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## --Review of Week 7 of the 90th General Assembly--

Dear {Contact\_First\_Name},

It's funnel week! This is when bills must be passed by a committee in the chamber of origin (second deadline is the reverse). Bills were moving fast last week, and even faster this week as authors and committee chairs work to get bills past the deadline, or in some cases, preventing them from doing so.

The topics/bills that IPHA is having the most discussions are include:

**SNAP Asset Testing** - [SSB 1105](#) & [HF 3](#) → Send your legislators a message using our [Action Alert](#)

**HIV and HPV/Vaccine education** - [SSB 1145](#); [HF 166](#); [HF 187](#); [SF 159](#) → Send your legislators a message using our [Action Alert](#)

**Raw Milk Sales** - [SF 315](#); [HF 338](#) → Send your legislators a message using our [Action Alert](#)

**Opt-in change to vaccine registry** - [HSB 178](#); [SF 395](#)

Things are changing rapidly, so check out IPHA's lobbyist declarations [here](#) (click on Lina or Taylor's name) and then use the [Iowa Legislature Bill Tracker](#) to follow the progress of your bills of interest.

**Are you attending [Public Health Day on the Hill](#) on February 28th?** Be sure to let your legislators know you'll be there and would like to speak with them! Send your legislators a message using our [Action Alert](#)

[Legislative Update from LS2](#) ([IPHA's contract lobbyist firm, sent to all clients](#))  
[IPHA bill tracker](#) (updated 02/24/2023)  
[IPHA 2023 Policy Platform](#)

Thanks for all you do!

Your Advocacy Committee Co-chairs,  
*Sydney Evans & Christy Roby*

**Together, we are the voice for public health in Iowa!**

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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 Authority](#)
- [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](#).

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