



Legislative Update - March 14, 2023

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Summary Key Bill List:

Support:

- HB 1533 (Hernandez, D-Aurora) Bans declawing of cats
- HB 2376 (Gong-Gershowitz, D-Glenview) Bans Foam Disposable Food Containers as of 1/1/24
- HB 2838 (LaPointe, D-Chicago) DHS Behavioral Health Scholarship Program
- HB 2844 (Vella, D-Loves Park) Increase County Probation Officer reimbursement levels
- HB 2874 (Avelar, D-Romeoville) Packaging and Paper Products Stewardship Act
- HB 3053 (Blair-Sherlock, D-Villa Park) Authorization of County DBE Programs
- HB 3230 (LaPointe, D-Chicago) Statewide Continuum of Behavioral Health Crisis response services
- HB 3236 (Carroll, D-Northbrook) Prohibits installment loans of pet sales
- HB 3878 (Rashid, D-Berwyn) IDHA Matching Funds program
- HB 3899 (Syed, D-Palatine) Medicaid coverage of applied behavior analysis treatment/autism
- HB 3900 (LaPointe, D-Chicago) Medicaid (hospital) presumptive eligibility/individuals in psychiatric crisis
- HB 3940 (Guerrero-Cuellar, D-Chicago) Extension of the Emergency Telephone System Act
- SB 147 (Holmes, D-Aurora) Paint Stewardship Act
- SB 326 (Cunningham, D-Chicago) Extension of the Emergency Telephone System Act
- SB 1230 (Holmes, D-Aurora) Definition of “dog dealer” to exclude specific retail sales
- SB 1444 (Simmons, D-Chicago) Establishes a (state) Child Care Income Tax Credit
- SB 1499 (Villa, D-West Chicago) Companion Animal Forfeiture Act/penalties
- SB 1555 (Koehler, D-Peoria) Packaging and Paper Products Stewardship Act
- SB 1636 (Feigenholtz, D-Chicago) DHFS Serious Mental Illness – timely treatment
- SB 1882 (Holmes, D-Aurora) Dog and Cat Testing Restrictions
- SB 1883 (Holmes, D-Aurora) Creates the Wild Animal Public Safety Act
- SB 1911 (Fine, D-Glenview) Substance Use Disorder & Detox Rate Equity Act
- SB 1923 (Halpin, D-Rock Island) Increase County Probation Officer reimbursement levels
- SB 1984 (Morrison, D-Deerfield) Carpet Stewardship Act
- SB 2157 (Lightford, D-Hillside) Medicaid Safety-Net Hospitals - inpatient psychiatric rates

Oppose:

- HB 2793 (Davis, D-East Hazel Crest) Permits the sale of animals by “professional breeders”
- HB 2772 (Hernandez, D-Melrose Park) Municipal Adjudication of speeding violations



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2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Other Issues:

Restore LGDF Funding

Monies allocated under the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), established in 1969 when the State of Illinois enacted an income tax, does not represent a “grant” from the State but rather a small share of income taxes paid by county residents that are returned on a per capita basis to support critical local services.

Under the original agreement with the State, units of local government were to receive 10% of total state income tax revenues which continued until 2011, when the State instituted a temporary income tax increase but failed to share the corresponding (increased) portion with local governments. In 2017, the General Assembly further reduced LGDF payments to local governments by 10% of state income tax revenues received, and in 2018, by another 5% of revenues received (to help balance the state budget).

As part of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget package, the General Assembly approved a modest one-year increase in local government’s total share of income tax proceeds, raising the amount distributed from the previous 6.06% of individual income tax collections to 6.16%, (for state fiscal year 2023 only), which translated into an annual increase of \$133,632 for DuPage County.

DuPage County, together with our municipal partners and the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo), urge the Illinois General Assembly to restore the distribution of LGDF dollars to the agreed upon 10% share of income tax proceeds to local governments.

Expand Tourism/Economic Development Opportunities

Tourism is a major driver of economic activity, contributing billions of dollars to the State’s economy that welcomed over 110 million visitors last year. The Illinois Office of Tourism (under the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, DCEO) works with the (38) certified Convention and Visitors Bureaus statewide, including the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (DCVB), to promote Illinois as a travel destination for meetings, conventions, domestic and international visitors as well as leisure travelers. In 2021, the tourism and hospitality industry employed nearly 400,000 people statewide.

DuPage County has 16,000 hotel rooms and last year, sent \$22 million in state hotel/motel tax receipts to Springfield yet the DuPage Convention and Visitors Bureau (as a capped bureau), received only \$1.5 million in return from the State Local Tourism Convention Bureau grant (that also required a \$750,000 local match). These dollars are critical to the success of local bureaus to attract meetings, conventions, tour groups and sporting events.

DuPage County requests that the Illinois Office of Tourism work with local bureaus to develop a strategy to provide additional discretionary grant funding for bureaus (based on performance), that generate significant economic impact for the State.