

This week, the Legislature advanced many bills through committee and subcommittee to clear the second funnel hurdle: legislation must be out of committee in its second chamber by next Friday, March 31. Much like the first funnel, we will see many policy bills without consensus fall off by this deadline. As a reminder, funnel deadlines do not apply to tax and appropriations legislation, which allows some priorities to be resurrected in the final weeks of the session.

Additionally, this week the Senate advanced their version of SNAP assistance changes, the omnibus offered by the Governor that includes striking HPV and the HPV vaccine from health education requirements, and legislation legalizing raw milk. Each bill advanced on party or nearly-party lines. We continue to reach out to House members to express our concerns with each bill.

Lastly, the Governor signed both the prohibition on gender affirming care and public school bathroom bill into law on Thursday without a public signing. These bills are effective upon signing, except for provisions in the gender affirming care bill that will allow 180 days for minors already receiving this care to stop treatment or move to receive it out of state.

We will continue to advocate for policies that promote equitable health outcomes, and against policies that are detrimental to the health and wellbeing of lowans. Watch for more action alerts from us as we head towards the second funnel, and then the end of session. In the meantime, take care of yourself, and enjoy whatever sunshine we get during this first weekend of spring!

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