

Iowa Legislative Report

Iowa Bowhunters Association

Final Report for

2015

The session is finally over. The Governor has until July 8th to complete action on the bills. His office indicated that they hoped to complete action by July 2nd because of the upcoming 4th of July Holiday. That will hopefully be the end of a long, contentious session. He has indicated that he may call a special session to address Education Funding (Allowable Growth). It is unlikely that the special session would accomplish much unless the leaders reach a compromise on the issue. The Senate and the House were far apart on allowable growth and are likely to stay that way regardless of whether the Governor calls for a special session.

The Standings Bill (House File 658) is likely to be one of the last bills that the Governor will consider this year. It contains several provisions of interest to IBA members including eminent domain language that will make future lakes difficult if the Governor signs the bill. It is likely to be one of the last bills that the Governor acts on this year.

It was a long and difficult session for issues of importance to IBA members. **The legislature failed to address the CWD issue and even went so far as to put language in one of the final bills of the session (HF 616) that exempts captive deer from the sales tax. The tax exemption was one of the few that has passed in recent years and is the only exemption that goes back retroactively to 2005. The language was put in a property tax bill in the closing hours of the session and the Governor signed it. Unfortunately, most legislators simply do not understand the problems associated with CWD and the impact it has had on the deer herds and hunting opportunities in other states.**

Another disappointment was the lack of action on the I Will initiative. The bill (SF 357) passed out of the Senate Natural Resources and Ways and Means Committees, but was not brought up for a floor vote because of the lack of bipartisan support. The only activity in House was the introduction of a study bill (HSB 256) on the last day of the session when it was clear that the committee wouldn't be meeting again this year. In the absence of gubernatorial leadership on the issue, it is going to be even more difficult to get the legislature to consider the bill next year with declining state revenues and the upcoming 2016 November elections.

The following is a short list of bills of interest and their status. Please take a look at the bills and give us any feedback you have on them. The bills are hot linked to the state system which should give you access to their full text and current status. Please remember that bills that were not withdrawn or sent to the Governor remain eligible for consideration next year.

[Senate File 510](#) Contains eminent domain language. The firearms language was omitted in the conference committee.

A bill for an act relating to state and local finances by making appropriations, providing for fees, providing for legal responsibilities, providing for certain employee benefits, and providing for regulatory, taxation, and properly related matters, and including penalties and effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1289](#).)

Jun. 05 15

Message from House. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Appropriations.

[Senate File 507](#) Now in HF 616

A bill for an act relating to state revenue and finance laws by exempting certain all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles from the sales and use tax, modifying the flood mitigation

program, and modifying the disabled veteran homestead tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1224](#).)

Jun. 05 15

Attached to [HF 653](#) and referred to Ways & Means. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[Senate File 504](#) I Will - came out of both committees in the Senate

A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation by increasing the sales and use tax rates, establishing transfers to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1272](#).)

Jun. 05 15

Referred to Ways & Means. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[Senate File 494](#) DNR Funding bill - basically status quo funding including funding for REAP at \$16 million.

The total EFF appropriations equal \$42,000,000. Provides EFF appropriations to the DALs for FY 2016 of \$13,575,000. This is an increase of \$150,000 compared to estimated FY 2015 for the Soil and Water Conservation Fund.

A bill for an act relating to and making appropriations involving state government entities involved with agriculture, natural resources and environmental protection, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1279](#).) Various effective dates; see sections 51 and 52 of bill.

Jun. 18 15

Signed by Governor. S.J. 0.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

[Senate File 427](#)

A bill for an act relating to the making, transferring, and possession of firearms and suppressors, and providing penalties. (Formerly [SSB 1263](#).)

Apr. 09 15

Message from House, with amendment [S-3117](#). [S.J. 832](#).

Sponsored by Judiciary.

[Senate File 409](#)

A bill for an act extending the period of time for collecting sales tax for deposit in the secure advanced vision for education fund. (Formerly [SF 255](#); see [SF 477](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Anderson. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Education.

[Senate File 393](#)

A bill for an act creating the invasive forest pests revolving loan program and fund and including appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1207](#).)

Mar. 12 15

Subcommittee, Wilhelm, Dvorsky, and Rozenboom. [S.J. 591](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 392](#) **Hunter Apprentice Bill.**

A bill for an act relating to hunter education license requirements, providing for a hunting license with an apprentice hunter designation, and including penalty provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1206](#).)
Effective 7-1-15.

Apr. 08 15

Signed by Governor. [S.J. 830](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 382](#)

A bill for an act relating to air quality, by providing for the establishment, assessment, and collection of fees, establishing a fund, and making appropriations. (Formerly [SSB 1222](#); see [SF 488](#).)

Mar. 09 15

Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Petersen, and Smith. [S.J. 497](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.

[Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Jan. 20 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).

Sponsored by Taylor.

Senate Study Bill 1272

A study bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation by increasing the sales and use tax rates, establishing transfers to the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date provisions. 4/6/15 Subcommittee: Hogg, Bolkcom, and Behn

[Senate Study Bill 1272](#)

[Senate File 504](#)

Jun. 05 15

Referred to Ways & Means. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

Senate Study Bill 1106

A study bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

1/28/2015 Subcommittee: Hogg, Allen, and Behn

[Senate Study Bill 1106](#)

[Senate File 28](#)

A bill for an act relating to the property tax exemption for property designated to be a native prairie or wetland and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Jan. 20 15

Subcommittee, Hogg, Allen, and Schultz. [S.J. 118](#).

Sponsored by Taylor.

[House File 653](#) Contained the captive deer sales tax exemption that was put in HF 616.

A bill for an act relating to state taxation by modifying the disabled veteran homestead tax credit, property tax exemptions authorized for certain associations, institutions, and societies, the definition of livestock for purposes of the sales and use tax, exempting certain all-terrain vehicles and off-road utility vehicles from the sales and use tax, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 217](#))

Jun. 05 15

Referred to Ways & Means. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[House File 650](#)

A bill for an act relating to and making appropriations to state departments and agencies from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund and the revenue bonds capitals II fund, providing for related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 246](#))

Jun. 15 15

Sent to Governor. H.J. 0.

Sponsored by Appropriations.

[House File 625](#)

A bill for an act relating to the payment of writing fees when purchasing a combination package of hunting or fishing licenses. (Formerly [HF 486](#)) (Formerly [HSB 194](#))

Apr. 21 15

Subcommittee, Quirmbach, Bolkom, and Schultz. [S.J. 905](#).

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[House File 619](#) Now in the standings bill.

A bill for an act relating to the use of eminent domain authority, modifying and establishing related procedures, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly [HSB 223](#))

Jun. 04 15

Referred to Government Oversight. [H.J. 1135](#).

Sponsored by Government Oversight.

[House File 616](#) Exempts captive deer sales from taxation retroactively to 2005, signed by the Governor.

A bill for an act relating to state revenue and finance laws including property tax credits, assessments, and exemptions, the sales and use tax, the individual income tax, the flood mitigation program, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [HF 192](#)) (Formerly [HSB 29](#))

Jun. 18 15

Signed by Governor. H.J. 9999.

Sponsored by Ways & Means.

[House File 578](#)

A bill for an act relating to the observation of a department of natural resources investigation by a property owner or person in charge of the property. (Formerly [HF 415](#))

Jun. 05 15

Referred to Natural Resources and Environment. [S.J. 1122](#).

Sponsored by Agriculture.

[House File 299](#)

A bill for an act prohibiting the use of agreements concerning private land owners entered into by the loess hills development and conservation authority or the loess hills alliance.

Jun. 18 15

Signed by Governor. H.J. 9999.

Sponsored by Windschitl.

House Study Bill 256

A study bill relating to state taxes and revenue by creating an alternative base income tax, modifying the state sales and use tax rates and the distribution of revenues from the natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund, and including effective date and applicability provisions.

[House Study Bill 256](#)

House Study Bill 251

A study bill for providing for an environmental practices agreement and related tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. 4-28-15

Subcommittee assigned, Hein, Grassley, and Kearns. H.J. 928. 5-4-15 Passed subcommittee.

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[House Study Bill 251](#)

House Study Bill 211

A study bill for providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. 3-4-15 Subcommittee assigned, Hein,

Grassley, and Ruff. H.J. 467.

[Senate Study Bill 1258](#)

[House Study Bill 211](#)

[Senate File 433](#)

A bill for an act providing for an environmental practices tax credit, and including effective date and retroactive and other applicability provisions. (Formerly [SSB 1258](#).)

Mar. 12 15

Subcommittee, Bolkcom, Behn, and Quirmbach. [S.J. 591](#).

Sponsored by Natural Resources and Environment.