would place strict buying limitations on what food items SNAP recipients could use their benefits to buy. Legislators have said that portion of the bill will be amended, but we haven't seen specific language yet. Another area of concern is the asset limit of \$2,500. This creates a cliff-effect for households who own a second vehicle, are saving for emergencies, or for their kids' education. IPHA has testified on this concern. According to our contract lobbyist, Taylor, since the bills have passed from Sub-Committee, they likely have agreement among their sponsors.

The Governor's bill, [SSB 1145](#), would remove teaching grades 7 through 12 about HPV and AIDS. Additionally, this bill would ban any nicknames or pronouns that would differ from a student's birth certificate unless with parental consent.

Want to be involved with these conversations? Join us at [Public Health Day on the Hill](#) on February 28th

Here is a quick summary of the bills we have declared a position on. See the full list of bills we are watching on the IPHA bill tracker, linked below.

- [SF 159](#) – Against – Relating to education...modifying provisions associated with HPV...
 - Removes the requirement that schools inform students about the availability of an HPV vaccine during instruction about HPV
- [HF 21](#) – For – Relating to nicotine solution products, including taxation
 - Expands definition of tobacco products to include nicotine solution products (e.g. vaping)
- [HF 180](#) (formerly HF 9) – Against - Relating to parental and guardian consent and information regarding the gender identity of students enrolled in a school district or charter school
 - Forbids school districts from accommodating any gender identity-related requests from a student, if their expressed identity differs from their birth certificate, without parental/guardian consent.
- [HF 187](#) – Against – Relating to education...modifying provisions associated with HPV...
 - Removes the requirement that schools inform students about the availability of an HPV vaccine during instruction about HPV
- [SSB 1105](#) - Against - Relating to public assistance program oversight

- Similar, but not linked to HF 3
 - Asset testing creates a cliff effect for SNAP beneficiaries; penalized for saving money for emergency expenses, purchases or life events, saving for children's education, etc.
- [SSB 1107 SF 315](#) - Against - Relating to raw milk...
 - Submitted by State Government Chair, Jason Schultz; already passed sub-committee
 - Allows for the direct from dairy sale of raw milk.
 - Requires labeling and animal testing
 - Prohibits sale at farmers markets or similar establishment
- [HF 166](#) - Against - Relating to vaccines, including modifying provisions related to a minor's legal capacity to give consent... Removes from current law the ability for minors to consent to HPV vaccination as medical care for the prevention of sexually transmitted infections
 - Removes HPV and vaccine education from the mandated school health curriculum
- [SF 45](#) - Undecided - Prohibiting the labor commissioner from implementing, enforcing, or conforming to certain federal occupational safety and health standards relating to COVID-19
 - IPHA expressed concern for impact on future disease outbreaks
- [SF 67](#) - For - Relating to Medicaid coverage of maternity care including doula care
- [SF 91/HF 303](#) - Against - Relating to powers and duties applicable to state of disaster emergencies and public health disasters
 - Gives legislature authority over public health emergencies once declared by the Governor
 - Removes quarantine as a possible public health tool
 - HHS can only recommend drugs/vaccines under full FDA approval (i.e. prohibits Emergency Use Authorization)
- [SF 99](#) - Against - Relating to immunization information requested on a medical examiner investigation form
 - In our opinion, attempts to link infant and young child death to vaccines
- [SF 110](#) - Against - Relating to gender transition procedures
 - Prohibits providers from providing comprehensive care to transgender patients
 - Allows providers to be liable for civil damages for 30 years post-procedure
- [HF 3](#) - Against - Relating to public assistance program integrity
 - Asset testing creates a cliff effect for SNAP beneficiaries; penalized for saving money for emergency expenses, purchases or life events, saving for children's education, etc.
- [SF 83](#) - Against - Relating to gender identity in the curriculum taught to K-8 and creating a private cause of action
 - Concerns for the mental health and suicide potential of children identifying as nonbinary or transgender

[Legislative Update from LS2](#) ([IPHA's contract lobbyist firm, sent to all clients](#))
[IPHA bill tracker](#) (updated 02/16/2023)
[IPHA 2023 Policy Platform](#)

Regardless of the formal IPHA position on a bill, we always encourage you to contact your legislators and/or the Governor's office on any issue you are passionate about. Make sure you know who your legislators are and how to contact them, check it all out on the [Find Your Legislator](#) page.

The [APHA Policy Statement Database](#) is a great place to look for literature reviews and recommended actions on a broad range of public health topics. Below are a few relevant to the bills we are watching.

Public Health Authority

- [Preserving Public Health Capacity by Protecting the Workforce and](#)

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- [Addressing Threats to Public Health Practice](#)

Maternal Health

- [Expanding Medicaid Coverage for Birthing People to One Year Postpartum](#)
- [A Global Call to Action to Improve Health Through Investment in Maternal Mental Health](#)

Gender Identity & LGBTQ Health

- [Promoting Transgender and Gender Minority Health through Inclusive Policies and Practices](#)
- [A Comprehensive Approach to Suicide Prevention within a Public Health Framework](#)
- [Sexual and Gender Minority Demographic Data: Inclusion in Medical Records, National Surveys, and Public Health Research](#)
- [Sexuality Education as Part of a Comprehensive Health Education Program in K to 12 Schools](#)

While the focus of our advocacy efforts will center upon [IPHA's 2023 Policy Platform](#), if there are bills that you would like IPHA to consider that you don't see on the list, please share those with the IPHA team. If you have questions on the positions or tactics we are taking on any piece of legislation, please contact [Lina](#), the [Advocacy Committee](#), or a member of the [Board of Directors](#).

Thanks for all you do!

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