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## Week in Review

This week, the House and Senate spent most of its time in subcommittee and committee work. Next week we will see an even greater influx of subcommittee and committee work due to the approaching funnel. Committee and subcommittee work will continue to demand much of legislator’s time until we reach the first legislative funnel (March 8<sup>th</sup>). After the first funnel, chamber floor work will commence in full force.

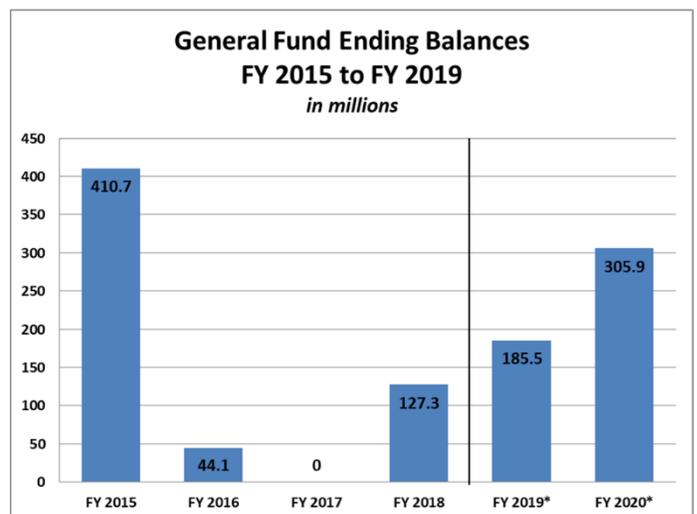
The House and Senate did spend a brief time in debate, approving the agreed upon K-12 funding bill this week; the package includes an increase for school aid by about \$90 million, with \$78 million in a 2.06 increase in SSA, \$19 million for transportation equity, about an \$8 million increase from the previous fiscal year and an increase of \$2.9 million for the per-pupil formula. The House vote was mostly party-line votes with the exception of Rep. Shipley (R – Fairfield) voting against the bill. The Senate passed the funding bill with a bipartisan vote; four Democrats—Bisignano, Danielson, Kinney and Mathis—supporting the bill on final passage. The bill now goes to the Governor. The proposal was a little less than what the cover wanted. Her proposal included about \$93 million in new spending and set the SSA level of 2.3%. The chart to the right shows a 9 year look at state funding for K-12 Education.

Fiscal Year (school year)	Percent Growth	State Cost Per Pupil	State Foundation School Aid	State Aid Increase
FY12 (11/12)	0%	\$5883	\$2,623,826,586	\$179,682,287
FY13 (12/13)	2%	\$6001	\$2,652,633,798	\$28,807,212
FY14 (13/14)	2% + 2% one-time	\$6121	\$2,716,133,473	\$63,499,675
FY15 (14/15)	4%	\$6366	\$2,865,029,554	\$148,896,081
FY16 (15/16)	1.25%	\$6446	\$2,952,004,924	\$86,975,370
FY17 (16/17)	2.25%	\$6591	\$3,089,422,722	\$137,417,798
FY18 (17/18)	1.11%	\$6664	\$3,179,629,446	\$90,206,724
FY19 (18/19)	1%	\$6736	\$3,207,571,601	\$27,942,155
Transportation				\$11,200,000
FY20 (19/20)	2.06%	\$6880	\$3,289,036,113	\$81,464,512
Transportation				\$7,800,000
9-yr total increase			35.3%	\$863,891,814

Now that the education budget has been approved, legislative focus will turn back to policy work as well as preliminary budget conversations. Many budget chairs are already taking a close look at their budgets. Soon legislative leadership will begin discussions on joint targets.

## 6 year Look: State Budget Ending Fund Balances

Iowa House Republicans published the following graph that shows the state’s Fund Ending Balances from FY 2015 to projected FY 2020. What the chart shows is an increase in ending fund balances, a significant recovery from two years ago when the state was forced to deappropriate hundreds of millions of dollars from its then-current budget year—FY 2017. State revenue forecasts by the non-partisan Revenue Estimating Conference were repeatedly too optimistic during this time, predicting the State would have significantly more revenue than what was actually collected. This situation got to the point where the Legislature had to make budget adjustments of \$117.6 million in the FY 2017 budget and another \$33.3 million of adjustments in the FY 2018 budget.



The stagnant revenue pattern produced a three-year period when state General Fund spending was basically unchanged. At the end of this period, the state’s finances began to improve. During the 2018 session, legislators were told the FY 2018 budget would end the year with a balance of about \$30 million. When the books closed on the year, the state ended up a balance of \$127.3 million. The General Fund’s position continues to improve, even with additional expenses. Under the Governor’s plan, the state ends this fiscal year (FY 2019) with a balance of \$185.5 million. This is after the adoption of a supplemental appropriation of \$144 million. That is significant improvement from the end of FY 2017. With the Governor’s budget for Fiscal Year 2020, the state’s fiscal position would continue to improve. If Governor Reynolds’ budget were to be adopted, the state would have \$305.9 million in the coffers at the end of June, 2020.

## Traffic Camera Bills

Two bills that would eliminate traffic cameras from Iowa’s roadways were considered in subcommittees this week. The first was from House Public Safety Chairman Jarad Klein (R – Keota). Although his bill called for complete removal of the systems, i.e. a ban. Members of the subcommittee including the Chair, Rep. Klein, said he would look to regulate the devices rather than banning them. Klein acknowledged a concern with cameras but conceded they may serve the public interest so he’s willing to look for middle ground — something less than an outright ban, but more than the largely unregulated use of cameras to catch motorists who speed and run red lights. “There are some of these cameras that are definitely useful for safety,” Klein said “But I also think there are a lot of them out there that are being used as a revenue-generating source.”

Proponents of traffic cameras told the subcommittee revenue is being used to hire police officers, pay for cities to upgrade equipment — such as radios that can be a part of a statewide communication system — and other public safety priorities. While it remains to be seen how Klein will modify his bill, lobbyists for Iowa cities that have cameras and the companies that supply them encouraged legislators to establish a regulatory framework rather than a ban. A lobbyist encouraged the subcommittee to move in the direction of the to regulate the cameras similar to [House Study Bill 36](#), sponsored by Transportation Committee Chairwoman Ashley Hinson, R-Marion. Rep. Tim Kacena (D-Sioux City) opposed the ban for public safety reasons. He didn’t sign the bill. Rep. Gary Worthan (R-Storm Lake) signed the bill despite being torn between concerns over public safety and civil liberties. He also questioned whether cities should be allowed to place cameras on the interstate system.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee, Chairman Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, moved ahead his “total ban” bill out of subcommittee on Thursday. His push for a total ban stalled last year, but he said he believes it will have more support this year despite the retirement of Sen. Wally Horn, D-Cedar Rapids. Another bill proposing a total ban, [HF 253](#) by Rep. Jeff Shipley, R-Fairfield, has been assigned to Hinson’s Transportation Committee. No subcommittee has been assigned.

## In the Legislature Next Week

House of Representatives Schedule for Week 6, February 18 - 22, 2019  
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Monday, February 18	Tuesday, February 19	Wednesday, February 20	Thursday, February 21	Friday, February 22
	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	8:30 SESSION	
	10:00 Budget Subs	11:00 Government Oversight RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult	10:00 Budget Subs	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	1:00 Local Government RM 19 Agriculture RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Human Resources RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	On Administration and Rules Call (P/M) Budget Subcommittee Meeting Locations: Admin/Reg - Rm. 19 Ag & Nat Res - Rm. 305 Econ Dev - Rm. 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber Education - Rm. 22 Human Services - Rm. 116 Justice Systems - Rm. 24 Trans/Indus/Caps - Rm. 102, Sup. Ct. Consult
2:00 Natural Resources RM 19 Judiciary RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Labor RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	2:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	2:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	2:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Environmental Protection RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Transportation RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
3:00 Education RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Commerce RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Veterans Affairs RM 19 Environmental Protection RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Natural Resources RM 19 State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	3:00 Public Safety RM 19 Economic Growth RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult State Government RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber	
4:00 Ways and Means RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult Appropriations RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber				

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\*\*\*Subject to Change\*\*\*

Monday, February 18	Tuesday, February 19	Wednesday, February 20	Thursday, February 21	Friday, February 22
	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	9:00 SESSION	
	10:00 Budget Subs	10:00 Justice RM 24 11:00 Commerce RM 22	10:00 Budget Subs	
Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon
1:00 SESSION	1:00 Commerce RM 22	1:00 Agriculture RM 22	1:00 Nat. Resources RM 22	Room Assignments: Admin/Reg - Room 19 Ag & NR - Rm 305 Econ Dev - Rm 103, (Supreme Ct. Chamber) Education - Rm 22 Hum Services - Rm 116 Justice - Rm 24 Trans/Inf./Caps - Rm 102, (Supreme Ct. Consult Rm.) ON CALL - Rules- Appropriations-Ways & Means
2:00 Transportation RM 24	2:00 Nat. Resources RM 22 Veterans Affairs RM 24	2:00 Judiciary RM 22	2:00 State Govt. RM 22 Local Govt. RM 24	
3:00 Ways and Means RM 22	3:00 State Govt. RM 22 Local Govt. RM 24	3:00 Transportation RM 24		
4:00 Education RM 22 Labor/Bus. RM 24	4:00 Education RM 22 Labor/Bus. RM 24	4:00 Education RM 22 Labor/Bus. RM 24		
	4:00 Judiciary RM 22			
	5:00 SESSION			

**Key Dates**

<b>January 14</b>	First Day of Legislative Session
<b>February 15</b>	Last Day for individual Senator/Representative Bill Requests
<b>March 8</b>	First Legislative Funnel (Originating chamber bills must be voted out of a full committee to remain “alive”)
<b>April 5</b>	Second Legislative Funnel (Corresponding chamber must vote bills out of a full committee to remain “alive”)
<b>April 15</b>	Amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate
<b>May 3</b>	110 <sup>th</sup> Day of the session. Per diem expenses for legislators end

**In the News**

1. [Iowa Lawmakers are Writing a Whole New Bill on Sports Betting After Debates Last Week](#)
2. [Iowa’s 40-Year-Old Iowa Bottle Bill “Falling Apart,” Economist Says](#)
3. [Reynolds Discusses Proposal for Over-the-Counter Contraceptives](#)
4. [Iowa State Fair to Accept Plastic Payment](#)
5. [“Virtual” 2020 Iowa Democratic Party Caucuses](#)
6. [More Access to Birth Control Under Governor Proposal](#)
7. [Iowa Gets Seat at the Table of National Workforce Panel](#)
8. [Iowa House Panel Moves Away from Banning Traffic Cameras](#)
9. [Opioid Problem in Iowa Shifting to Heroin](#)



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