



Legislative Link

January 22, 2021

You need to know

- President Biden and Vice President Harris were [sworn in on Wednesday](#). The National League of Cities released their [local government priorities](#).
- [Legislation focused on increasing MFPRSI benefits](#) has been filed and is expected to have a subcommittee as early as next Tuesday.
- Additional federal support for local and state governments to respond to COVID-19 [has been proposed](#).
- COVID-19 precautions have drastically increased the ability for members of the public to participate in the legislative process. Email LegislativeStaff@IowaLeague.org if you would like to learn more.

[HSB 53](#) | **Broadband Forward Community Certification**

- Creates a certification managed by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to assist communities in advertising the proactive steps they have taken to provide broadband.
- Directs the Department of Transportation to monitor highway construction projects for possibilities to include conduit installation where they currently do not exist and manage a “dig once” policy.
- Passed out of subcommittee and will be considered by the House Information Technology Committee.
- The League is registered undecided as we seek an amendment that will acknowledge conduit as infrastructure and declare it to be an essential corporate purpose like roads.

[SSB 1030](#) | **Adopting Parent Parity**

- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible to be considered in the Senate Business and Labor Relations Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

SF 51 & HF 57 | Fees for Records to Public Defender

- Sets a fixed price for records requested by a public defender's office.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the respective Judiciary committees.
- The League is registered undecided but has concerns that a set fee for redacting and providing documents will not cover the cost.

HSB 25 | Personal Delivery Devices Preemption

- Currently prevents cities from prohibiting or regulating [personal delivery devices](#) that are proposed to be used by companies like Amazon and seeking to use city sidewalks and Right of Ways.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the House Information Technology Committee.
- The League is registered undecided and is working on adding local control into the policy.

HSB 22 | Defrauding a Drug Test

- Creates the crime of defrauding a drug test administered by an employer. Legislation applies to public and private employers.
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the House Judiciary Committee.
- The League is registered in support.

SSB 1018 | Alternative Project Delivery

- Provides an additional project delivery method for cities to utilize. The project delivery method is known as Construction Manager-At-Risk (CMaR).
- Passed out of subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Senate State Government Committee.

[HSB 28](#) | **Adds Nonprofit Donor List to Confidential Records**

- Creates a new chapter of code that prohibits public entities from disclosing information that would identify an individual as a supporter of a nonprofit.
- Passed through subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the House Judiciary Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.

[SF 48](#) | **Golf Cart License Exemption**

- Allows a city to authorize the use of golf carts by an individual who is disabled without a license under certain circumstances.
- Passed out of the Senate subcommittee and is eligible for consideration in the Senate Transportation Committee.
- The League is registered undecided.