

Legislative Update

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Governor Unveils Proposed FY 24 Budget

As part of her Condition of the State Address, given earlier this week, Governor Kim Reynolds released her proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The Governor is recommending that the appropriation for the General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure program remain at \$1 million and the line item for the Commercial Service Airport Vertical Infrastructure program remain at \$1.9.

Funding for the Skilled Workers Shortage Tuition Grant program is recommended at

\$5-million. This is the program that the IPAA is asking lawmakers to continue to fund.

The Tuition Grant program provides need-based financial assistance to Iowa residents enrolled in high-demand career education (career-technical) and career option programs at Iowa community colleges.

Aviation careers such as aviation maintenance, aircraft technicians, pilots, flight crew, ground crew and airport management are currently included in the grant program.

Bills of Interest

(HF - House File, HSB - House Study Bill, SF - Senate File, SSB - Senate Study Bill)

SSB 1016 - Laser Pointing At Aircraft - This bill relates to an assault involving a laser pointed toward an aircraft. Specifically, the bill provides that it is an assault for a person to intentionally point a laser emitting a visible light beam toward an aircraft. The bill defines "aircraft" as any contrivance intended for and capable of transporting persons through the airspace. Penalties for assault range from a simple misdemeanor to a class "C" felony.

Subcommittee: Dawson, Evans and Knox

HSB 16 - Essential Purpose For Cybersecurity - This bill amends the definitions of "essential county purpose" and "essential corporate purpose" to include the acquisition, development, and improvement of information systems to protect against a cybersecurity event. The bill defines "cybersecurity event" as an event resulting in unauthorized access to, or the disruption or misuse of, an information system or of nonpublic information stored on an information system, as defined in the bill.

Subcommittee: Latham, Graber and Isenhardt

HSB 13 - Ransomware - The bill defines "ransomware," and provides that a person shall not use ransomware with the intent to cause the malfunction or interruption of the operation of, or alter, damage, or destroy, all or any part of a computer, computer network, computer control language, computer software, computer system, computer service, or computer data.

The bill also provides that a person who has suffered a specific and direct injury because of a violation of the bill may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the court may award actual damages, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs. A conviction for an offense under the bill is not a prerequisite for the filing of a civil action.

Subcommittee: Wood, Gaines and Latham